

Board Highlights • May 2015

RECOGNITIONS

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

- the **Cypress Falls varsity women's choir**, which was selected to perform in both a statewide and national music conference by the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA). Cypress Falls was the only CFISD representative at the state convention and the only choir in district history to be accepted at the national level;
- students who were selected and participated in Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State Band, Choir and Orchestra;
- the annual top volume buyer from the 2015 CFISD Livestock Show and Sale;
- **Cypress Ridge High School Cadet Anna Good** for earning the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (TXSSAR) Enhanced Junior ROTC award at the state conference;
- students from **Cy-Fair High School** for placing first or second in the HEAT – Hospitality Educators Association of Texas competition;
- students from **Cy-Fair, Cypress Creek, Cypress Lakes, Cypress Ranch, Cypress Ridge, Cypress Springs** and **Langham Creek** high schools for placing Best of Show, first or second place in the *SkillsUSA* Texas 2015 State competition;
- the **Cypress Woods High School girls' basketball team**, for winning the Class 6A state championship in March;
- **Ashlynn Peters** from Cy-Fair High School for winning a gold medal and **Victoria Roubique** from Cypress Ranch High School for winning a silver medal at the UIL State Swimming and Diving Meet;
- students from **Cypress Ranch** and **Cypress Ridge** high schools who achieved state honors in wrestling;

- students for earning achievement awards in the Interscholastic League Press Conference's state competition;
- students from **Cy-Fair** and **Jersey Village** high schools for winning state journalism awards at the 2015 Press Women of Texas contest;
- students from **Jersey Village High School** for winning awards from Quill and Scroll, the international honor society for high school journalists;
- students for earning state journalism awards in the Texas Association of Journalism Educators' 2014-2015 Clip Contest;
- students from **Cypress Ranch High School** who placed Best of Show, first or second in the *SkillsUSA* Texas Leadership and Skills Conference;
- students from **Cypress Creek, Cypress Ranch** and **Cypress Woods** high schools who placed first or second in the Future Business Leaders Association (FBLA) State Leadership Competition;
- students from **Hamilton** and **Smith** middle schools and **Cypress Creek, Cypress Woods, Langham Creek** and **Jersey Village** high schools who placed either first or second in the state at the 2015 Technology Student Association (TSA) contest;
- Cypress Woods High School student **Milo Stewart** for an award received at the Student Television Network (STN) 2015 Convention;
- Langham Creek High School student **Jasmine Harris** for placing second in the UIL 2015 Young Filmmakers Festival;
- Cypress Creek High School student **Travis Johnson** for receiving a nomination for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Johnson is the only CFISD student to receive this nomination;
- Cy-Fair student **Diamond Stevenson**, for being named a Gold Key winner for poetry at the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards;
- Students who placed in the following state and national art and photo competitions: Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) and National Scholastic Art Awards;
- Cypress Lakes High School biology teacher and department chair **Matt Wells** for being named the 2015 Texas Outstanding Biology Teacher by the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT); and
- Jersey Village High School student **Clare Wineman** for winning the 2015 Celebrate Texas Public Schools Video Contest.

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

- Cypress Lakes science department chair **Matthew Wells**, who was elected as the 2015-2016 president for the Science Teachers Association of Texas (STAT);
- the **Cypress Ranch theatre group**, for qualifying for the Region III One-Act Play competition after being selected to advance from the UIL District One-Act Play contest;
- fourteen students from CFISD high schools who qualified to compete at the National Speech and Debate Association's National Championship in June;
- six CFISD teams who placed at state and qualified for the Destination ImagiNation global finals in May. Winning teams are from **Black Elementary School, Cook, Goodson and Spillane** middle schools and **Cy-Fair** and **Cypress Woods** high schools. Cypress Ranch placed first at state in a non-global Texas eXtreme challenge;
- CFISD middle and high school students, who recently competed in the Science Olympiad. **Cypress Ranch** placed first at the Gulf Coast Regional tournament;
- the **Cypress Ranch softball team**, for winning district, with **Cy-Fair** placing second, **Cypress Woods** placing third and **Cypress Falls** placing fourth. Cypress Ranch, Cy-Fair and Cypress Woods advanced to the area playoffs;
- the **Cypress Creek girls' water polo team**, for winning the regional water polo championship, with **Cy-Fair** as the runner-up and **Jersey Village** as the fourth-place team at the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Region 2 Water Polo Tournament. The **Jersey Village boys** also placed second at the event;
- the **Cypress Falls boys' track and field team** for placing first, **Langham Creek** for placing second and **Cypress Woods** third in the district track and field meet. In girls' track, **Cypress Springs** was the district champions, with **Cy-Fair** placing second and **Cypress Woods** placing third. The **Cypress Springs girls** won the area meet, while the **Cypress Falls boys** tied for first place and the **Langham Creek boys** placed third. Five boys and 12 girls qualified for the state meet, to be held May 15-16 in Austin; and
- the **Cypress Ranch baseball team** for winning the District 17-6A baseball championship. **Cy-Fair** came in second, **Langham Creek** placed third and **Cypress Falls** placed fourth. Playoffs began last weekend, with Cypress Ranch, Cy-Fair and Langham Creek all advancing to the area playoffs.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Dr. Carla Brosnahan, the principal at Birkes Elementary School, was named the new assistant superintendent of elementary school administration. Dr. Brosnahan will share the role currently occupied by Donna Guthrie, assistant superintendent of elementary school administration.

