

Board Highlights • December 2015

RECOGNITIONS

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

- Kevin H. Hoffman, for his years of service as a member of the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Board of Trustees;
- Nicole Shair and Hannah Willingham of Cy-Fair High School, who won awards at the Texas Association of Journalism Educators (TAJE) Fall Fiesta; and
- Students from Cypress Ranch and Cypress Woods high schools, who won first, second or third place at the National Thespian Festival in June.

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

- the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (CFEF), for being ranked third in Division 2 in the nation's only study and ranking of K-12 education foundations. Division 2 includes foundations with \$1 million to \$1,999,999 in revenues. The CFEF was also ranked 31st in the top 50 educational foundations. Since its 1970 inception, the CFEF has awarded more than \$6 million in student scholarships and more than \$2.0 million in staff development grants;
- the Cypress Ranch and Cypress Creek football teams, competing in Division II, and Cypress Falls, competing in Division I, for winning their Region III-6A bi-district games. Cypress Creek and Cypress Ranch finished their seasons as area playoff finalists while Cypress Falls advanced to the regional semifinals, where it ended its season;
- the Cypress Falls volleyball team, for concluding its successful season in the Region III-6A quarterfinal.

BOND UPDATE

The Board adopted a resolution authorizing the use of eminent domain to condemn easements located on the district's 127.8-acre Bridgeland site.

The Board approved the CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC Blanket Utility Easement to provide electrical service for the new natatorium.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING

The fall graduation for Windfern High School will be held on Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Berry Center. The Windfern High School graduating class of December 2015 is expected to include 117 students. Dr. Henry commended these students, their parents and the Windfern staff for this great accomplishment.

All campuses and the Instructional Support Center will be closed to the public for the holidays Dec. 21-Jan.1. All support facilities will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1. Classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 5. Additionally, Monday, Jan. 18 will be a student and staff holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community members are asked to report emergencies during the holidays to the CFISD police department at 281-897-4337. Dr. Henry extended his warmest holiday wishes to students, employees and their families for a safe, restful and joyous holiday season for all.

Residents were reminded that, with the upcoming New Year's holiday, Texas law prohibits the discharge of fireworks on school district property. The CFISD police department will patrol the district's premises during the holiday season. Citizens who observe fireworks violations are requested to contact the district's police dispatcher at 281-897-4337.

AGENDA ITEMS

In other action, the Board approved:

- awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item;
- the list of students for Off-Campus Physical Education, Category I, for the 2015-2016 school year (spring); and
- tax refunds of \$500 or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD.