

Board Highlights • October 2016

RECOGNITIONS

The Board of Trustees recognized the following students, staff and community members for their achievements:

- Harlene Oeschler, RN, Hopper Middle School and Emma Aceto, health/science/technology teacher at Cypress Ranch High School for being recognized by the American Heart Association as “Heartsaver Heroes;” and
- the following campuses who earned the Superintendent’s Incremental Growth Award based on STAAR performance in the 2015-2016 school year:
 - Gold Level: Duryea and Francone elementary schools; and Cypress Falls and Cypress Lakes high schools;
 - Silver Level: Danish, Hairgrove, Hancock and Tipps elementary schools; and Cypress Ranch, Cypress Springs and Jersey Village high schools; and
 - Bronze Level: Farney, Reed and Wilson elementary schools; and Anthony Middle School.

The superintendent recognized the following students, staff and community members for their achievements:

- 12 recipients in the **23rd annual Wall of Fame Honorees of Distinction awards** ceremony, as well as the **2014-2015 Board of Trustees**. The following recipients were commended for earning professional recognition at the state or national levels during the 2015-2016 school year: Laura Alexander-Wilson, Terry Brunner, Nicole Domingues, Roy Garcia, Bryan Hutchinson, Frankie Jackson, Mary Maxwell, Erin Rose Meyers, Bryan Moses, Sarah Sanders, Karen Smith and Matthew Wells. The “Friend of Education” award was presented to Terry Wheeler, CEO of Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital;
- **Flotek Industries**, which entered into an **Adopt-a-School partnership with Frazier Elementary School**. CFISD’s [Adopt-a-School program](#) pairs schools with community and business partners like Flotek Industries to utilize the resources of the community to strengthen and enrich the quality of education for students;
- four CFISD music groups—the Langham Creek High School percussion ensemble, the Cook Middle School percussion ensemble the Salyards Middle School symphonic winds

band and the Cook Middle School symphonic winds band—that have been invited to perform at the 26th Annual Music for All National Festival. The four groups were selected based on the recommendation of Music for All’s distinguished panel of evaluators from an outstanding pool of applicant ensembles;

- **four CFISD teachers** who were awarded hundreds of dollars to enhance their classrooms for local students as part of **Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union’s (Cy-Fair FCU) *Extreme Classroom Makeover* competition**. According to Cy-Fair FCU President and CEO Cameron Dickey, the credit union’s annual *Extreme Classroom Makeover* competition is an opportunity to encourage and empower local teachers who often invest their own personal resources to give students the very best learning experience possible;
- **Dean Middle School**, for hosting the **Texas Association of Student Councils District 7-13 fall meeting** at the Berry Center, welcoming more than **400 students from more than 20 Houston-area middle schools**. Student council members learned about the Donate for Life state project, participated in student share sessions and enjoyed a great keynote speaker; and
- Los Angeles Sparks forward **Nneka Ogwumike**, a **2008 Cy-Fair High School graduate and former All-American at Stanford University**, for being named the **2016 WNBA Most Valuable Player**. Ogwumike earned 31 of 39 first-place votes after leading the Sparks to a 26-8 record.

AGENDA ITEMS

In other action, the Board approved:

- awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item:
 - Contracted Educational Services and Professional Development Services;
 - Cosmetology Equipment and Supplies;
 - Grease Trap/Sand-Oil/Solids Interceptor/Line Cleaning;
 - Metal Detection Equipment for Food Service;
 - Print Cartridges, OEM, Remanufactured or Compatible; and
 - Video Security System Upgrade;
- the 85th Legislative Session Priorities developed by the Community Leadership Committee (CLC);
- adopting a resolution acknowledging October as School Priority Month;
- tax refunds of \$500 or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD;
- and submitted to the Commissioner of Education a Request for Maximum Class Size Waiver;
- the CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC Blanket Utility Easement to provide electrical service for Bane Elementary School;
- adopting revised Board Operating Guidelines outlining the duties of a public officer;
- on first reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - CLE (LOCAL) building, Grounds, and Equipment Management: Flag displays (Add); and

- DNB (LOCAL) Performance Appraisal: Evaluation of other professional employees (Revise);
- on second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - BBG (LOCAL) Board Members: Compensation and expenses (Revise);
 - BJCF (LOCAL) Superintendent: Nonrenewal (Revise);
 - BQ (LOCAL) Planning and decision-making process (Revise);
 - CLB (LOCAL) Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment Management: Maintenance (Revise);
 - DEC (LOCAL) Compensation and benefits: Leaves and absences (Revise);
 - EFD (LOCAL) Instructional Resources: Field Trips (Revise);
 - EHBAF (LOCAL) Special Education: Video/audio monitoring (Revise);
 - FEB (LOCAL) Attendance: Attendance accounting (Revise);
 - FFC (LOCAL) Student Welfare: Student support services (Delete);
 - FFH (LOCAL) Student Welfare: Freedom from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation (Revise);
 - FL (LOCAL) Student Records (Revise);
 - FM (LOCAL) Student Activities (Revise);
 - FMG (LOCAL) Student Activities: Travel (Revise).

SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING

Almost **50 high school students** represented CFISD as the district hosted the **Region IV Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE)** Competition Boot Camp & Teacher Leader Basic Training at Cypress Ranch High School. TAFE is a student organization created to allow young men and women an opportunity to explore the teaching profession.

The **CFISD Health Expo**, benefitting the **Health Organization of Physical Educators (H.O.P.E)**, was held this past **Saturday, Oct. 8. Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce** partnered with the district on the event. Numerous health and wellness opportunities were offered to parents, employees and the community. The event benefits the **H.O.P.E.** scholarship fund.

CFISD will host **College Night** on **Tuesday, Oct. 11, and Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Berry Center**. All 11th-and 12th-grade students and parents are invited to attend and will be able to browse and visit with representatives from more than 200 colleges, universities, technical and specialty schools, as well as all branches of the military and the U.S. service academies.

Gov. Greg Abbott has declared **October** as **Human Resources Awareness Month** to honor the vital role human resources professionals play in today's workforce. In addition, the **Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators (TASPA)** designated **Oct. 12** as **Texas Education Human Resources Day** to specifically highlight the work of the HR professionals in Texas school districts.

The **Salute to the Stars Gala** will be held **Thursday, Oct. 13** at the Berry Center. The Gala is sponsored by the **Cy-Fair Educational Foundation**.

The second annual “**Battle at the Berry**” **marching band contest** will be held **Saturday, Oct. 15** at the **Cy-Fair FCU Stadium**. The 2016 event is being hosted by the Cypress Lakes High School marching band. Sixteen of the finest bands from the greater Houston area will join nine CFISD marching bands for the daylong event. Tickets can be purchased at the stadium gates for \$10 each. Children age 5 and under will be admitted free of charge

CFISD will celebrate **Red Ribbon Week Oct. 24-28**. This national campaign is designed to encourage healthy, drug-free and violence-free lifestyles among youth. Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country

CFISD will host the **TASB Education/Business Forum** on **Monday, Oct. 24** at the Berry Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration and a light breakfast will begin at 8 a.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.

CFISD will support the **American Heart Association (AHA) Northwest Harris County Heart Walk** on Saturday, **Oct. 29**. Last year the district raised **\$15,000** toward fighting heart disease, stroke and cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Henry reminded employees and community members that we will have the privilege to exercise one of our greatest rights, **voting, on Nov. 8, 2016. Early voting dates are Oct. 24 – Nov. 4.**