

Board Highlights

April 2014



Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District

RECOGNITIONS

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

- students who participated in the **Board Shadowing Project**. The project pairs students with CFISD Board or administrative team members, allowing them to observe firsthand the functions of the Board of Trustees. The following students participated in the Board Shadowing Project:

Student	High School	Board Meeting Representative	Job Description
Ethan Clemons	Cypress Ridge	Don Ryan	Board President
Andrew “Drew” Ficalora	Cypress Woods	Dr. Mark Henry	Superintendent
Isaiah Carter	Langham Creek	Tom Jackson	Board Vice President
Monique Harrington	Cypress Lakes	Christine Hartley	Board Secretary
Krystyn Malveaux	Cypress Ranch	Darcy Mingoia	Trustee
Katherine McShane	Cy-Fair	Kevin H. Hoffman	Trustee
Cameron Gaiennie	Jersey Village	Dr. John Ogletree Jr.	Trustee
Christian Kimbell	Cypress Creek	Bob R. Covey	Trustee
Ingrid Zacarias	Windfern	Roy Garcia	Associate Superintendent
Lisa Strong	Cypress Falls	Marney Collins Sims	General Counsel
Dario Franciosi	Cypress Springs	Roy Sprague	Associate Superintendent

- **Darcy Mingoia**, CFISD Board Trustee, for being awarded the Outstanding Women Award – Education Honoree, by the American Association of University Women, North Harris County Branch;
- **Bobbie Cunningham**, Cypress Springs High School, for being named the Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA) Education Support Professional (ESP) Advocate of the Year for her outstanding service to students and staff;

- Texas Association of Partners in Education (TAPE) **Crystal Award winners**;
- Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas for developing and facilitating the “JA Inspire” program for all CFISD eighth-grade students.

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

- **district Partners in Education winners for 2013-2014.** The **Individual – Role Model Award** was awarded to **Laura Muscarello**. **Jim Hatfield of Northwest Dodge** was awarded the **Individual – Partnership Advocate Award**. The **Business Partnership – Academic Impact Award** went to **Caldwell Companies**. The **Community Partnership – Health Award** was awarded to **Harris County MUD No. 167**, and the **Partnership Program – Innovation Award** was awarded to **Houston Methodist Hospital**;
- the **Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union**, which recently announced two major commitments to **CFISD** and the surrounding community through its new *Community, Only Better* initiative. The CFFCU pledged 1,000 volunteer hours by their employees during 2014, as well as \$500,000 in direct support to the community, which includes **CFISD**, over the next 10 years;
- **Cypress Woods High School**, for winning the **District 17-5A Academics Spring Meet**. **Langham Creek** placed second and **Cypress Ranch** was third;
- the **Texas Forensic Association (TFA) State Speech & Debate Tournament** was held at **Cypress Creek High School**. The event included more than 2,200 students and coaches from 217 schools;
- boys’ and girls’ soccer teams that advanced to the playoffs. In boys’ soccer, **Jersey Village** won district, with **Cypress Springs** second and **Cypress Lakes** third. In girls’ soccer, **Cypress Creek** was the district winner, with **Cy-Fair** second and **Cypress Woods** third. **Jersey Village**, **Cypress Springs** and **Cypress Lakes** boys’ and **Cypress Creek**, **Cy-Fair** and **Cypress Woods** girls also won their **Region III-5A bi-district** playoff games. **Cypress Springs** and **Cypress Lakes** won their **Region III-5A** area playoffs and quarterfinals to advance to regional semifinals;
- **Cypress Ranch** won the **District 17-5A boys’ team golf championship** and **Cy-Fair** placed second. The **Cy-Fair** girls won first place in district and **Cypress Ranch** placed second. All four teams advance to regionals; and
- the **Cypress Ranch** boys and **Langham Creek** girls each won first place in the **District 17-5A Tennis Tournament**. **Cypress Ranch** also won district titles in mixed doubles and boys’ doubles events. **Langham Creek** won district titles in the girls’ doubles and boys’ singles events.

