

Board Highlights • August 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Eric Mendez was named the new chief of police, coming to CFISD after serving on the Austin ISD police force since 1999. Mendez replaces Alan Bragg, who retired in June.

Tomika Williams, assistant principal at Lee Elementary School, was named the new principal for **Post Elementary School**. Williams replaces Missy Kilday, who retired in June.

Rashad Godbolt, associate principal at Cypress Creek High School, was named the new principal at **Alternative Learning Center-East**. Godbolt replaces Laurie Snyder, who retired in June.

Cesar Diaz, assistant principal at Bane Elementary School, was named the new principal at **Reed Elementary School**. Diaz replaces Kandy Bond, who accepted a principal position in Fort Bend ISD.

BOND UPDATE

The Board approved using Job Order Contracting as the construction delivery method for the 2017 Districtwide Security Vestibules Project, offering the best value to the district;

AGENDA ITEMS

In other action, the Board approved:

- awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item:
 - Concrete Installation/Demolition and Bollards;
 - Laboratory Specimens; and
 - Police Department Laptops;
- tax refunds of \$500 or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD;
- purchasing of Attendance Credits (netting Chapter 42 Funding) pursuant to Texas Education Code (TEC) Chapter 41 for the 2017-2018 school year;
- an election order calling for an election Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Trustees, positions No. 5, No. 6 and No. 7;

- the endorsement of candidacy for Charles Cunningham, Humble ISD Position 4B on the TASB Board of Directors;
- the Memorandum of Understanding between Harris County Juvenile Board and Cypress-Fairbanks ISD to participate in the JJAEP for the 2017-2018 school year;
- first 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);
 - EIF (LOCAL) Academic Achievement: Graduation (Revise); and
 - EL (LOCAL) Campus Chapters (Revise);
- second reading additions, revisions and deletions to district policies:
 - DC (LOCAL) Employment Practices (Revise);
 - DFAA (LOCAL) Probationary Contracts: Suspension/Termination During Contract (Revise);
 - DFBA (LOCAL) Term Contracts: Suspension/Termination During Contract (Revise);
 - DFCA (LOCAL) Continuing Contracts: Suspension/Termination (Revise); and
 - GKB (LOCAL) Community Relations: Advertising and Fundraising (Revise);
- the Sanitary Sewer Line Agreement, and Conveyance of Utility Facilities between Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 166 and Cypress-Fairbanks ISD for an existing sanitary sewer line located at the Northwest side of West Little York and Yorkshire Woods at Kahla Middle School;
- the hiring of Blake Legler as the Chief Internal Auditor;
- the district will consider a Level IV appeal (Daniel) of a Level III decision; and
- the district will consider a Level IV appeal (Fleming) of a Level III decision.

SUPERINTENDENT’S BRIEFING

Under a new name, the **Cy-Fair Community Health Center** is continuing to provide quality service to students in CFISD with its 10,000-sq.-ft. school-based Federal Qualified Healthcare Clinic. The clinic is within walking distance of Cypress Park High School and is now the sixth clinic under Spring Branch Community Health Center (SBCHC).

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** met graduation requirements and commencement exercises were held Aug. 3 at the Berry Center.

The Instructional Technology Department hosted its fifth annual **Digital Learning Conference** on July 26-27 at the Berry Center. This year’s theme was “**Guess what’s Next?**” and more than **600 teachers and administrators** attended over the course of the two days. The conference

provided teachers and administrators with new and innovative ways to engage students using technology and digital tools and ideas to implement in the classroom. Featured speakers focused on hot topics and trends and education technology. Dr. Henry thanked all business partners for sponsoring the conference and providing engaging sessions and awesome door prizes.

The fifth annual **CFISD Back-to-School Expo** was held Aug. 12 at the Berry Center. Each year, the expo offers the community a series of helpful back-to-school services in one convenient location. The expo has always been open to all incoming CFISD students, families and prospective employees, and includes services such as registration for students, immunizations, a food pantry, free/reduced lunch and CHIP applications, vision screenings, athletic physicals, employment opportunities, community program registration and much more for a smooth transition into the school district. There were a number of business partners that supported students and staff.

CFISD is preparing for the 2017-2018 school year, which begins **Aug. 28**. Many people have worked very hard to prepare facilities for approximately **116,000** students at CFISD's **91** campuses. Three new campuses will be opening this fall: Bridgeland High School, Hoover Elementary School and Wells Elementary School. There is a replacement in Matzke Elementary School that will be larger and brand new on Mills Road. A total of **57** renovation projects occurred throughout this summer, several of them major renovation projects where a number of older facilities will look like new.

The **CFISD Bus Buddies program** provides assistance to elementary students in exiting their bus at the correct bus stop during the first two days of school. Bus Buddies is a valuable partnership between our district volunteers, schools, 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 via the district website, www.cfid.net.

Monday, Sept. 4 will be a student and staff holiday in observance of Labor Day, and all facilities will be closed.

The **Education Resource Group**, a data-driven company that provides accountability and performance management optimization for public schools, rated Cypress-Fairbanks ISD in the **top three** among the 200 largest districts in Texas for academic and financial performance in its **2017 Best Practice Awards** for the fifth consecutive year. Released in the spring, this year's rating follows consecutive No. 1 productivity rankings in the 2012 and 2013 Best Practice Awards, and No. 2 rankings in 2014 and 2015. CFISD is the only district in the state to rank among the top 3 in the each of past five years.