

Board Highlights • January 2017

RECOGNITIONS

In honor of Texas School Board Recognition Month, Dr. Henry recognized the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Board of Trustees for their dedication, leadership and continuing service to the children of the district.

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

- **CFISD**, for ranking No. 26 in Houston's Top Workplaces in 2016 by the Houston Chronicle. The Top Workplaces awards are determined in partnership with Philadelphia-based Workplace Dynamics, the employee research and consulting firm;
- **Miranda McDonald**, the former debate coach at Cypress Lakes High School and current assistant principal at Watkins Middle School, for receiving a Diamond Award at the National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA); and **Debbie Waddell**, the speech and debate coach at Cypress Falls High School for receiving her third Diamond Award at the National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA);
- maintenance department grounds crew member **Melvin Doran** and Cypress Woods High School Trainer **Louis Villarreal** for saving a fellow employee's life; and
- the winners of the 2016 fall semester Campus Attendance Incentives.

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

- **twenty-seven CFISD wrestlers** who won medals, including one gold medal, in their respective weight classes Jan. 6-7 at the **15th Annual CFISD Invitational Wrestling Tournament** at the Berry Center. Both the **Cypress Ranch High School girls' and boys' teams** were the highest-placing CFISD representatives;
- **seven CFISD student musicians** who will be traveling to Washington, D.C., with the Virtuosi of Houston Young Artists Chamber Orchestra to perform at **President-Elect Donald Trump's inauguration** on Jan. 20. The students will perform at "An Honorary Reception and Candlelight Congressional Dinner" on Jan. 18 at the Hay-Adams Hotel. The following evening, they will perform for the reception at the Texas Society Black Tie and Boots 2017 Presidential Inaugural Ball at The Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center. The students will be present for the swearing-in of President-Elect Donald Trump at the U.S. Capitol; and

- **Erik Lane**, Langham Creek High School boys' soccer coach, for achieving his 500th career victory in January. Langham Creek defeated Progreso High School, 2-0, in the first match of the day in the CFISD Varsity Men's Soccer Showcase, to put Lane into the 500 club.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Virgil Maddox, director of instruction at Cypress Springs High School, was named the new principal of **Kahla Middle School**. Maddox replaces Ana Martin, who was named the new principal at Cy-Fair High School.

2017-2018 CALENDAR

The Board approved the Calendar Committee's recommendation for the 2017-2018 instructional calendar. The committee met to discuss various components of developing the instructional calendar before arriving at a consensus for the following calendar recommendation presented to the Board of Trustees:

- students begin school on **Monday, Aug. 28, 2017**;
- Labor Day, **Sept. 4, 2017**, is a student/staff holiday;
- the calendar has a five-day Thanksgiving holiday (**Nov. 20-24, 2017**);
- an 11-day winter break is scheduled for students (**Dec. 22, 2017-Jan. 5, 2018**);
- a five-day spring break is scheduled for **March 12-16, 2018**;
- Good Friday, **March 30, 2018**, is a student/staff holiday;
- The school year will end on **June 1, 2018** for students; and
- **Feb. 19** and **May 28, 2018** are designated as inclement weather makeup days.

ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

The Board approved the administration's recommendation for the establishment of attendance boundaries for Hoover Elementary and Wells Elementary and rezoning modifications for the 2017-2018 school year of multiple attendance boundaries.

BOND UPDATE

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

- 2016 Willbern Elementary School Renovations; and
- 2016 Cypress Falls High School Renovations.

REPORTS

- the administration provided an oral report on student support services; and
- the administration reported on a recommendation to move from six to four grading periods in secondary schools during the 2017-18 school year.

