

Board Highlights • April 2016

RECOGNITIONS

The superintendent recognized students and staff members for honors and achievements earned in recent weeks. Congratulations were extended to the following:

- seven CFISD schools that were named to the inaugural 2015 Texas Honor Roll by the Educational Results Partnership (ERP). The 2015 Honor Roll includes public schools that are recognized for demonstrating consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement over time and reduction in achievement gaps. The following CFISD schools were designated as “Star Honor Roll Schools,” recognizing high-performing schools with higher economically disadvantaged populations that successfully closed achievement gaps:
 - **Arnold Middle School;** and **Hairgrove, Lee and Millsap** elementary schools.

The following CFISD schools were designated as “Scholar Honor Roll Schools,” recognizing high-performing schools without significant levels of economically disadvantaged students:

- **Smith Middle School;** and **Hamilton and Sampson** elementary schools.
- District 7 State Senator Paul Bettencourt praised CFISD for its dual credit success during a press conference highlighting the achievements of Senate Bill (SB) 1004, allowing public school students to take dual credit courses with the four community colleges in Harris County.
- CFISD students who had a strong showing at the Texas Forensic Association State Championship for speech and debate, including a first-place finish by Cypress Lakes High School;
- Cy-Fair High School Air Force Junior ROTC Unit TX-20057, for receiving the top overall assessment score of “Exceeds Standards” on its recent Unit Evaluation;
- five CFISD Destination Imagination (DI) teams from varying grade levels that attained repeated success as second-time winners at the 2016 Affiliate Tournament;
- Cy-Fair’s 2014-2015 student newspaper, *The Reporter*, which won the Silver News Print Crown award, the highest recognition given by the CSPA to a student print or digital medium for overall excellence;

- three CFISD high schools, **Cypress Creek**, **Cypress Ranch** and **Cypress Ridge**, which were selected to advance to the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Bi-District One-Act Play competition following their performance in the District 17-6A finals;
- the **Jersey Village High School** audio/video production program, JVTV, which one of six Gold awards at the 5th Annual Education Sports Entertainment (ESE) Networks Awards;
- **Cypress Woods High School**, for winning the District 17-6A Academics Spring Meet, held April 1-2 at Cy-Fair High School, followed by second-place Cy-Fair and third-place Cypress Ranch High School;
- the **Cy-Fair** junior varsity girls' golf team for winning the junior varsity district golf tournament and the Cy-Fair boys' golf team for winning the District 17-6A title;
- the **Jersey Village** and **Cypress Lakes** boys' soccer teams and **Cypress Woods**, **Cypress Ranch** and **Cypress Creek** girls' soccer teams for winning their Region III-6A bi-district playoff games; and
- the **Cypress Ranch** boys' tennis team and **Langham Creek** girls' tennis team for clinching District 17-6A team championships.

BOND UPDATE

The administration provided a report on the design of Watkins Middle School Additions and Renovations & Lieder Elementary School Renovations.

The administration provided a report on the design of Adam Elementary School Additions and Renovations and Francone Elementary School Renovations.

The Board approved construction proposals and contracts paid from Bond funds to the recommended contractors and authorized the superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to such contracts as follows:

- Adam Elementary School Additions and Renovations and Francone Elementary School Renovations;
- Bane Elementary School and Dean Middle School Additions and Renovations; and
- Watkins Middle School Additions and Renovations and Lieder Elementary School.

The Board authorized the superintendent or designee to enter into the miscellaneous professional service contracts related to the following projects:

- Adam Elementary School Additions and Renovations and Francone Elementary School Renovations;
- Bane Elementary School and Dean Middle School Additions and Renovations; and
- Watkins Middle School Additions and Renovations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) will host an Education/Business Forum at the Berry Center on April 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Forum will provide an opportunity for businesses and community leaders to join with education leaders to discuss the most effective approaches to partnering for student success. Panelists from CFISD and other greater Houston school districts will share ways that businesses, chambers of commerce, foundations and faith-based organizations can partner with schools. Scott McClelland, president of H-E-B, will be the keynote speaker.

More than 1,100 students showcased projects to 4,246 guests at the **seventh annual CFISD Student Technology Festival, *TechNSpired***, held April 7 at the Berry Center.

Throughout the year, CFISD's Board of Trustees, parents and community business partners provide valuable volunteer services to the district's students, teachers and support staff. Dr. Henry recognized and thanked all volunteers. April 10-16 was National Volunteer Week, and April is National Volunteer Month.

National Library Week is April 1-16. CFISD librarians are passionate about putting great books in the hands of kids, making them into lifelong readers and introducing children to whole new worlds.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-8, and National Teacher Day is May 3. Dr. Henry acknowledged the crucial role CFISD teachers play in making sure every student receives a quality education.

National School Nurses Day is May 3, and Dr. Henry showed appreciation to this group of professionals who provide dedicated and caring medical support to CFISD students and the district.

Texas Public School Paraeducator Day is May 11, and Dr. Henry thanked all paraeducators for playing a vital role in providing support to the district.

The 2016 STAAR assessment continues May 9-12 in grades 3-8 in Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies. Check the district webpage at www.cfisd.net for the testing dates by grade and subject matter. Dr. Henry thanked parents for supporting their children and encouraging them to do their best. The individual student's performance provides valuable data that are used when determining the student's instructional needs for next year. Dr. Henry encouraged students to do their best as they take the assessments.

The annual CFISD retirement banquet, generously sponsored by the Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union, is scheduled for April 25 at 6 p.m. at the Berry Center. Honorees include district employees who are retiring during the school year.

The district will recognize its Spotlight Teachers on May 9 at 7 p.m. at the Berry Center. Paraprofessional and ancillary Spotlight employees will also be recognized during the banquet for their contributions to the district in their respective positions.

CFISD will participate in "Take Our Children to Work Day" on June 6. Although the national event is scheduled in April, students will not be excused from classes on April 28. June 6 provides

a better option for students to maximize their instructional days and utilize a summer day to accompany their parent to work.

The community programs department is now enrolling for two different summer programs, **CFISD Fun Camps** and **Club Rewind Summer Camp**. In addition, the swim lesson program **SPLASH** is available for ages 4-18. Swim lessons are now being offered and continue through June at the Cypress Ranch High School natatorium on Fry Road.

AGENDA ITEMS

In other action, the Board approved:

- tax refunds of \$500 or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD;
- awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item;
- the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification for 2016-2017;
- on first reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - FDB (LOCAL) Admissions: Intradistrict Transfers and Classroom Assignments (Revise);
 - FEA (LOCAL) Attendance: Compulsory Attendance (Revise);
 - FEC (LOCAL) Attendance: Attendance for Credit (Revise);
- the granting of a 0.0207-acre Water Meter Easement and a .0059-acre Sanitary Sewer Line Easement to Mills Road Municipal Utility District for water and sewer services to the New Matzke Elementary Replacement School and authorize the superintendent or designee to negotiate the final terms and execute all related documents;
- granting a 0.1421-acre tract for a Water Line Easement and a 0.0144-acre tract of land for a Water Meter Easement to Northwest Harris County MUD No. 10 for providing water services to the Cold Food Warehouse on the multi-campus site;
- the CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC blanket utility easement to provide electrical service for the New Matzke Elementary Replacement School; and
- execution of the plat for Watkins Middle School and Lieder Elementary School.