

## Board Highlights • February 2018

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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:

- the approximately **200 students** and **community members** who enjoyed various foods made by **potential CFISD vendors** at the **Annual Food Tasting** event Jan. 18 at the **Berry Center**. These vendors provided input on new products available for school lunches and breakfast. Visitors toured the various booths in the conference center, then provided feedback on each item by filling out an evaluation sheet. The theme of the event was **“Hit a Homerun with School Lunch”**;
- **CFISD dance teams**, who showcased their talents at the **2018 CFISD Dance Show Offs** on **Jan. 20** at the **Berry Center**. Each dance team performed multiple routines at the event, which featured performances by the **Honor Dance Team** and **All-District Dance Team**. The community showcase featured approximately **600 participants** districtwide;
- four decades of **Campbell Middle School** staff, students and community members who came together for a reunion on Jan. 26, telling stories, sharing memories and acknowledging standards still in place as the campus **celebrated its 40-year anniversary**. Those in attendance were treated to performances by current students, while former students and staff were honored and shared their most memorable experiences at Campbell. Opening its doors in **1978**, Campbell was the **fourth middle school** in CFISD;
- the **Cypress Woods High School** boys’ and girls’ swim teams, who defended their **District 18-6A championships** while the **Cypress Ranch High School** boys’ and **Cy-Fair High School** girls’ teams clinched the **District 17-6A titles**. The **Cy-Fair** girls’ swim team went on to claim the **Regional V-6A championship**. Also, after the **Bridgeland High School** boys’ and girls’ teams swept the **District 24-5A titles**, they posted **top-five** finishes in the team competitions at the **Region VI-5A championships**;
- the **Cypress Creek High School** girls’ basketball team won the **District 17-6A championship** for the 2017-2018 season with a **12-1** record in district play. The Cougars finished two games ahead of **Cypress Ranch High School** and **Jersey Village High School**, who tied for second place with identical **10-3** marks in league play; and
- the **Cypress Ranch High School** girls’ wrestling team won the **District 10-6A championship** at the Berry Center followed by runner-up **Cypress Ridge High School** and third place **Cypress Woods High School**. On the boys’ side, **Cy-Fair High School**

claimed the **District 10-6A title**. The **Cypress Park High School** girls' wrestling team won the **District 12-5A championship** at Foster High School in Richmond.

## **REPORTS**

- the administration provided an oral report on Career and Technical Education/JA Inspire; and
- the administration provided an oral report highlighting the JASON Argonaut teacher and student experience from summer 2017.

## **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 such contracts as follows:

- 2017 Cook and Truitt Middle School renovations.

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

- 2017 Cook and Truitt Middle School 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;
  - athletic and physical education equipment and supplies;
  - classroom materials and supplies;
  - fire extinguisher and fire safety products, inspection and maintenance;
  - floor care machine replacement parts;
  - science equipment and supplies; and
  - special education equipment and supplies;
- revised Board Operation Guidelines outlining the duties of a public officer;
- the external auditors, Weaver and Tidwell, LLC, to perform the annual audit of the district's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018;
- the budget amendments for the period of October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017;
- on first reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
  - CNA (LOCAL) Transportation Management: Student Transportation (Revise);
  - CO (LOCAL) Food Services Management (Revise);
  - FEA (LOCAL) Attendance: Compulsory Attendance (Revise);
  - FFI (LOCAL) Student Welfare: Freedom from Bullying (Revise); and
  - GKE (LOCAL) Information Access: Requests for Information (Revise); and
- on second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
  - BBE (LOCAL) Board Members: Authority (Revise);

- CKC (LOCAL) Safety Program/Risk Management: Emergency Plans (Revise);
- FD (LOCAL) Admissions (Revise); and
- GBAA (LOCAL) Information Access: Requests for Information (Revise).

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S BRIEFING**

Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of **February** as **Black History Month**, which is a celebration of achievement by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central roles and contributions of black Americans to our country. Curriculum activities and cultural arts programs will focus on the influence of black history and its impact on the diversity of our nation and world. Community members can get insight into CFISD’s history by learning about the early settlers of Independence Garden, currently known as the Carverdale community. A video posted on the CFISD website, [www.cfisd.net](http://www.cfisd.net), tells their story and includes long-time community members sharing their memories.

The **Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas** hosted “**JA Inspire**” on Feb. 5-7 at the Berry Center. JA Inspire is **Houston’s largest**, one of a kind, interactive experience that exposes all **CFISD 8th-grade students** to the vast variety of **local career opportunities**. This job awareness fair enables students to interact with business representatives and see displays from hundreds of Southeast Texas companies.

The **Fundraising Vendor Fair** is scheduled for **1-4:30 p.m.** on **Feb. 20** at the **Berry Center**. The Vendor Fair provides an opportunity for our schools and community groups to preview fundraising options and speak directly with district-approved fundraising vendors.

For the **third** straight year, **CFISD** will host the **UIL State Wrestling Tournament, Feb. 23-24** at the **Berry Center**.

More than **4,000 students, parents and community members** visited the Berry Center on Jan. 29 for the **2018 HORIZONS Student Showcase**, allowing students in the gifted and talented program to present and exhibit a vast array of advanced-level products and projects. **HORIZONS** students of all ages and grades showcased their many gifts and talents for family members and the CFISD community.

The **5th Annual Superintendent’s Fun Run and Festival** is scheduled for **March 24** from **8-11 a.m.** at the **Berry Center**. Registration is now open. Proceeds from the event will help fund scholarships and teacher development grants through the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation.

Dr. Henry reminded the community that on **Monday, Feb. 19 – President’s Day – school will be in session**. In order to meet the minimum number of instructional minutes, as per **TEA requirements**, CFISD will use this day as an inclement weather **makeup day**.