

## Board Highlights • September 2017

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### RECOGNITIONS

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

- Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, for being the **largest district** in Texas to have all eligible school receive the *MET Standard* designation (highest possible rating) in the state accountability system and doing so for the fifth straight year;
- the more than **100 Cypress-Fairbanks ISD graduates** who celebrated earning **scholarships** valued at **\$447,000** at the **Cy-Fair Educational Foundation 2017 Scholarship Reception** at the Berry Center in August. The CFEF, which has awarded more than \$7.5 million in scholarships to 1,600 CFISD graduates since its 1970 inception, welcomed families of the 105 winners to the annual event. The Class of 2017 CFEF scholarships were comprised of 46 Schroeder Scholarships for future Lone Star College-CyFair students and 59 endowed scholarships; and
- the Cypress New Life Church and **Hoover Elementary School staff members**, who on Aug. 21 formalized their **Adopt-a-School partnership**. Members of the church visited Hoover to surprise the staff with the official announcement. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD's Adopt-a-School program pairs schools with community and business partners to utilize resources of the community to strengthen and enrich the quality of education for students.

### TAX RATE RESOLUTION

The Board approved a 2017 Tax Rate Resolution to support the 2017-2018 Maintenance and Operations and Debt Service budgets by setting the 2017 M&O and Interest and Sinking tax rates (\$1.44 total).

### BOND UPDATE

The Board approved the issuance of Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, which may be issued in one or more series in accordance with specified parameters; and enacting other provisions relating thereto.

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

- 2017 Districtwide Security Vestibules Project – Vestibule Construction; and

- 2017 Districtwide Security Vestibules Project – Card Access and Hardware Installation;

## AGENDA ITEMS

In other action, the Board approved:

- tax refunds of \$500 or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD;
- minutes of the August 14, 2017 regular meeting;
- awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item:
  - Acoustical Shells for Nine (9) High Schools;
  - Assorted Beverages and Food;
  - Beverages – Concessions and Catering for Berry Center, Pidgeon Stadium and CFISD Natatorium;
  - College Readiness and Career Interest Tests;
  - Contracted Educational Services and Professional Development Services;
  - District Fundraiser Services;
  - Grocery Goods and Supplies;
  - HVAC Parts and Supplies;
  - Insulation Services;
  - Plumbing Fixtures, Parts and Supplies;
  - Restaurant/Catering and Delivery Services;
  - Roof Repair;
  - Spirit Apparel and Promotional Items;
  - Video Security Surveillance System Camera Upgrade;
- the 2017-2018 Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Student Code of Conduct;
- on first reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
  - CJ (LOCAL) Contracted Services (Add);
- on second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
  - BDAA (LOCAL) Officers and Officials: Duties and Requirements of Board Officers (Revise);
  - EF (LOCAL) Instructional Resources (Add);
  - EFA (LOCAL) Instructional Resources: Instructional Materials (Delete);
  - EFAA (LOCAL) Instructional Resources: Selection and Adoption (Delete);
  - EHDB (LOCAL) Alternative Methods for Earning Credit: Credit By Examination with Prior Instruction (Revise); and
  - EL (LOCAL) Campus Charters (Revise)

## SUPERINTENDENT’S BRIEFING

The **fifth annual CFISD Back-to-School Expo** served more than **4,300** patrons and guests at the Berry Center in August, giving all a one-stop shop for resources for incoming students, parents and prospective employees. The total attendance figure was greater than any year, as was the nearly **600 students** who enrolled for the **2017-2018 school year**. The Expo also provided **178 athletic physicals** from Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital and **320 vision screenings**. In addition, immunizations were administered by the Harris Health System. Walmart Neighborhood Market gave away 1,500 pounds of fresh fruit and 1,600 packed school supply kits valued at \$1,200. In all, the final donation amounted to approximately **\$12,200**.

Families, caregivers, charities and research groups across the United States observe **September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**. Over **15,000** children under the age of 21 are diagnosed with cancer every year; approximately 1/4 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. Help us bring awareness of childhood cancer to the community by wearing gold during the month of September.

More than **40 CFISD business partners** showed support for the district by participating in the **Business Partner Expo** at the **CFISD Annual Leadership Conference and the New Staff Orientation** at the Berry Center in August. The New Staff Orientation introduced nearly **1,100 new staff members** to CFISD. The Business Partner Expo allowed business and community leaders to share information about their respective companies and organizations while offering free items, discounts and incentives to district staff members. The Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union provided tote bags for all participants.

The **Cy-Fair Educational Foundation** will host the **20th Annual Salute to the Stars Gala** on **October 19** at the Berry Center. The black-tie, celebratory event will honor **88 CFISD spotlight teachers** from the 2016-2017 school year, one from each district campus.

## **ADDENDUM**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- the administration provided a report on facilities, transportation and the school start date; and
- the Board discussed the opportunity for Trustee member Bob R. Covey to attend the TASB Lobbying Day in Washington D.C.