AGENDA ITEMS

In other action, the Board approved:

- awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item:
 - Algebraic Reasoning Textbooks;
 - Audio Enhancement 2500+ Classrooms Districtwide;
 - Audio/Video Upgrades to Berry Center Arena;
 - Bark Mulch; and
 - Career and Technology Equipment Repair Service;
- on first reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - CPC (LOCAL) Office Management: Records Management (Revise)
- on second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - FD (LOCAL) Admissions (Revise);
 - FDC (LOCAL) Admissions: Homeless Students (Revise);
 - GRA (LOCAL) Relations with Governmental Entities: State and Local Governmental Authorities (Revise);
- tax refunds of \$500 or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD;
- adopting the One Voice Public Ed Resolution for the 85th Legislative Session;
- a resolution concerning the A-F Accountability Rating System for Texas Public Schools;
- the administration’s recommendation for student transfers to Cypress Ranch High School for the 2017-2018 school year;
- authorizing the Superintendent or designee to enter into the miscellaneous professional service contracts related to the following projects:
 - 2016 Willbern Elementary School Renovations; and
 - 2016 Cypress Falls High School Renovations;
- the granting of a Signal Light Easement to Harris County, Texas servicing Cypress Lakes High School;
- the following innovative courses: Parenting Education for School-Aged Parents; Internetworking Technologies I/II; Intro to Engineering Design (Project Lead the Way or PLTW); Principles of Engineering (PLTW); Digital Electronics (PLTW); Aerospace Engineering (PLTW); Engineering Design and Development (PLTW); and Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Program Courses, AP Seminar and AP Research; and
- the superintendent or designee to finalize and execute a purchase and sale agreement for the purchase of property within the Dunham Pointe Master Planned Community located South of 290 along Mueschke Road and negotiate and execute any and all necessary closing documents, contracts, easements, utility service, and development agreements, etc.

SUPERINTENDENT’S BRIEFING

The 7th **Annual Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational** was held in December. Dr. Henry thanked all the **corporate sponsors**, along with title sponsor, **Houston Methodist Hospital**, for their support in making this tournament a success. CFISD teams faced some of the top competition in the state and **Cypress Falls High School** finished in second place.

January is designated as **National Mentoring Month** and this year’s theme is “**Mentor in Real Life.**” The month-long campaign focuses attention on the need for mentors. Mentoring can make such a difference in the lives of students struggling with academics, personal

issues, and/or staying in school. Currently, there are more than 700 students in CFISD who are paired with a mentor, and we would like to thank our mentors for making such a difference in the lives of these students. If you would like to become a CFISD mentor, please see www.cfisd.net/mentor or contact the Community Engagement department.

Cy-Fair High School commemorated a significant historical milestone with a **75th Anniversary celebration** on Sunday, Jan. 22, 75 years to the day the building first opened to students in 1942.

The **23rd Annual Cy-Fair ISD Livestock Show and Sale** will be held **Feb. 2-4** at the **Exhibit Center** at 11206 Telge Road. Approximately **650 student exhibitors** and **850 student projects and animals** will be exhibited and judged. The graphic is available on our website showing the times and designated animals for the livestock judging. **Feb. 4** at 11 a.m. is the **buyers' luncheon** at **Arnold Middle School** and the **premium auction** at the **Exhibit Center** will start at **1 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend and support our students who have been working diligently for months in preparation for the show and sale. The district is very proud of these dedicated students, who raised **\$905,562** last year due to generous corporate and individual participation in this sale.

On **Monday, Feb. 6**, the Board will honor **110 students** at the Berry Center who have been recognized by the **National Merit and National Hispanic Scholars Programs**. Dr. Henry said that he looked forward to this special event to honor the achievements of academic excellence. This program will be broadcast live on our website, www.cfisd.net, and replayed throughout February and March.

The district will honor school counselors **Feb. 6-10** for **National School Counseling Week**. Our counselors can have a tremendous impact helping students achieve success and plan for a career. We appreciate their unique contributions.

The **Cy-Fair Educational Foundation** will present **Salute to Our Heroes** on Saturday, **Feb. 11** at 6:30 p.m. at the Omni Houston Hotel. This event honors the brave men and women who are serving, or have served, to preserve our freedom and liberty. Proceeds will create an endowment in the memory of fallen soldiers, which will be used for college scholarships for CFISD students. **For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Marie Holmes** at the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation, 281-370-0144 or www.thecfef.org.

The **Fourth Annual Superintendent Fun Run & Festival** is scheduled for **Feb. 18** 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**.