

## **Board Highlights • May 2016**

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### **RECOGNITIONS**

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

- EagleBurgmann, for its donation to Kirk Elementary School;
- Second Baptist Church, Home Depot and Lowe's for their partnership, service and commitment to CFISD through the donation of labor and supplies to enhance several school grounds;
- AXA, sponsoring vendor for the TASBO Commitment to Excellence Award, for donating \$3,000 to the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation on behalf of award recipient Frankie Jackson;
- Jarrar & Co., Inc., as the annual top volume buyer from the 2016 CFISD Livestock Show and Sale;
- CFISD students for earning state, national and international awards in film making and audio/video production;
- Samantha Berry, Cypress Creek High School journalism teacher, for receiving the Rising Star Award by the Journalism Education Association;
- Cypress Lakes High School student Julie Jeukeng for earning first place in poetry interpretation at the TFA State Championship;
- students for accomplishments in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and Quill & Scroll national contests, as well as state contests by Texas Association of Journalism Educators, Press Women of Texas and the International League Press Conference;
- theatre arts students who received a first- and second-place ranking and special recognitions at the Texas Thespian Festival or qualified for the State UIL Theatrical Design Contest;
- students from Cy-Fair, Jersey Village or Cypress Ranch high schools who placed either first or second in the state at the 2016 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA);
- students from Jersey Village High School for winning the Oklahoma Regional FIRST Robotics Championship;
- Cypress Ridge High School Cadet Anna Rivera for earning the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (TXSSAR) Enhanced Junior ROTC award at the state conference;
- students who placed Best in Show, first and second in the *SkillsUSA* contest;
- students from Cypress Springs and Cypress Woods high school HUNCH program who designed and constructed a galley table for use on the International Space Station (ISS);

- students who placed in the following state and national art and photo competitions: Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE), National Scholastic Art Awards and the Association of Texas Photography Instructors (ATPI) fall contest;
- Cy-Fair High School students for being named Gold Key and Silver Key winners for the 2016 Scholastic Art & Writing Contest;
- students who were selected and participated in Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Honor Choirs, All-State Band, Choir and Orchestra;
- students who have achieved state honors in wrestling and were selected to play in the McDonald's All-American Basketball Game; and
- students who participated in the Board Shadowing project.

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

- Roy Sprague, CFISD associate superintendent of facilities, construction and support services, for being elected treasurer of the Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS). Sprague will serve a three-year term and will be responsible for special attention to the finances and financial management of CHPS;
- CFISD Board of Trustees Vice President, Dr. John Ogletree Jr., for being among 21 educators to be recognized by the College of Education and Human Development at Texas A&M University at the 2016 Dean's Roundtable;
- students from Cy-Fair, Cypress Woods and Langham Creek high schools who competed in the Texas Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) State Conference in Galveston;
- the Cy-Fair and Cypress Falls high school indoor drum lines, for placing among the top 15 at the Winter Guard International (WGI) World Percussion Championships;
- five CFISD high school and three middle school Science Olympiad teams, which concluded successful seasons at the Texas Science Olympiad;
- six CFISD middle school productions that placed at the District One-Act Play contest;
- three CFISD Air Force Junior ROTC units that have earned the highest unit level award possible. Units at Cypress Springs, Cy-Fair and Langham Creek high schools have been recognized as *Distinguished Units with Merit* for the 2015-2016 school year;
- 14 CFISD students who qualified for the UIL Class 6A Academic State Meet at the University of Texas at Austin;
- four CFISD baseball playoff teams, Cy-Fair, Langham Creek, Cypress Ranch and Cypress Creek high schools, for winning their bi-district series to advance to the Region III-6A area playoffs;
- the Cypress Ranch High School softball team, for defeating Bellaire in a best-of-three area-round playoff series to advance to the UIL Region III-6A quarterfinal round;
- 48 CFISD swimmers, divers and water polo players who were named to the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (TISCA) Academic All-State Team;
- two Cy-Fair High School golfers who wrapped up competition at the UIL Golf State Tournament at Legacy Hills Golf Course in Georgetown, with one placing among the top 10;

- 240 student athletes from all 10 CFISD high schools who qualified for the Academic All-District 17-6A Boys' and Girls' Soccer teams;
- the Cypress Creek High School girls' water polo team, for clinching the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (TISCA) Water Polo State Championship; and
- the Smith Middle School seventh-grade girls' and boys', Spillane Middle School eighth-grade girls' and Bleyl Middle School eighth-grade girls' track and field teams for clinching their respective district championships at the Middle School District Track and Field Meet.

