

## **Board Highlights • February 2016**

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### **RECOGNITIONS**

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

- **Frankie Jackson**, chief technology officer, for being named the 2016 winner of the highest individual honor awarded by the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO), the Commitment to Excellence award. The annual award, sponsored by TASBO strategic partner AXA, recognizes an outstanding TASBO member who best distinguishes themselves within their profession, their community and TASBO;
- Cypress Creek High School publications adviser, **Samantha Berry**, for being one of 13 journalism teachers and media advisers to receive the Rising Star Award in 2016, announced by the Journalism Education Association on Jan. 26. The award honors scholastic student media advisers who have completed five or fewer years in the profession. She and her fellow 2016 Rising Star Award recipients will be honored at the JEA/NSPA Spring National High School Convention in Los Angeles April 14-17;
- the **Langham Creek** and **Cypress Springs high school Air Force Junior ROTC** units, for earning the highest rating attainable during recent rated unit evaluations. Langham Creek AFJROTC Unit TX-20061 received an assessment score of “Exceeds Standards” during its unit evaluation on Jan. 14. Cypress Springs AFJROTC Unit TX-20016 earned an assessment score of “Exceeds Standards” during its Jan. 13 unit evaluation;
- Cypress Falls High School head girls’ basketball coach **Jim Stephens**, who celebrated his 600<sup>th</sup> career victory as the Lady Eagles defeated College Park High School on Nov. 17;
- Cypress Creek High School alumni and Super Bowl champions, who were recognized in a Wilson Golden Football presentation during halftime of the Cypress Creek boys’ basketball game on Jan. 26. The celebration was part of the Super Bowl High School Honor Roll initiative, recognizing schools and communities that contributed to Super Bowl history and positively impacted the game of football;
- Cy-Fair High School head girls’ basketball coach **Ann Roubique**, who was honored for achieving the **600-career-win milestone** prior to the Lady Bobcat’s District 17-6A

matchup against Langham Creek High School on Jan. 29 at Cy-Fair High School. Roubique earned career victory No. 600 on Jan. 8 as the Lady Bobcats defeated Cypress Lakes High School, 64-44; and

- The Cypress Ranch High School boys' and girls' swim teams, who won their respective team titles in the District 17-6A Swimming and Diving Championships, Jan. 29-30 at Cypress Springs and Cypress Ranch high schools. The Cypress Ranch boys won with a score of 124, followed by runner-up Cypress Creek (111) and third-place Langham Creek (90). Cypress Ranch clinched its third consecutive girls' title with 182.5 points ahead of runner-up Cypress Woods (151.5) and third-place Cypress Creek (77). It marked the second straight season for both the Mustangs boys' and girls' to clinch district championships. Swim Coach **Bryan Hutchinson** was named Coach of the Year for the Mustangs' success.

### **BOND UPDATE**

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:

- Satellite Cold Food Warehouse; and
- Matzke Elementary Replacement School.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING**

The CFISD PTO Presidents Council Fundraising Vendor Fair is scheduled for Feb. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Berry Center. Open to the public, the Vendor Fair provides an opportunity to preview many fundraising options and speak directly with company representatives. All district-approved fundraising vendors have been invited to the Vendor Fair to display their products.

Vendors are available to assist school staff, booster clubs, school clubs, sports associations, school supply chairmen, school spirit chairmen, scout groups, church groups and day care centers.

February is Black History month, and the district recognized and acknowledged the contributions of Black Americans to our country. Curriculum activities and some cultural arts programs will focus on the influence of Black history and its impact on the diversity of our nation and world.

A video posted on the district website tells the story about the early settlers of Independence Garden, currently known as the Carverdale community, and includes long-time community members sharing their memories.

**Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas** is hosting **JA Inspire** Feb. 8-10, which will be northwest Houston's third and largest event that will engage all CFISD 8th grade students in a job-awareness fair at the CFISD Berry Center.

Dr. Henry reminded the community that **Monday, Feb. 15, Presidents Day**, is a student holiday and staff work day. Classes will resume Tuesday, Feb. 16.

The **Third Annual Superintendent's Fun Run & Festival** is scheduled for **Feb.27**, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Berry Center. Proceeds from the event will help fund scholarships and teacher development grants through the **Cy-Fair Educational Foundation**.

The Transition Fair for students with disabilities and their families is scheduled for March 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Berry Center.

## **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:
  - Athletic and Physical Education Equipment and Supplies;
  - Bucket Truck;
  - Campus Data Cabling;
  - Data Center Virtualization;
  - Instructional Materials and Supplies;
  - Scientific Supplies and Instructional Materials;
  - Special Education Supplies and Equipment;
  - Steam Kettle Replacement and Flooring for Food Service; and
  - VMWARE Licenses and Professional Services;
- external auditors Hereford, Lynch, Sellars and Kirkham, P.C., to perform the annual audit of the district's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016;
- budget amendments for the period of Oct. 1, 2015 through Dec. 31, 2015;
- authorizing the superintendent or designee to negotiate and execute the Wastewater Line Ownership and Service Agreement, all associated easements and Conveyance of Facilities documents between Northwest Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 10 and Cypress-Fairbanks ISD for the transfer of ownership of the 5-inch wastewater line located on the west side of Woods Spillane Blvd. to Northwest MUD No. 10;
- authorizing the superintendent or designee to enter into the miscellaneous professional service contracts related to the following project(s):
  - Satellite Cold Food Warehouse; and
  - Matzke Elementary Replacement School;
- on first reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
  - BF (LOCAL) BOARD POLICIES (Revise); and
- on second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
  - BE (LOCAL) Board Meetings (Revise);
  - CAA (LOCAL) Fiscal management Goals and Objectives: Financial Ethics (Revise);
  - CB (LOCAL) State and Federal Revenue Sources (Add);
  - CDA (LOCAL) Other Revenues: Investments (Revise);
  - CO (LOCAL) Food Services Management (Add);
  - DBB (LOCAL) Employment Requirements & Restrictions: Medical Examinations & Communicable Diseases (Revise);
  - DEA (LOCAL) Compensation and Benefits: Compensation Plan (Revise);
  - DEAA (LOCAL) Compensation Plan: Incentives and Stipends (Revise)

- DEAB (LOCAL) Compensation Plan: Wage and Hour Laws (Add);
- DFFA (LOCAL) Reduction in Force: Financial Exigency (Revise);
- GKA (LOCAL) Community Relations: Conduct on School Premises (Revise);  
and
- GKD (LOCAL) Community Relations: Non School use of School Facilities  
(Revise).