

## Board Highlights • June 2014

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### RECOGNITIONS

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

- the annual top volume buyer from the 2014 CFISD Livestock Show and Sale, Crane Rental Division Inc.; and
- reporters from the community named to the 2014 Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). TASB recognizes media representatives statewide for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools:
  - Kelly Ray from *Community Impact Newspaper*;
  - Adam Coleman from the *Cypress Creek Mirror*; and
  - Lindsay Peyton from the *Houston Chronicle – Cy-Fair*.

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

- Five **CFISD Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC)** units, which recently received national unit awards. **Cy-Fair, Langham Creek and Cypress Creek** earned the **Distinguished Unit Award (DUA)**. **Cypress Springs and Jersey Village** earned **Outstanding Organization Awards (OOA)**;
- **CFISD** students, two each from **Cypress Woods and Cypress Creek**, who captured state championships and second-place medals at the **University Interscholastic League (UIL) Class 5A Academics Spring Meet**;
- the **Campbell Middle School Symphonic Band**, which received unanimous first division ratings, the **Best in Class award** and the **Grand Champion Best Band award** at the Alamo Showcase of Music;
- the **CFISD New Arrival Centers (NAC)** program, which recently held its annual graduation. Since the program began nine years ago, a total of **380** students have successfully learned English to complete the program. Not only has the program grown

but the graduation rate is at **95 percent**. Currently there are **452 NAC students** enrolled in the program at four elementary, five middle and four high school sites;

- the **Cypress Ranch Key Club** won second place overall at the Texas-Oklahoma District Convention. **Cypress Ranch, Cypress Falls, Cypress Woods and Jersey Village** students also received numerous awards and scholarships;
- the **Cy-Fair** and **Langham Creek** baseball teams, who won their Region III-5A quarterfinal playoff games to advance to the semifinals where they ended their season;
- **Cy-Fair** head football coach and athletic director, **Ed Pustejovsky**, who was recently inducted into **the Greater Houston Football Coaches Association (GHFCA) Hall of Honor**. Of the **72** all-time members inducted, **10** are from **CFISD**;
- **Six** CFISD seniors, three each from **Cypress Ranch** and **Jersey Village**, who were named to the **Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) Academic All-State** first and second teams; and
- three seniors who were named finalists for the **Touchdown Club of Houston 2014 Scholar Athlete Award**, one of whom was named **Outstanding Male Scholar Athlete of the Year**. Two others were named as winners and three others were finalists in their respective sports.

#### **NEW PRINCIPALS**

**Jeff LaCoke**, the principal at Frazier Elementary School, was announced as the new principal for Ault Elementary School. LaCoke replaced Janet Bakondy, who accepted a principal position at The Kipling School in April.

**Kenneth Henry**, an assistant principal at the Alternative Learning Center – West, was announced as the new principal for Duryea Elementary School. Henry replaced Deborah Harbin, who announced her retirement in April.

**Gloria Vásquez**, a principal in Galena Park ISD, was announced as the new principal for Frazier Elementary School. Vásquez replaces Jeff LaCoke, who was named principal at Ault Elementary.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board held a public hearing on the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) for Internet Filtering and Internet Safety.

#### **SHAC REPORT**

The administration provided a written report on the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC).

#### **BOND UPDATE**

The Board approved construction proposals and contracts paid from bond funds to the

recommended contractor and authorized the superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to such contracts as follows:

- Package B-2013 Berry Center Turf – Bond Funds.

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S BRIEFING**

A total of **7,447** graduating seniors from the Class of 2014 were awarded their high school diplomas at ceremonies held at the Berry Center. The graduation exercises were also broadcast live over Comcast Channel 16 or through live streaming on the district YouTube channel.

Summer school started earlier this month, with more than 10,000 students enrolled. That number includes 5,864 elementary and 4,210 secondary. In addition, enrollment in CFISD’s ESY (Extended School Year) summer program is more than 560 students.