NEW PRINCIPAL

Maggie Wiley, associate principal at Cypress Creek High School, was named principal at Cook Middle School. Wiley replaces Sherma Duck, who was named the principal at Anthony Middle School in February.

BOND UPDATE

The Board approved a construction proposal and contract paid from both bond and general funds to the recommended contractor and authorized the superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to such contracts as follows:

- Package A-2013: Cook Middle School Press Box and Bleacher Replacement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING

April 6-12 was **National Volunteer Week**, and **April** is **National Volunteer Month**. The community support for district students and teachers is impressive and appreciated.

Librarians are passionate about putting great books in the hands of kids, making them into lifelong readers and introducing kids to whole new worlds. **April 13–19** is National Library Week.

The **2014 STAAR assessment** continues **April 22-23** in **grades 3-8 in Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies**. Please be sure to check the district webpage at www.cfisd.net for the testing dates by grade and subject matter.

The annual Retirement Banquet, generously sponsored in part by the **Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union**, is scheduled for **Monday, April 28** at 6 p.m. at the Berry Center. Honorees include district employees who are **retiring during this school year**. This event provides an evening of entertainment, fun and delicious food as these valued employees are honored.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-9 and May 6 is National Teacher Day. Dr. Henry honored CFISD educators and acknowledged the crucial role they play in making sure every student receives a quality education.

National School Nurses Day is May 7, and Dr. Henry extended appreciation to this group of professionals who provide dedicated and caring medical support to students and the district.

Texas Public School Paraprofessional Day is **Wednesday, May 14**. Dr. Henry thanked all paraprofessionals for playing a vital role in helping provide support to the district.

Community Programs is now enrolling for two different summer programs, **Cy-Fair Fun Camps** and **Club Rewind Summer Camp**. In addition, the swim lesson program **SPLASH** is available for ages 4-18. Swim lessons are now being offered and continue through June at the Cy-Ranch pool on Fry Road.

CFISD will participate in **“Take Our Children to Work Day”** on **Monday, June 9**. Although the national event is scheduled in April, students will not be excused from classes on April 24. The **June 9** date allows students to maximize their instructional days and utilize a summer day to accompany their parent to work.

Dr. Henry reminded the community that **Friday, April 18** will be a student and staff holiday, and district facilities will be closed.

AGENDA ITEMS

In other action, the Board approved:

- awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item;
- authorizing the superintendent or designee to enter into the miscellaneous professional service contract related to the following project
 - High School 11 – Third Party Plan Review Fees;
- the District Advanced Placement Physics 1 and 2 textbook recommendations for 2014-2015;
- on second reading revisions to district policies:
 - DBA (LOCAL) Employment Requirements and Restrictions: Credentials and Records
 - DFFA (LOCAL) Reduction in Force: Financial Exigency
 - DFFB (LOCAL) Reduction in Force: Program Change
 - DGBA (LOCAL) Personnel-Management Relations: Employee Complaints/Grievances
 - FEA (LOCAL) Attendance: Compulsory Attendance
 - FEC (LOCAL) Attendance: Attendance for Credit
 - FFC (LOCAL) Student Welfare: Student Support Services;
- tax refunds of \$500 or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD;
- a request for a Texas Education Agency expedited waiver to allow the district to conduct additional staff training for reading/language arts, mathematics, science and/or social studies training in lieu of one day of student instruction in 2013-2014;
- on first reading revisions to district policies:
 - EC (LOCAL) School Day (Add)
 - EED (LOCAL) Instructional Arrangements: Student Schedules (Revise)
 - EIA (LOCAL) Academic Achievement: Grading/Progress Reports to Parents (Revise)
 - EIC (LOCAL) Academic Achievement: Class Ranking (Revise);
- certifying that the district has met all requirements established by TEA and the Texas Education Code relating to instructional materials;
- the administration's recommendation for the 2014-2015 Open/Closed Campus Designations for student transfers; and
- authorizing the superintendent or designee to enter into a purchase and sale agreement for the purchase of a multi-school site and executing all related documents on behalf of the district.