

## Board Highlights • December 2017

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### RECOGNITIONS

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

- students from Cypress Ranch and Cypress Lakes high schools who won first, second and third place at the **Association of Texas Photography Instructors (ATPI) Fall Contest**;
- students from Cypress Creek, Cypress Ranch, Cypress Springs and Cypress Woods high schools who won first, second and third place at the **2017 International Thespian Festival**;
- students from the Cypress Springs High School **InvenTeam** who were invited to the EurekaFest in Cambridge, Mass. to showcase their **potentially life-saving invention** at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in June 2017;
- Cypress Ranch High School senior **Alex O'Connor** for being selected as the Touchdown Club of Houston's **Scholar-Athlete of the Year**;
- students from Cypress Ranch High School who finished **second** at the University Interscholastic League **Team Tennis State Tournament**; and
- Cypress Lakes High School student **Jacob Brown** for earning third place at the **Global Film Festival**.

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

- **Adrian Dominguez**, CU Alliance president and CEO, **Jessica Hernandez**, Emmott Elementary School principal, and **Michael Ferrier**, Cenergy general counsel, for formalizing their Adopt-a-School partnership;
- **CFISD police officers** for joining Willie's Grill and Ice House in Cypress in raising more than **\$2,000** for patients at **Texas Children's Hospital** through the inaugural "**Tip a Cop**" fundraiser on Nov. 27. Dozens of officers worked at the restaurant from 4-9 p.m., shadowing servers and giving customers the option of leaving an extra "tip" for the department that would support a holiday giving effort. **CFPD officers** have been planning the event in conjunction with the **University of Houston-Downtown and the Cypress Woods High School PALs club**. UH-D donated stockings, stocking stuffers and poster board to the department, which officers plan to supplement by purchasing additional materials to complete the stockings. The Cypress Woods PALs will assemble the stockings and decorate and personalize the poster

board, which CFPD officers will then deliver to children receiving treatment at the hospital throughout the holidays. Remaining funds will be donated as a lump sum to Texas Children's Hospital; and

- the two CFISD football teams who became the first two in the district to meet in a regional championship playoff. **Cy-Fair High School** beat **Langham Creek High School, 31-14**, on Dec. 9 at Cy-Fair FCU Stadium. With the win, the Cy-Fair Bobcats improve their record to **13-0**, claiming the **Region III championship** to advance to the **state semifinals** for the first time since 1985.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS**

**Mike Maness**, principal at Spillane Middle School, was named the new principal for **Cypress Ranch High School**. Maness replaces Bob Hull, who retired in December.

**Janet Yvette Garcia**, principal at Holbrook Elementary School, was named the new principal for **Truitt Middle School**. Garcia replaces Teresa Baranowski, who retired in December.

**Becky Koop**, principal at Pope Elementary School, was named the new principal for **Smith Middle School**. Koop replaces Susan Higgins, who retired in December.

## **BOND UPDATE**

The Board approved construction proposals and contracts paid from Bond funds to the recommended contractors and authorize the superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to 2017 renovations to Owens, Reed and Metcalf elementary schools.

The Board approved and authorized the superintendent or designee to enter into the miscellaneous professional service contracts related to 2017 renovations to Owens, Reed and Metcalf elementary schools.

## **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:
  - art and miscellaneous school supplies;
  - art paper;
  - assorted non-food items for nutrition services;
  - chicken tenders for nutrition services;
  - family and consumer science equipment and supplies;
  - health science equipment and supplies;
  - internet service and devices for children of low income families;
  - metal fabrication and repair service;
  - musical instrument repair, service, parts and supplies;
  - office supplies;
  - physical education dress wear; and
  - printer services;

- the list of students for off-campus physical education, Category I, for the 2017-2018 school year (spring);
- the granting of a temporary construction easement to the West Harris Country Regional Water Authority to perform soil boring tests along the property line of Fry Road at Andre' Elementary School, Hopper Middle School and Cypress Springs High School, and authorized the superintendent or designee to negotiate the final terms and execute all related documents; and
- the granting of a soil drainage easement to DR Horton to perform grading operations along the west property line of Hemmenway Elementary and authorized the superintendent or designee to negotiate the final terms and execute all related documents.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING**

The fall graduation for the Windfern School of Choice will be held Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Berry Center. Dr. Henry commended students, their parents and the Windfern staff for this accomplishment.

All campuses and the Instructional Support Center will be closed to the public for the holidays Dec. 22-Jan. 5. Classes will resume Monday, Jan. 8. Additionally, Monday, Jan. 15, will be a student and staff holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. If there is an emergency to report during the holidays, please contact CFPD at 281-897-4337.

Dr. Henry extended his warmest holiday wishes to the CFISD students, employees and their families, and hoped that it would be a safe, restful and joyous holiday season for all.

With the upcoming holidays, residents were reminded that Texas law prohibits the discharge of fireworks on CFISD property. CFPD will patrol district premises during the holiday season. Citizens are asked to contact CFPD at 281-897-4337 if they observe any fireworks violations.