The **6th annual CFISD Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships (RRR) Leadership Conference** was held at the Berry Center June 11-13. Approximately 1,350 administrators participated in the conference, including leaders from 81 districts across Texas. The opening speaker, **John Quiñones**, from ABC 20/20 and the "What Would You Do" program shared his story of growing up in poverty and his road to being a successful journalist. Keynote speakers included national and international experts in education and authors such as **Dr. Samuel Betances, Rachel Simmons, Dr. Erick Cupp, Sonny Magana, and Dr. Bill Daggett**. The conference offered **99** different sessions on relationship building, working with students from poverty, best practices, instructional technology, and school safety. Additionally, on June 10th, we had **1,000** teachers from Cy-Fair as well as other districts attend the annual **RRR Teacher Conference**. The district thanked “Best Practices” sponsors CyFair Educational Foundation, Achieve3000, ADOBE, Edgenuity, ExporeLearning, iStation, QuaverMusic, McGraw Hill, Pearson Learning, Region 4, Scholastic, and the Waymire Group for their support.

The **Facilities Planning and Construction, Maintenance and Operations departments** are currently managing various projects at 30 campuses, three support facilities and overseeing completion of warranty items for 18 projects at 31 campuses. The Facilities Planning and Construction department is also overseeing the start of construction for Woodard Elementary School No. 54 which will open in August 2015 near Riata Ranch; High School No. 11 with an opening date of August 2016 located on our multi-campus site at FM 529 and Westgreen Blvd.; and the completion of David Anthony Middle School No. 18 which will open in August 2014 in Towne Lake.

In addition, these departments will be relocating a total of 14 portable buildings throughout the district.

The **Seamless Summer Option Program**, provided by the Food Service Department, will provide nutritious meals at no charge to children age 18 and younger. Meals will be served at 23 campuses scheduled throughout the summer.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

In other action, the Board approved:

- awarding bids and contracts and/or authorized purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item;
- the attached list of students for Off-Campus Physical Education, Category I, for the 2014-2015 school year;
- a request for a Texas Education Agency general waiver to opt out of participation in the Teacher Data portal of the Texas Assessment Management System for 2014-2015;
- budget amendments for the period of April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014;
- on second reading revisions to district policies:
  - BP (LOCAL) Administrative Regulations
  - CFEA (LOCAL) Payroll Procedures: Salary Deductions and Reductions;
- tax refunds or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD;
- a resolution for the commitment of the district's fund balance;
- a resolution approving the district's investment policy and investment strategy, the investment officers of the district, the independent sources of instruction relating to investment responsibilities for the investment officers of the districts and investment training hours;
- a resolution to reimburse itself for the costs associated with technology projects and purchase of buses from the proceeds of tax-exempt bond obligations to be issued at a subsequent date;
- a resolution terminating services with the current 457 plan provider and allowing the district to move its plan to the ESC Region 10 457 Cooperative and Master Plan through an interlocal agreement with the Region 10 Education Service Center;
- a list of qualified financial institutions, brokers/dealers and investment advisor that are authorized to engage in investment transactions with the district;
- nominations for the large district member position on the TASB Board of Directors in TASB Region 4, Position F;
- the 2014 Harris County Protective Services interlocal agreement with the Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPSA) to provide community youth services for students and families in the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District;
- the granting of a 0.0086-acre Water Meter Easement to Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 196 for water services to Woodard Elementary School No. 54 and authorized the Superintendent or designee to negotiate the final terms and execute all related documents;
- the granting of the Owner's Ratification of Plat for the future elementary school site at West Road and Mirabella Drive;
- on first reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
  - CFA (LOCAL) LOCAL REVENUE SOURCE BOND ISSUES (Revise)
  - DBE (LOCAL) EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS: Nepotism (Delete)
  - DC (LOCAL) EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Revise)
  - DH (LOCAL) EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT (Revise)
  - DK (LOCAL) ASSIGNMENT AND SCHEDULES (Revise)
  - EHDC (LOCAL): ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT: Credit by Examination without Prior Instructions (Revise); and

- the contract of employment for the superintendent as presented by the general counsel in closed session.

**ADDENDUM**

The Board endorsed Ann Williams, Alief ISD, for candidacy for the TASB Board of Directors for Position 4B.

The Board authorized the superintendent or designee to finalize and execute a purchase and sale agreement for the purchase of an approximate 13-acre tract of land located adjacent to Cy-Fair High School at U.S. 290 and Matzke Road and negotiated and executed any necessary closing documents and agreements required for the purchase pursuant to the terms discussed in closed session.