

## **Board Highlights • August 2016**

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### **RECOGNITIONS**

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

- students and their coach from Cypress Springs High School and students from Cypress Ranch High School for recent awards at the 2016 UIL State Track & Field Meet;
- Ralph Funk, principal of Jersey Village High School, for being named Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) Region 4 High School Principal of the Year; and
- Tom Jackson, CFISD Board Trustee, for completing the 2015-2016 TASB Leadership Class Program.

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

- members of **CFISD's instructional technology department**, who surprised **two Cypress Springs High School students** with the announcement that their respective **logo designs** were chosen to represent the 2017 Technology Festival and Digital Learning Conference;
- **CFISD career and technology student interns**, who are working under a **Cypress Ridge High School** fashion design teacher to create a new model of **sleeping bag liners** for the **International Space Station** inhabitants through the **NASA High School Students United** with NASA to Create Hardware program;
- **Chris Brooks**, a 2005 graduate of **Cypress Creek High School**, who will represent the United States at the **2016 Rio Olympics** as one of five members of the **men's gymnastics team**;
- CFISD's Special Olympics athletes and coaches who competed in swimming, volleyball, bowling, basketball and track in 2015-2016, who celebrated a successful year with an all-sports awards banquet at Cypress Falls High School;
- **Ralph Funk**, principal of **Jersey Village High School**, who was named the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) Region 4 **High School Principal of the Year**. One principal from each of the Texas Education Agency's 20 education service

center regions is chosen for the distinction, recognizing exemplary performance among campus-level administrators in Texas;

- Matt Morgan, who successfully completed the requirements to earn the designation of Registered Texas School Business Administrator (RTSBA);
- **two CFISD transportation employees**, who won Texas Association for Pupil Transportation (TAPT) and Texas Association of School Bus Technicians (TASBT) **2016 Employee Awards**, presented at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual TAPT Conference and Trade Show in Beaumont; and
- seven CFISD **softball players**, who were named to the **2016 Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) All-State Softball Team**, released July 10. Teams were selected by TSWA members based on nominations from coaches and media members from around the state.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS**

**Lanette Bellamy**, director of instruction at Cypress Ranch High School was named the new principal for **Labay Middle School**.

### **BOND UPDATE**

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

- Radio Tower Project

The Board approved the granting of a Water Meter Easement to Municipal Utility District No. 239 for water services to the Elementary School No. 56 and authorize the Superintendent or designee to negotiate the final terms and execute all related documents.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING**

Summer school has concluded and the district served more than **11,000** students in a variety of programs at the elementary and secondary levels. Approximately **163 students** have met graduation requirements and commencement exercises will be held at the Berry Center on **Aug. 24**.

The Instructional Technology Department hosted its fourth annual **Digital Learning Conference** on July 27-28th at the Berry Center. This year's theme was **TechNspired** and approximately **600** teachers and administrators were in attendance over the course of the two days. The conference provided teachers and administrators with new instructional strategies and tools to embed technology into their classrooms to promote student-centered environments. Featured speakers, along with CFISD teachers who make learning in their classroom rigorous, relevant, and engaging through the use of technology, presented at the event. Thank you to our business partners for sponsoring the conference and providing engaging sessions and awesome door prizes.

The third annual **CFISD Back to School Expo** was held Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Berry Center, offering parents a series of helpful back-to school services in one convenient location. An effort of the student services department, the **Community Expo** is open to all incoming CFISD students and families, and will include services such as online registration for new students, immunizations, employment opportunities, free/reduced lunch and CHIP applications, vision screenings, athletic physicals and community programs registration.

We are preparing for the 2016-2017 school year, which begins **Aug. 22**. Many people have worked very hard to prepare facilities for the approximately **116,000** students at CFISD's **88** campuses. One new campus, Cypress Park High School, will open this year.

The **CFISD Bus Buddies program** provides assistance to elementary students in exiting their bus at the correct bus stop during the first three days of school. Bus Buddies is a valuable partnership between district volunteers, schools, the transportation department and the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce. Interested volunteers can sign up to be a **Bus Buddy** by calling 281-894-3950 or visiting the district's website, [www.cfisd.net](http://www.cfisd.net).

**Monday, Sept. 5** will be a student and staff holiday in observance of **Labor Day**, and all CFISD facilities will be closed. In the event of an emergency please contact the security office at 281-897-4337.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

In other action, the Board approved:

- awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item:
  - assorted beverages and food; and
  - laboratory specimens;
- Approved second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
  - BE (LOCAL) BOARD MEETINGS (Revise);
  - CKE (LOCAL) SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT: SECURITY PERSONNEL (Revise);
  - DNA (LOCAL) PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL: EVALUATION OF TEACHERS (Revise); and
  - FFAC (LOCAL) WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES: MEDICAL TREATMENT (Revise);
- tax refunds of \$500 or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD;
- the Board will consider approving the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits (Netting Chapter 42 Funding) pursuant to Texas Education Code (TEC) Chapter 41 for the 2016-17 school year;
- approved first 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);

- the 2016-2017 Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Student Code of Conduct;
- the Memorandum of Understanding between Harris County Juvenile Board and Cypress-Fairbanks ISD to participate in the JJAEP for the 2016-2017 school year;
- endorsed Georgan Reitmeier, Klein ISD, for Position 4-A on the TASB Board of Directors;
- approved the granting of an Easement and a Temporary Construction Easement to Harris County for the purpose of road construction and drainage improvements at the intersection of Grant Road and Malcomson Road at Hamilton Middle School and authorize the Superintendent or designee to negotiate the final terms and execute all related documents; and
- approved the Interlocal Agreement between CW SCOA West, LP and Cypress-Fairbanks ISD for landscaping, irrigation, sidewalk and lighting improvements within designated landscape easements at the following locations: Postma Elementary School, Rennell Elementary School and Anthony Middle School.