

## Board Highlights • September 2016

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### RECOGNITIONS

The Board recognized the following students and staff members for their achievements:

- Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, for being the **largest district** in Texas to have all eligible schools receive the *Met Standard or Met Alternative Standard* designations (highest possible ratings) in the state accountability system;
- more than **100 Cypress-Fairbanks ISD graduates**, who celebrated earning **scholarships** valued at **\$353,000** at the **Cy-Fair Educational Foundation 2016 Scholarship Reception** at the Berry Center in August. The CFEF, which has awarded more than \$6 million in scholarships to 1,300 CFISD graduates since its 1970 inception, welcomed families of the 107 winners to the annual event;
- the **Cypress Woods High School volleyball team**, for being recognized by The American Volleyball Coaches Association with the 2015-2016 AVCA Team Academic Award. Cypress Woods has earned the AVCA Team Academic Award 10 consecutive seasons, every year since the school opened in 2006;
- Cypress Falls High School Head Volleyball Coach, **Kathy Stephenson**, for earning her **600<sup>th</sup> career victory** prior to the Golden Eagles' District 17-6A home opener against Langham Creek on Aug. 24;
- **Lee Carrier**, CFISD art coordinator, whose **football helmet** design was selected by the **Houston Super Bowl Host Committee** as one of 51 helmets that will represent **Super Bowl 51** in its upcoming "Touchdown Tour;"
- the Cypress Creek High School drum line and *Silverados* drill team, who provided an energetic welcome home for alumnus **Chris Brooks** and Sarah Robles during an early-morning celebration at the Intercontinental Airport on Aug. 24. They arrived at the airport from Rio de Janeiro to a terminal full of percussion and choreography—courtesy of dozens of Cypress Creek student musicians and performers;
- **seven CFISD high schools** that were recognized among the **top 30** in Houston for their high **SAT scores** in a report published by the Houston Chronicle. The report featured the following CFISD campuses: Cypress Woods, Cy-Fair, Cypress Ranch, Cypress Creek, Langham Creek, Jersey Village and Cypress Falls high schools; and

- swimmer **Cammile Adams**, Cypress Woods graduate, who emerged from the pool on Aug. 10 at the Olympic Aquatics Stadium in Rio de Janeiro achieving a personal-best 200-meter butterfly time. One week later, she reported for her first day of student teaching at Copeland Elementary School.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS**

**Lissa Archuletta**, assistant principal at Hairgrove Elementary School, was appointed as principal of Hancock Elementary School.

**Patricia Myers**, assistant principal at Owens Elementary School, was appointed as principal of Moore Elementary School.

## **TAX RATE**

The Board approved the 2016 Tax Rate Resolution to support the 2016-2017 Maintenance and Operations and Debt Service budgets by setting the 2016 M&O (\$1.04) and Interest and Sinking (\$0.40) tax rates—unchanged from the previous year.

## **BOND UPDATE**

The Board adopted an order authorizing the issuance of Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016; levying a tax and providing for the security and payment thereof; providing for the award of the sale thereof in accordance with specified parameters; authorizing the execution and delivery of a purchase contract, a paying agent/registrar and agreement and an escrow agreement relating to such bonds; approving the preparation of an official statement; and enacting other provisions relating thereto.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

In other action, the Board approved:

- awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item:
  - Bleacher Repair Service and Parts;
  - Building Security Equipment and Supplies;
  - College Readiness and Career Interest Tests;
  - District Fundraiser Services;
  - Grocery Goods and Supplies;
  - Playground and Outdoor Equipment;
  - Restaurant/Catering and Delivery Services; and
  - Spirit Apparel and Promotional Items;
- on second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
  - DGBA (LOCAL): Personnel-Management Relations: Employee complaints/grievances(Revise);

- FDB (LOCAL): Admissions: Intradistrict transfers and classroom assignments(Revise); and
- FNG (LOCAL): Student Rights & Responsibilities: Student & parent complaints/grievances(Revise);
- on first 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); and
  - FMG (LOCAL) Student Activities: Travel (Revise);
- tax refunds of \$500 or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D.;
- the granting of a Temporary Construction Easement to Harris County for driveway trench drain replacement at Aragon Middle School and authorize the Superintendent or designee to negotiate the final terms and execute all related documents;
- the CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC Blanket Utility Easement to provide electrical service for Elementary School No. 56; and
- upheld at Level III a decision appealed to the Board.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING**

As of Sept. 1, 2016, the district's student enrollment was **114,347**. This figure represents a growth of **1,194** students when compared to last year's enrollment figure of **113,153** as of Sept. 1, 2015.

More than **4,200** guests attended the **fourth annual CFISD Back-to-School Expo** on Aug. 13 at the Berry Center, a **record attendance** for the one-stop-shop for resources for incoming students, parents and prospective employees;

Families, caregivers, charities and research groups across the United States observe **September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**. **15,780** children under the age of 21 are diagnosed with cancer every year; approximately one-fourth of them will not survive the disease. The objective of

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is to put a spotlight on the types of cancer that largely affect children, survivorship issues, and most importantly, to help raise funds for research and family support. Dr. Henry encouraged the community to wear gold during the month of September.

Approximately 400 community volunteers—nearly *100 more* than the previous year—assisted new bus riders and drivers in the **10<sup>th</sup> annual CFISD Bus Buddies program** during the first week of school. Bus Buddies rode CFISD school buses from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m. for the first two days of school to ensure students were safely transported to their proper drop-off points.

Members of the **Towne Lake Home Owner's Association** visited **Anthony Middle School** in August to make the surprise announcement that the community would be the school's new **Adopt-a-School partner**. CFISD's [Adopt-a-School program](#) pairs schools with community and business partners to utilize the resources of the community to strengthen and enrich the quality of education for students.

Nearly **50 CFISD business partners** showed their support for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD by participating in the **Business Partner Expo** at the CFISD Annual Leadership Conference and the new staff orientation at the Berry Center in August. With the 2016-2017 school year theme, **CFISD For All**, the Leadership Conference featured performances by the Cypress Woods High School AFJROTC and Jersey Village High School pep band.

The **Cy-Fair Educational Foundation** will host the **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to the Stars Gala** on Oct. 13 at the Berry Center. The black-tie, celebratory event will honor **87 CFISD spotlight teachers** from 2015-2016, one from each district campus.