

## Board Highlights • October 2017

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### RECOGNITIONS

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

- Cypress Woods High School Principal **Gary Kinninger** as a recipient for the 2017 Wall of Fame after being named the 2016 Administrator of the Year by the Texas School Counselor Association (TSCA);
- **Cyndi Matteson**, a longtime volunteer for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, for receiving the 2017 Heroes for Children award from the State Board of Education;
- ICI Construction for the donation of school supplies to economically disadvantaged students;
- Memorial Hermann Cypress for sponsoring GoNoodle Plus for K-6 teachers, students and parents in CFISD;
- Walmart Neighborhood Market at Longenbaugh for its partnership with CFISD for the Back-to-School Expo; and
- eight CFISD schools that earned all possible distinction designations in the 2017 state accountability system.

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 schools** receive the **Met Standard designation** (highest possible rating) in the state accountability system once again this year;
- Cypress-Fairbanks ISD and Lone Star College-CyFair, for celebrating a **partnership** that will expedite the process for obtaining a **college degree** at the **College Academy Kick-off on Oct. 3 at Cypress Lakes High School**. District and Lone Star College-CyFair administrators, CFISD Board of Trustees members and Cypress Lakes students and staff joined in the kick-off, officially launching **CFISD's College Academy pilot program**. This program will give eligible students the opportunity to complete their **Associate of Science degree** from Lone Star College-CyFair before they graduate from high school; and
- representatives from Houston's First Baptist Church Cypress, along with principals from **Bridgeland High School** and **Wells Elementary School**, for signing an **Adopt-a-School partnership** officially partnering the schools with the church. Houston's First Baptist Church provided staff at both school with a celebratory lunch. CFISD's Adopt-a-School

program pairs community and business partners to utilize resources of the community to strengthen and enrich the quality of education for students.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS**

**Renee Silliman**, assistant principal at Francone Elementary School, was named the new principal for **Hemmenway Elementary School**. Silliman replaces Dr. Jae-Simpson Butler, who was named a director of student services in August.

## **BOND UPDATE**

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

- 2017 Ault and Hancock Elementary School addition and renovations.

The Board approved authorizing the Superintendent or designee to enter into the miscellaneous professional service contract related to the following project:

- 2017 Ault and Hancock Elementary School addition and renovations.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

In other action, the Board approved:

- tax refunds of \$500 or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD;
- awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item:
  - Automotive Technology E-books and Textbooks;
  - Automotive Lubricants;
  - Charter Bus and Travel Services;
  - Cosmetology Equipment and Supplies;
  - Print Cartridges, OEM, Remanufactured or Compatible;
  - RFID cards;
  - Tree Trimming and Removal;
- submitting to the Commissioner of Education a request for maximum class size waiver;
- a request for a Texas Education Agency Missed School Day Waiver for the instructional days missed related to Hurricane Harvey;
- on first reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
  - GE (LOCAL) Relations with Parent Organizations (Revise);
- on second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
  - CJ (LOCAL) Contracted Services (Add).

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING**

Despite a start date pushed back two weeks due to the effects of Hurricane Harvey, CFISD classes began on **Sept. 11**, with **approximately 116,000 students** filling the halls of **91 campuses**. This included three new schools: **Wells and Hoover elementary schools and Bridgeland High School**.

**468 community volunteers**, roughly 70 more than last year, assisted in the **11<sup>th</sup> annual CFISD Bus Buddies program** during the first week of school. Bus Buddies rode CFISD school buses from 2:45 to 5 p.m. for the first two days to ensure young students were safely transported to their proper drop-off points and locations.

Thanks to an **extension** granted by the **United States Department of Agriculture and Texas Department of Agriculture**, CFISD's eligibility waiver, which allows the district to serve reimbursable meals at no charge to all students, has been **extended** through **Oct. 31**. This allows the Nutrition Services department to offer complimentary breakfast and lunch to all CFISD students.

CFISD hosted **College Night** on **Oct. 3-4 at the Berry Center**. All 11<sup>th</sup>- and 12<sup>th</sup>-grade students and parents were invited to attend and were able to browse and visit with representatives from over 200 colleges, universities, technical and specialty schools, as well as branches of the military and the U.S. service academies.

**Gov. Greg Abbott** has proclaimed **Oct. 10 as Texas Education Human Resources Day** to recognize and honor the vital role human resources professionals play in today's workforce. Human resources staffs work hard each day to ensure that schools are staffed with high quality employees and that those employees have a good work environment.

The **CFISD Health Expo, underwritten by Memorial Hermann Cypress**, in partnership with CFISD and the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce will be held **Oct. 14 at the Berry Center**. This is a community event welcoming more than 5,000 in attendance each year. The Expo offers health screenings, flu shots, vendor booths, live performances, including dance and gymnastics, martial arts and more. The event benefits the **Health Organization of Physical Educators (H.O.P.E.)** scholarship fund.

The third annual "**Battle at the Berry**" **marching band contest** will be held **Oct. 14 at Cy-Fair FCU Stadium**. The 2017 event is being hosted by the **Cypress Springs High School** marching band. Eight of the finest bands from the greater Houston area will join 11 CFISD marching bands from the daylong event. Tickets can be purchased at the stadium gates.

The **Salute to the Star Gala** will be **Oct. 19 at the Berry Center**. The gala is sponsored by the **Cy-Fair Educational Foundation**.

CFISD will support the **American Heart Association Northwest Harris County Healthy for Good Heart Walk** on **Oct. 21** at Lone Star College-University Park. More than 4,000 walkers are expected to participation in this noncompetitive, three-mile walk or run.

CFISD will celebrate **Red Ribbon Week** on **Oct. 23-31**. The national campaign is designed to encourage healthy, drug-free and violence-free lifestyles among youth. Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. This year's national theme is: "**Your Future is Key, so Stay Drug Free.**"

**The College and Career Specialists Team and Office of Advanced Academics will present the CFISD Career Options Fair on Oct. 24 at the Berry Center.** Students in grades 6-12 and parents are invited to browse the Career Fair and speak directly to representatives from a variety of trade and technical schools and programs.