

Board Highlights • January 2018

RECOGNITIONS

In honor of Texas School Board Recognition Month, Dr. Mark Henry recognized the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Board of Trustees for their dedication, leadership and continuing service to the children of the district.

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

- the winners of the 2017 fall semester Campus Attendance Incentives; and
- Stacye Anderson, Chuck Brandman and Tom Pickford for their service on the Community Leadership Committee (CLC).

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

- **Cypress Park High School and Second Baptist Church's Cypress campus**, which came together to formalize their relationship on **Dec. 7** under **CFISD's Adopt-a-School program**. The partnership came together from a long-standing relationship between Cypress Park Principal Chris Hecker and the church. For Second Baptist Church, the adoption completes a trifecta in supporting and giving back to CFISD and the community. The church has already adopted Ault Elementary School and Salyards Middle School. CFISD'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;
- the **Cy-Fair High School football** team, which captured the **Class 6A Division II State Championship** with a **51-35 victory** over **Waco Midway** on Dec. 23 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. After eight decades, the **Bobcats** reached their first-ever state championship game and dominated in nearly every facet – they forced four turnovers, held Midway to minus-one yard rushing through three quarters and led by as many as 37 points. The win completed a **15-0 season** for Cy-Fair;
- **thirty CFISD wrestlers** who won medals, including **five individual champions** in their respective weight classes on **Jan. 5-6** at the **16th Annual CFISD Invitational Wrestling Tournament** at the **Berry Center**. The district also swept the awards for the tournament's top wrestlers. The **Cypress Ranch High School girls' team** repeated as the district's **highest-placing representative**. Other CFISD girls' teams to place among the top 20 teams were Cypress Springs, Cypress Ridge, Cy-Fair and Cypress Woods

high schools. In the boys' tournament, **Cypress Lakes High School** had the highest finish among CFISD teams, placing sixth, while Cy-Fair and Cypress Ranch high schools placed eighth and ninth, respectively; and

- **Mike Maddox**, who spent all but three of his 32 years as a successful **baseball coach at Jersey Village High School**, will officially have his name among the **state's best** as he will be inducted into the **Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame** on **January 12** at the **association's 2018 convention in Waco**.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

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

Elizabeth Bradley, director of instruction at Kahla Middle School, was named the new principal at **Pope Elementary School**. Bradley replaces Becky Koop, who was named the incoming principal at Smith Middle School in November.

Jamie Brotemarkle, director of instruction at Spillane Middle School, was named the new principal at **Spillane**. Brotemarkle replaces Mike Maness, who was named the incoming principal for Cypress Ranch High School in November.

Sharon Whitfield, assistant principal at McFee Elementary School, was named the new principal at **McFee**. Whitfield replaces Donna Harden, who retired in January.

2018-2019 CALENDAR

The Board approved the Calendar Committee's recommendation for the 2018-2019 instructional calendar. The committee met to discuss various components of developing the instructional calendar before arriving at a consensus for the following calendar recommendation presented to the Board of Trustees:

- students begin school on **Monday, Aug. 27, 2018**;
- Labor Day, **Sept. 3, 2018**, is a student/staff holiday;
- the calendar has a five-day Thanksgiving holiday (**Nov. 19-23, 2018**);
- a 10-day winter break is scheduled for students (**Dec. 24, 2018-Jan. 4, 2019**);
- a five-day spring break is scheduled for **March 11-15, 2019**;
- Good Friday, **April 19, 2019**, is a student/staff holiday;
- The school year will end on **May 30, 2019** for students; and
- **Feb. 18** and **May 31, 2019** are designated as inclement weather makeup days.

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 Langham Creek High School renovations.

The Board approved the use of the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative BuyBoard Contract 476-15 as the construction delivery method for this project, awarding the construction contract to the following contractor and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to such contracts as follows:

- 2018 Track and Football field improvements at Cypress Lakes, Cypress Park, Cypress Ranch and Cypress Woods high schools project.

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

- 2017 Langham Creek High School renovations; and
- 2018 Track and Football field improvements at Cypress Lakes, Cypress Park, Cypress Ranch and Cypress Woods high schools project.

REPORTS

- the administration provided a report on the Board Monitoring System;
- the administration provided an oral report on marketing and business relations; and
- the administration provided a report on the final design and construction progress of the remediation work for Moore Elementary School resulting from Hurricane Harvey.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board held a public hearing to discuss the 2016-17 annual report describing the educational performance of the district and of each campus in the district.

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:
 - emergency generator repair service and preventative maintenance;
 - portable building removal and relocation; and
 - portable building tie-down/anchor removal and installation;
- on first reading additions, revision 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);
- on dual reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - DEA (LOCAL) Compensation and Benefits: Compensation Plan (Revise); and
 - DEC (LOCAL) Compensation and Benefits: Leaves and Absences (Revise).

SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING

The **8th Annual Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational** was held in December and Dr. Henry thanked all **corporate sponsors**, along with the title sponsor, **Houston Methodist Hospital**, for their support in making this tournament a success. CFISD basketball teams faced some of the top competition in the state.

January is designated as **National Mentoring Month** and this year marks the third year of mentor's public awareness and recruitment campaign, *In Real Life*. The campaign focuses on the real-life benefits of mentoring young people, as well as the life-changing stories shared by mentors themselves. Mentoring can make such a difference in the lives of students struggling with academics, personal issues and staying in school. Dr. Henry thanked all CFISD mentors for making such a difference in the lives of these students. If anyone would like to become a CFISD mentor, please visit www.cfisd.net/mentor.

The **Cy-Fair Educational Foundation** will present **Salute to Our Heroes** on **Saturday, Feb. 3** at the **Omni Houston Hotel Westside**. Doors will open at **6 p.m.** for the **V.I.P. event**. The **main event** begins at **7 p.m.** This event honors the brave men and women who are serving, or have served, to preserve our freedom and liberty. Proceeds will create an endowment in the memory of fallen soldiers, which will be used for college scholarships for CFISD students. **For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Marie Holmes** at the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation at 281-370-0144 or www.thecfef.org.

On **Monday, Feb. 5**, the Board will honor **134 students** at the Berry Center who have been recognized by the **National Merit and National Hispanic Scholars Program**. Dr. Henry said he looked forward to this special event to honor the achievements of academic excellence. This program will be broadcast live on our website, www.cfisd.net, and replayed throughout February and March.

The district will honor school counselors **Feb. 5-9** for **National School Counseling Week**. Our counselors have a tremendous impact in helping students achieve success and plan for a career. We appreciate their unique contributions.

The **24th Annual Cy-Fair ISD Livestock Show and Sale** will be held **Feb. 8-10** at the **Exhibit Center** at 11206 Telge Road. The graphic is available on our website showing the times and designated animals for the livestock judging. **Feb. 10** at 11 a.m. is the **buyer's luncheon** at **Arnold Middle School** and the **premium auction** at the **Exhibit Center** will start at **1 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend and support our students who have been working diligently for months in preparation for the show and sale. The district is very proud of these dedicated students who raised more than **\$800,000** last year due to generous corporate and individual participation in the sale.