

Board Highlights • May 2018

RECOGNITIONS

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

- Jarrar & Company, Inc. for being the top volume buyer from the 2018 CFISD Livestock Show and Sale;
- Robert Trevino, Workforce Development Gulf States Toyota manager and representatives of Toyota dealerships for sponsoring the CFISD Toyota Express Maintenance Contest and donating one 2016 Toyota Corolla to the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD High School Automotive Program whose team placed first in each level;
- students, trainers and coaches from Cypress Falls, Cy-Fair, Cypress Lakes and Cypress Ranch high schools who achieved state honors in wrestling and students, trainers and coaches from Cy-Fair High School who achieved state honors in football;
- Cypress Lakes and Jersey Village high school students as finalists of the South by Southwest (SXSW) International Film Festival and for receiving second place for broadcast documentary from the Interscholastic League Press Conference (ILPC);
- Cy-Fair and Cypress Woods high school students for earning first and second place at the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Congressional Debate State Championship and the Texas Forensic Association (TFA) State Championship;
- Cypress Creek and Jersey Village high school students for accomplishments in journalism national and state contests;
- Cypress Woods and Cy-Fair high school students who placed first and second in the state at the 2017 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA);
- Cypress Lakes, Cypress Park, Cypress Ranch and Langham Creek high school students who placed first and second in the state at the State Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) and the National Scholastic Art and Writing awards;
- Cy-Fair, Cypress Creek, Cypress Lakes, Cypress Ranch, Cypress Ridge, Cypress Woods and Langham Creek high school theater arts students who received a first- and second-place ranking at the Texas Thespian Festival;
- the Cypress Ridge High School AFJROTC for earning the AFJROTC Cadet Humanitarian Award and Cypress Ridge High School for being awarded Distinguished Unit by HQ ADJROTC for the second year in a row;
- Cypress Lakes, Cypress Springs and Cypress Creek high school students who placed first and second in the SkillsUSA Texas 2018 State Conference for Fashion Design and Cosmetology Competition;

- Langham Creek and Jersey Village high school students for earning first and second place at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Competition;
- Cypress Ranch and Cypress Creek high school students who placed first and second in the Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) Teach Tomorrow Summit;
- Cypress Springs High School student Edwin Maxey for earning second place in the SkillsUSA State Competition (Automotive);
- Langham Creek High School student Manuel Rosales for earning first place in the SkillsUSA State Competition (Culinary);
- Arnold and Cook middle school and Bridgeland, Cypress Creek, Cypress Ranch, Cypress Woods, Jersey Village high school industrial technology students for earning first or second place in the Texas Technology Student Association (TSA) Contest;
- Cy-Fair, Cypress Creek, Cypress Falls, Cypress Ranch, Cypress Woods, Jersey Village and Langham Creek high school students who are members of the Texas Music Educators All-State Music groups; and
- the Cypress Falls High School A Cappella Choir for being named a Texas Music Educators Association Honor Choir.

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

- CFISD representatives for the **Region 4 Principal of the Year, Onica Mayers of Kirk Elementary School** and **David Hughes of Langham Creek High School**, who were recognized at a **Region 4 Principal Recognition Ceremony** in April. Mayers and Hughes were selected by their fellow CFISD principals earlier in the spring to serve as the district's representatives for the honor;
- **CFISD**, which has been **recognized nationally** for its support of **music education** and received a **2018 Best Communities for Music Education Award** from the **National Association of Music Merchants Foundation**. The award recognizes CFISD's commitment and dedication to music and the arts as innovative learning opportunities for a well-rounded education;
- **Cypress Ranch** and **Cy-Fair** high school **softball** teams for reaching the area round of the Class 6A postseason where both were eliminated May 4 in their respective best-of-three series;
- **Cy-Fair, Cypress Ranch** and **Cypress Woods** high school **baseball** teams for advancing past the area round of the Class 6A playoffs and moving on to the regional quarterfinals, which will include an all-CFISD matchup;
- the **Cypress Ranch High School** boys' and girls' **tennis** teams, which swept the **championships** for a **second consecutive year** at the **District 17-6A Tennis Tournament** in April;
- **Jersey Village High School** for sweeping the **boys' and girls' water polo regional championships** at the **Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association East Region Water Polo Tournament** held in April at the CFISD Natatorium;
- the **Anthony Middle School seventh-grade girls, Salyards Middle School seventh-grade boys** and **eighth-grade girls**, and **Spillane Middle School eighth-grade boys**

for all clinching their respective **track and field district championships** at the district meet in April at Cypress Park and Cypress Ridge high schools; and

- **CFISD athletes** who brought home **seven medals**, including **two gold medals**, at the **UIL State Track and Field Meet**, held May 11-12 in Austin.

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:

- 2018 Anthony Middle School renovations; and
- 2018 Cy-Fair High School and Annex Paving Improvement Package.

