

Board Highlights • November 2016

RECOGNITIONS

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

- the following campuses who earned all possible distinction designations in the state accountability system: Holbrook, Pope and Sampson elementary schools; Arnold and Cook middle schools; and Langham Creek High School; and
- CFISD, for earning a CenterPoint/SCORE rebate check for the implementation of energy conservation measures at various campuses in the 2015-2016 school year.

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

- **Spotlight Teachers** honored during the **Salute to the Stars Gala**, held in October and hosted by the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation. The event generated more than \$190,000 for scholarships and staff grants;
- **Watkins Middle School** and **Lone Star College—CyFair**, who joined in an **Adopt-a-School agreement** at a ceremony arranged by Leslie Francis, CFISD director of marketing and business relations, in October;
- **Campbell Middle School** and **Westway Baptist Church**, who joined in an **Adopt-a-School agreement** in October;
- two **Walmart Neighborhood Market** stores along the Barker-Cypress Road corridor that formalized **Adopt-a-School partnerships** with **Woodard** and **Copeland elementary schools**;
- the **Stone Gate Home Owners Association**, which donated nearly **\$11,000** to **Postma** and **Birkes** elementary schools;
- former Cy-Fair High School and current Los Angeles Sparks forward [Nneka Ogwumike](#) for being named the **2016 WNBA Most Valuable Player** and for leading the Sparks to the WNBA Championship. Nneka returned to her alma mater, Cy-Fair HS, on Oct. 28 for a special pep rally in her honor;
- the **Cy-Fair**, **Cypress Falls** and **Langham Creek** high school marching bands, which will represent CFISD at the **UIL State Marching Band Contest** after being among the eight selected to advance from the UIL Area E Marching Band Contest, held Oct. 29 at Cy-Fair FCU Stadium;
- the Cypress Ranch High School tennis team, for winning the team tennis district championship and completing its season as regional finalist;

- all four volleyball playoff teams (**Cypress Falls, Langham Creek, Cypress Ranch and Cypress Woods**) for winning their Region III-6A bi-district matches to advance to the area playoffs;
- The **Cypress Woods High School girls' cross country** team and five individual runners representing four CFISD high schools, who qualified for the **UIL Cross Country State Championships** at the Region III-6A Cross Country Championships; and
- the **Cypress Ranch, Cypress Ridge and Langham Creek** football teams, for winning their first-round playoff games.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Michael Smith, the principal at Cy-Fair High School, was named principal for Bridgeland High School. Bridgeland will open in August 2017.

ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

The Board discussed the establishment of attendance boundaries for Elementary School No. 55, Elementary School No. 56 and the Matzke Elementary School replacement campus.

BOND UPDATE

The Board approved the naming of Elementary School No. 55, Elementary School No. 56 and the Adaptive Behavior Center:

- Elementary School. No. 55 will be named **Jim and Pam Wells Elementary School**;
- Elementary School No. 56 will be named **Janet Brenner Hoover Elementary School**;
- and
- the Adaptive Behavior Center will be named the **Maybelline Carpenter Center**.

The Board approved construction proposals and contracts paid from 2014 Bond funds to the recommended contractor and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to such contracts as follows:

- 2016 Holmsley Elementary School Renovations.

The Board authorized the Superintendent or designee to enter into the miscellaneous professional service contract related to the following project:

- 2016 Holmsley Elementary School Renovations.

AGENDA ITEMS

In other action, the Board approved:

- awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item:
 - Marketing Services;
 - Point of Sale (POS) System; and
 - Music Supplies;

- on first reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - CDC (LOCAL) Other Revenues: Grants from Private Sources (Add); and
 - EHBD (LOCAL) Special Programs: Federal Title I (Revise);
- on second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - CLE (LOCAL) BUILDING, GROUNDS, AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT: FLAG DISPLAYS (Add)
- DNB (LOCAL) PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL: EVALUATION OF OTHER PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES (Revise);
- tax refunds of \$500 or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD;
- a request for a Texas Education Agency waiver to allow high school students to early release during semester exam administration;
- the District instructional material recommendations for the Algebraic Reasoning course; and
- the granting of a Temporary Construction Easement to KB Home Lone Star, Inc. to perform grading operations along a portion of the East property line at Cypress Creek HS / New Matzke Elementary School and authorize the Superintendent or designee to negotiate the final terms and execute all related documents.

SUPERINTENDENT’S BRIEFING

More than **3,500 guests** visited the **third annual CFISD Health Expo**, benefiting the Health Organization of Physical Educators, on **Oct. 8** at the Berry Center. The event was organized by the community programs department in partnership with the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce and was underwritten by Memorial Hermann Cypress and sponsored by Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital. The expo sponsor was MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Almost **3,500 visitors** came out to the **Berry Center on Oct. 11 and 12 for the 22nd annual CFISD College Night**. This was the first year for College Night to take place on multiple nights. The event was hosted by the guidance and counseling department and exposed students and parents to more than 200 colleges and universities, technical and specialty schools and military representatives.

District 10 U.S. Representative Michael McCaul concluded his month-long **#BackTheBlue Tour** by visiting Chief Alan Bragg and the CFISD Police Department on **Oct. 26**. According to his website, Rep. McCaul is committed to ensuring local law enforcement officers have the tools and training they need to keep communities safe.

The District’s **STAAR End-of-Course** exams will take place **Dec. 5-8** for students who have completed English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology and US History. The students who will test in the December end-of-course administration include students who were absent for the spring 2016 tests, students who completed full course credits in summer or fall and students who have not previously passed.

The **College and Career Specialists Team and Office of Advanced Academics** will present the **CFISD Career Options Fair** on **Nov. 15, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at the **Berry Center**.

Students, grade 6-12, and parents are invited to attend and learn about **postsecondary career programs** available after high school. They will be able to browse the Career Fair and speak directly to representatives from a variety of trade and technical schools and programs.

Nov. 16 has been designated as **National Education Support Professionals Day**. The district would like to recognize our **support staff** and say **“thank you”** for the contributions they make to public education through their dedicated service to our students.

Dr. Henry reminded the community that schools are closed the week of **Nov. 21-25** for the **Thanksgiving holidays**. Dr. Henry wished all students and employees a relaxing and safe holiday.