

Board Highlights • September 2014

RECOGNITIONS

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

- **CFISD** and all of its **80** eligible campuses, for earning a rating of ***Met Standard*** in the **TEA 2014 State Accountability Ratings**, the highest of the two ratings under the new system. The district ***Met Standards*** on all four applicable index targets used to measure performance index. In addition, more than 70 percent of CFISD schools earned a ***Distinction Designation*** in one or more designations, based on comparisons with similar campuses across the state;
- **Jersey Village High School principal Ralph Funk**, for being elected to a four-year term on the **Board of Directors of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)** during the 98th annual conference. The organization consists of 22,000 secondary school administrators for across the U.S. and provides professional improvement programs and quality publications;
- **five CFISD campuses**, who have been identified as federal **Reward Schools**, formerly Distinguished Schools, under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) by the Texas Education Agency. **Post Elementary School** and **Jersey Village High School** earned recognition in the high-performing category. **Cypress Springs** and **Jersey Village** high schools, along with **Matzke** and **Wilson** elementary schools, also earned recognition in the high-progress area;
- **214 community members**, who assisted new district bus drivers during the first three days of school through the **8th annual Bus Buddies program**. Forty-four businesses and organizations participated in the program, serving the district's elementary campuses;
- **CFISD**, for being named among Just Energy's "**8 Energy-efficient Schools Saving Money.**" CFISD was the only Texas school district highlighted in the blog post; and
- the **Cypress Falls** and **Cypress Woods** high school volleyball teams, who were among 676 teams recognized nationally with the **American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award** for the 2012-2013 season. The award recognizes

teams that displayed excellence in the classroom by maintaining at least a 3.0 cumulative team G.P.A. on a 4.0 scale.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Dillon Brady was named the new assistant superintendent for facilities and construction, replacing Samir Patel. Brady joins CFISD with more than 14 years of experience in construction and facility services for K-12 educational facilities. He obtained his Bachelor of Engineering degree from the University of Nebraska. He most recently served as general manager of construction services in Houston ISD, overseeing the construction phases of the HISD 2007 bond program as well as its \$1.8 billion 2012 construction program.

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:

- High School No. 11.

The Board adopted an order authorizing the issuance of Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2014-C; setting certain parameters for the Bonds; authorizing the Superintendent and Associate Superintendent for Business, Financial and Technology Services to approve the amount, the interest rate, price, including terms thereof and certain other procedures and provisions related thereto.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING

The district's post-Labor Day enrollment comparison was **111,864** as of Sept. 2. This figure represents a **growth of 1,427 students** when compared to last year's post-Labor Day enrollment figures of **110,437**.

The week of Sept. 29 – Oct. 3 will be designated as **College and Career Awareness Week (Generation Texas Week)**. In an effort to promote college and career readiness, CFISD campuses will focus on college and career awareness during the week and throughout the month of October. Counselors will provide teachers with age-appropriate information, discuss college majors, and use lessons and materials aimed at helping students and their parents make early plans for college and careers. CFISD's guidance and counseling department is also coordinating **College and Career Night** at the Berry Center on **Oct. 1** for our high school juniors and seniors.

All 10th- and 11th-grade students are invited to take the **PreSAT (PSAT)** on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 for a fee of \$18. High schools will administer the test, and students should register on line to test at their home campus. This testing provides practice for the SAT, an opportunity to enter the National Merit program, and information about college readiness. In addition, the **ACT ASPIRE 10** (formerly known as the PLAN test) will be offered to all 10th-grade students free of charge. **ACT ASPIRE 10** preps students for the ACT test.

Governor Perry has proclaimed Oct. 8 as **Texas Education Human Resources Day**, to honor our HR staff, who ensure our schools are staffed with high quality employees. The district

recognizes their important contribution to hiring individuals who embody CFISD principles and values.

The CFISD **Community Engagement** office is seeking adults to serve as mentors for students in all grade levels. Mentors will meet with a selected student on a campus for up to one hour per week, serving as a guide and friend, and helping with educational and personal development. This is a great way to make an impact on the life of a student. Please call the Community Engagement office at 281-894-3950 to learn how to become a mentor or visit the mentor page on www.cfisd.net under Community Involvement.

AGENDA ITEMS

In other action, the Board approved:

- bids and contracts and/or authorized purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item;
- on second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - CK (LOCAL) Safety Program/Risk Management (Revise)
 - FFH (LOCAL) Student Welfare: Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation (Revise)
 - FNCD (LOCAL) Student Conduct: Tobacco Use and Possession (Revise);
- construction proposals and contracts paid from Food Service funds to the recommended contractor and authorized the superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to such contracts as follows:
 - Food Production Center – Warehouse Addition;
- authorizing the superintendent or designee to enter into the miscellaneous professional service contracts related to the following projects:
 - Food Production Center – Warehouse Addition – Material Testing Services and Roof Inspection Services
 - High School No. 11 – HVAC Testing and Balance Services, Material Testing Services, Roof Inspection Services;
- tax refunds of \$500 or greater for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD;
- the Interlocal Agreement with Region 4 Education Service Center to participate in the Purchasing Cooperative for Background/Criminal History Check Services and authorized the superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to these services;
- the Campus Performance Objectives for the 2014-2015 Campus Improvement Plans;
- on first reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
 - AE (LOCAL) Educational Philosophy (revise)
 - DAC (LOCAL) Employment Objectives: Objective Criteria for Personnel Decisions (delete);
- 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 executed all related documents; and
- a temporary right-of-way construction easement to Harris County for planned roadwork on Barker Cypress Road adjacent to Copeland Elementary School and authorized the

superintendent or designee to negotiate the final terms and executed all related documents.