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## Board Highlights • March 2018

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### RECOGNITIONS

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

- Technology services, who recognized their team along with vendor Layer3 Communications for their work and support in the district receiving \$2,764,606 in E-Rate reimbursement funds.

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

- **CFISD Air Force JROTC units**, who placed among the **top three** in a number of events at the **CFISD Military Drill Competition**, held in February at the Berry Center. **Langham Creek High School** placed **third overall** out of 25 AFJROTC programs across CFISD and the Houston area. The participants competed in events as diverse as academic presentations and testing, color guard, inspections, regulation and exhibition drill and physical training. Units were evaluated by military training instructors from Lackland Air Force's 737th Training Group, University of Houston ROTC cadets and Texas A&M University cadets;
- **CFISD FFA students**, who showcased another successful CFISD Livestock Show and Sale – now in its **24th year** – in February. The CFISD community showed an incredible amount generosity in the live auction, freezer sale and monetary contributions to students. The **live auction premium sale** unofficially raised nearly **\$340,000**. One record was broken: **Conda Maze JRP, LLC paid \$31,000** for the **Grand Champion swine** exhibited by **Jessica Boyd of Cypress Falls High School**;
- the **Cypress Creek High School** girls' basketball team, which came up short in its bid for a state championship, as the Cougars lost 64-53 to Plano in the **UIL Class 6A semifinals** on March 3 at the Alamodome in San Antonio. The Cougars were **state semifinalists**, finishing with a **34-5 record** and the **District 17-6A championship title**. Cypress Creek also put its mark on CFISD's run in girls' basketball, becoming the district's fifth different team to reach the state tournament since 2010;
- the boys' basketball season, which concluded with **Cypress Falls High School** reaching the regional quarterfinals Feb. 27 where the Golden Eagles were eliminated. Cypress Falls lost to Houston Sam Houston in double overtime at Houston ISD's Delmar Fieldhouse. The **Golden Eagles** finished the season repeating as **District 17-6A champions** and were **regional quarterfinalists**;

- **CFISD swimmers**, who captured one medal and several **top-10 finishes** at the **UIL State Swimming and Diving Meet**, held in February at the **Texas Swim Center in Austin**. **Bridgeland High School** freshman **Allie Thome** earned the district's lone medal, placing third in the Class 5A 500 freestyle. The **Cy-Fair** and **Cypress Woods** high school girls had the best finishes among district teams, as both finished in the top 20. Cy-Fair placed 17th among 53 schools, while Cypress Woods finished 19th; and
- the **Cypress Ranch High School** girls' wrestling team, which captured the **Class 6A team championship**, while **18 total CFISD participants** earned **top-six medals** at the **UIL Wrestling State Tournament**, held in February at the Berry Center. Cypress Ranch completed a run that also included a district team title. All five Mustangs who qualified for the state tournament placed among the **top six** in their respective division.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS**

**Rocio Braley**, assistant principal at Danish Elementary School, was named the new principal at **M. Robinson Elementary School**. Braley replaces Irene Ruiz, who was named the director of community programs in December.

**Dr. Abe Lozano**, assistant principal at Cypress Park High School, was named the new principal at **Holbrook Elementary School**. Lozano replaces Yvette Garcia, who was named the principal at Truitt Middle School in November.

## **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 Thornton 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 Thornton 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 clinic first aid supplies;
  - automotive oil/filter change and maintenance-related services for CFISD white fleet (non-transportation) vehicles;
  - internet port and related services at Data Center 4;
  - internet and related services for network core (ISC);
  - lamps (incandescent, fluorescent, HID);
  - library books, textbooks, e-books, publications and media supplies;

- lit fiber service for internet transport;
- lit or dark fiber network for campus connectivity;
- sheet music; and
- vocational lab supplies, equipment and housewares;
- the administration's recommendation for the 2018-2019 open/closed campus designations for student transfers;
- a request for a Texas Education Agency waiver to allow high school students early release during spring semester exam administration;
- on first reading additions, revision or deletions to district policies:
  - CDA (LOCAL) Other revenues: Investments (Revise);
  - DF (LOCAL) Termination of Employment (Add);
  - DH (LOCAL) Employee Standards of Conduct (Revise);
  - EED (LOCAL) Instructional Arrangements: Student Schedules (Revise);
  - EHBAF (LOCAL) Special Education: Video/Audio Monitoring (Revise);
  - EJ (LOCAL) Academic Guidance Program (Delete); and
  - FFAA (LOCAL) Wellness and Health Services: Physical Examinations (Revise);
- on second 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) Community Relations: Business, Civic and Youth Groups (Add);
- the granting of a water easement to Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 168 for water service to Emmott Elementary School and authorize the Superintendent or designee to negotiate the final terms and execute all related documents; and
- on-campus student immunizations (influenza near the beginning of each school year and all other public school attendance required vaccines around April) in partnership with CareDox Healthy Schools Campaign.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING**

**March** is **National Nutrition Month** and was created by the **Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics**. National Nutrition Month is an educational campaign focusing on the significance of physical fitness as well as making informed food choices and consuming nourishing meals.

Approximately **9,000 students** from **18 CFISD middle schools** connected to potential careers and opportunities at **Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas' fifth annual** job awareness fair. **JA Inspire**, the three-day event at the Berry Center, allowed all eighth-grade students to interact with more than **50 Houston businesses** in a variety of industries.

More than **2,350 CFISD** elementary and middle school **HORIZONS students** donned commemorative t-shirts to participate in **Da Vinci Day** on **Feb. 24** at **Cypress Ridge High School**. The event-filled morning featured challenging and creative activities, allowing students to demonstrate skills in science, STEM, higher-order thinking and fine arts. The Houston Museum of Natural Science, Alley Theatre, Space Center Houston and Legos Play-Well of Dallas brought their equipment to the event. The Houston Zoo even brought animals to the campus for hands-on excitement.

Registration for the **5th annual Superintendent's Fun Run and Festival** is available on the CFISD website and will end on March 21. The fun-filled community event benefits the **Cy-Fair Educational Foundation**, which awards student scholarships and staff development grants.

The **district's spring break holiday is March 12-16**. All campuses and the Instructional Support Center will be closed to the public and classes will resume on **March 19**. **Club Rewind** is offering Spring Break Day-Camp for **pre-K to 8th graders** every weekday throughout spring break, with registration available on the CFISD website. If there is an emergency to report during spring break, please contact CFPD at 281-897-4337.