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

- 2018 Cy-Fair High School and Annex Paving Improvement Package;
- 2017 Ault and Hancock elementary school additions and renovations;
- 2017 renovations to Bang, Emmott and Hamilton elementary schools;
- 2017 renovations to Owens, Reed and Metcalf elementary schools;
- 2017 Langham Creek High School renovations;
- 2017 Cook and Truitt middle school renovations; and
- 2017 Thornton Middle School renovations.

The Board approved the use of job order contracting as the delivery method for construction proposals and contracts paid from Bond Funds to the recommended contractor and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to such contract as follows:

- 2018 Hopper Middle School gym waterproofing and water intrusion repairs.

REPORTS

- the administration provided a report on the status of the 2018-2019 budget process; and
- the administration presented an oral report on the preliminary budget for the 2018-2019 school year.

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;
 - ambulance and EMT services for athletic games and other district events;
 - building materials and general MRO (maintenance, repair, operation) supplies;
 - food production chiller replacement;

- Hopper Middle School gym floor replacement; and
- property insurance;
- nominating Board of Trustee member Bob Covey for the large district member position on the TASB Board of Directors in TASB Region 4, Position F;
- the adoption of an order authorizing the conversion of the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds Series 2015 B-1, 2015 B-2 and 2017 A-1 to a new rate period; authorizing the preparation of a remarketing memorandum; and enacting other provisions relating thereto;
- the budget amendments for the period of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018;
- advanced courses for 2018-2019;
- a resolution to establish local alternative graduation requirements for individuals who entered the ninth grade before the 2011-2012 school year and have met all applicable graduation requirements for the year they entered ninth grade, but have not performed satisfactorily on an assessment instrument or part of an assessment instrument required for graduation;
- the District instructional material recommendations for the Advanced Placement Environmental Science course;
- a resolution to suspend portions of FMH (LOCAL) for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years;
- a request for a Texas Education Agency waiver that allows the district to train staff on various strategies designed to improve student performance in lieu of student instruction for the 2018-2019 school years;
- on first reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies;
 - DEC (LOCAL) Compensation and Benefits: Leaves and Absences (Revise);
- on second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - BBB (LOCAL) Board Members: Elections (Revise);
 - FFF (LOCAL) Student Welfare: Student Safety (Add); and
- a request for an amendment to the Turn Lane Easement Agreement granted to Harris County in May 2017 for a temporary construction easement and authorize the Superintendent of designee to negotiate the final terms and execute all related documents.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING

The **Ninth Annual CFISD Student Technology Festival** was held at the Berry Center in April and drew more than **4,100 visitors**. The districtwide celebration of student technology projects featured approximately **1,000 students in grades pre-K through 12** showcasing the use of technology in the classroom.

CFISD honored its numerous **school and district volunteers and community and business partners** for their service during the 2017-2018 school year at the **annual Volunteers in Public Schools Appreciation Event on May 2** at the **Berry Center**. The ceremony and reception was underwritten by PBK.

On **May 7**, the district recognized our **2017-2018 teachers of the year and support staff of the year** at the Berry Center. This event was taped and can be viewed on the CFISD website.

The Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (CFEF) held the **30th Annual B.F. Adam Golf Classic** at BlackHorse Golf Club on **May 10** and raised approximately **\$163,000** in scholarships benefitting deserving **CFISD graduates**.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated **May 15** as **Peace Officer's Memorial Day** and the week in which that date falls as **Police Week**. The week is designated to increase the public's awareness of the role of officers and to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives so that citizens can live in safety and peace.

District facilities will be closed on **May 28** in observance of the **Memorial Day** holiday to pause and remember those who have given their lives for our freedom.

All CFISD **graduation ceremonies** will be held at the **Berry Center** on **May 30-June 2**. CFISD is very proud of the more than 8,400 graduating seniors and wish them the best as they pursue their college and career aspirations. Graduations will be broadcast live on Channel 16.

The **last day of classes for the 2017-2018 academic year** is **June 1**. **June 4** is a **professional day** for district employees. Dr. Mark Henry extended his wishes to students, teachers, administrators, support personnel and community volunteers for a well-deserved, restful and safe summer vacation.

The **CFISD nutrition services department** has announced its **2018 schedule for Seamless Summer Option (SSO) meals**. The SSO program is a great way for CFISD to provide access to meals for students during the summer months. CFISD will connect **children 18 years and younger** with healthy breakfast and lunches at no cost to the child at several campuses. For more information, visit the district website.

The **first secondary summer school session** for original credit will be **June 11-28**, and the **second session** will run **July 2-24**. For more information on secondary summer school locations and costs, please visit the CFISD website. Information on **elementary** general and special education, bilingual and ESL, make-up credit, summer camps and other summer programs can also be accessed on the district website.

Beginning **June 8-July 27**, all district facilities and campuses will be **closed on Fridays**. Employees will work 10-hour days, Monday through Thursday. Closing the buildings will accomplish a cost savings and allow for a three-day weekend over a period of eight weeks. Dr. Mark Henry stated the schedule maximizes productivity while giving staff some flexibility during the summer.