Travis Fanning, the principal at Cypress Springs High School, was named the new assistant superintendent of secondary school administration. Fanning will share the role currently occupied by Dr. Scott Sheppard, assistant superintendent of secondary school administration.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET

The administration presented an oral report on the preliminary budget for the 2015-2016 school year.

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER

The Board approved the recommendation of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to partner with Good Neighbor Healthcare Center to open Cypress-Fairbanks ISD's first School-Based Health Center.

BOND UPDATE

The Board adopted an order authorizing the conversion of the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2014B-3 to a new rate period; authorizing the preparation of a remarketing memorandum; amending certain provisions of the order authorizing the issuance of the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2014B; and enacting other provisions relating thereto.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as **Peace Officer's Memorial Day**. The week of May 10–16 is **Police Week**.

The **Cy-Fair Educational Foundation** will hold the 27th Annual B.F. Adam Golf Classic on **May 14** at Blackhorse Golf Club. Proceeds from the event help provide scholarships for Cy-Fair students. More information is available at www.thecfef.org.

District facilities will be closed on **Monday, May 25** in observance of the Memorial Day holiday as we pause to remember those who have given their lives for our freedom.

A districtwide **Career Fair**, hosted by the Human Resources department, will be held **Tuesday, May 12**, at the Berry Center. Prospective teachers and employees are encouraged to attend. More information is available on the district website.

The **last day of classes for the 2014-2015 academic year is Thursday, June 4**. Friday, June 5 is a **professional day** for district employees. Dr. Henry wished all students, teachers, administrators, support personnel and community volunteers a well-deserved, restful and safe summer vacation.

All CFISD **graduation ceremonies** will be held at the **Berry Center, June 3-6**. More than **7,200** graduating seniors are expected to participate in the commencements. The schedule for this year's graduation ceremonies, as well as parking information, can be accessed on the district webpage at www.cfisd.net. Graduations will be broadcast live on Channel 16 (Comcast) and the district website and YouTube channel.

The first secondary **summer school session** for original credit will be June 15 – July 8, and the second session will run July 13 – Aug. 5. High school locations are **Cypress Ridge** and **Langham Creek**. Middle School locations are **Labay** and **Bleyl**. Information on Elementary general and special education, bilingual and ESL, make-up credit, summer camps and other summer programs can be accessed on www.cfisd.net through the “calendar” or the “Curriculum and Instruction” tab under Departments. **Summer school graduation** is scheduled for Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Berry Center.

From **June 12 – July 31**, all district facilities and campuses will be **closed on Fridays**. Employees will work 10-hour days, Monday through Thursday. Closing the buildings will accomplish a cost savings and allow for a three-day weekend over a period of eight weeks, maximizing productivity while giving the staff some flexibility during the summer.

The district recognized its **Spotlight Teachers** on **Monday, May 4** in a special-called Board meeting at the Berry Center. One teacher was selected from each campus during the 2014-2015 school year. The **paraprofessional** and **ancillary Spotlight employee winners were also recognized** for their contributions to the district. This event was taped and can be viewed on the CFISD website.

AGENDA ITEMS

In other action, the Board approved:

- awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item:
 - Ambulance and EMT Services for Athletic Games and Other District Events;
 - Departmental Vehicles;
 - Digital Display Boards – Woodard Elementary School;
 - Elevator Maintenance;
 - Food and Supplies for Banquet, Catering and Concessions;
 - Microsoft Enrollment for Education Solutions (EES) License Agreement; and
 - Operations Cleaning Equipment;
- the advanced courses for 2015-2016;
- construction proposals and contracts paid from the 2007 Bond Funds to the recommended contractor and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to such contracts as follows:
 - Cypress Ranch Parking Lot Expansion;
- budget amendments for the period of January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015;
- on second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - GKDA (LOCAL) Nonschool Use of School Facilities: Distribution of Nonschool Literature;

- the tax refunds of \$500 or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD;
- on first reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - CDA (LOCAL) Other Revenues: Investments – Revise;
 - DBD (LOCAL) Employment Requirements and Restrictions: Conflict of Interest – Revise;
 - EHAC (LOCAL) Basic Instructional Program: Required Instruction (Secondary) – Revise;
 - EIA (LOCAL) Academic Achievement: Grading/Progress Reports to Parents – Revise;
 - FFG (LOCAL) Student Welfare: Child Abuse and Neglect – Add; and
 - FMG (LOCAL) Student Activities: Travel – Revise;
- adopting a resolution concerning proposed legislation on assessment and accountability;
- a resolution to continue the residence homestead exemptions for individuals residing in the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District for tax year 2015;
- the superintendent’s contract recommendations for school year 2015-2016 of administrators, non-teaching professionals, paraprofessionals and teachers to issue probationary, term and annual contracts;
- the granting of a 0.4438-acre (19,331 square feet) tract for a waterline easement to the West Harris County Regional Water Authority (WHCRWA) located on the north side of Cypress N. Houston Blvd. at Woodard Elementary School;
- granting a Temporary Construction Easement to HEB for the construction of an art wall at Black Elementary School along the property line adjacent to the HEB store and authorized the superintendent or designee to negotiate the final terms and conditions and execute all documents; and
- the superintendent’s recommendation to move recommended teachers to a fourth year probationary contract pursuant to 21.102 of the Texas Education Code.