### **BOND UPDATE**

The Board adopted an Order Authorizing the Conversion of the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015 B-1 to a New Rate Period; Authorizing the Preparation of a Remarketing Memorandum; and Enacting Other Provisions Relating Thereto.

The Board approved construction proposals and contracts paid from Bond funds to the recommended contractors and authorized the superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to such contracts as follows:

- Track and Football Field Improvements to Jersey Village, Cypress Springs and Cypress Falls high schools.

The Board authorized the superintendent or designee to enter into the miscellaneous professional service contracts related to the following projects:

- Watkins Middle School Additions and Renovations & Lieder Elementary School Renovations;
- Track and Football Field Improvements to Jersey Village, Cypress Springs and Cypress Falls high schools.

The Board approved Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with Gilbane Building Company for the installation of synthetic turf and track at the competition football field at High School No. 12 and authorized the superintendent or designee to negotiate, execute and amend all contracts necessary to complete this additional work.

The Board approved the Certificate of Resolutions required by the Board of Trustees for the annexation of the Bridgeland Multi-campus site into the boundaries of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District Nos. 157 and 159 and Harris County Municipal Utility District 489 in order to provide utility services to the site.

### **TEA WAIVER**

The Board approved a request for a Texas Education Agency attendance waiver to allow the district to request a waiver for excused absences for instructional days missed due to inclement weather.

## **BERRY CENTER**

The administration provided a report on the Berry Center.

The Board approved the Stadium Naming Rights Agreement between Cypress-Fairbanks ISD and Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union for the Berry Center Stadium and authorized the superintendent or designee to negotiate the final terms and conditions and execute the agreement and all related purchasing and service contracts as stipulated in the Agreement to complete the obligations of the district related to the signage installation.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING**

The **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Districtwide Career Fair** was held on April 28 and drew a record number of approximately 2,800 visitors. The theme for the event was *Promising the Best for Tomorrow's Future*.

In preparing healthy food, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies and offering service with a smile, CFISD nutrition professionals have a lot on their plates. To celebrate their hard work and commitment, district schools celebrated "**School Lunch Hero Day**" on May 6.

The district recognized its **Spotlight Teachers** on May 9 at the Berry Center. The paraprofessional and ancillary Spotlight employee winners were also recognized for their contributions to the district. This event was taped and can be viewed on the CFISD website.

The district celebrated school nurses during **National School Nurses Week**. CFISD employs 88 registered nurses, as well as six licensed vocational nurses who provide direct student care and 43 clinic assistants.

The Cy-Fair Educational Foundation held the **28th Annual BF Adam Golf Classic** benefiting deserving **CFISD graduates**. The Tournament was held at Black Horse Golf Club on May 12, 2016.

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**. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

District facilities will be closed on May 30 in observance of the **Memorial Day** holiday as we pause to remember those who have given their lives for our freedom.

All CFISD **graduation ceremonies** will be held at the Berry Center, June 1-4. More than 7,200 graduating seniors will pursue their college and career aspirations. Graduations will be broadcast live on Channel 16 and the district YouTube channel.

The last day of classes for the 2015-2016 academic year is June 2. Friday, June 3 is a professional day for district employees. Dr. Henry wished students, teachers, administrators, support personnel and community volunteers a well-deserved, restful and safe summer vacation.

The first secondary **summer school session** for original credit will be June 13-30, and the second session will run July 5-25. The English and Social Studies location has been moved from Cypress-Falls to Cypress Ranch High School due to flood damage at Cypress Falls. Math and Science will be held at Cypress Springs High School. Middle School locations are Arnold and Kahla Middle Schools. Information on elementary general and special education, bilingual and ESL, make-up credit, summer camps and other summer programs can be accessed on [www.cfisd.net](http://www.cfisd.net) through the “calendar” or the “Curriculum and Instruction” tab under Departments. **Summer school graduation** is scheduled for **August 24** at 7 p.m. at the Berry Center.

All district facilities and campuses will be closed on Fridays from June 6–July 29. 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.

## **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;
- the recommended student and adult meal prices for the 2016-2017 school year;
- the Interlocal Governmental Agreement between Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 168 and Cypress-Fairbanks ISD for the funding for the installation of a walking track at Emmott Elementary School and authorized the superintendent or designee to negotiate the final terms and execute all related documents;
- the CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC blanket utility easement to provide electrical service for Watkins Middle School;
- a request for an amendment to the Water Line Easement Agreement granted to West Harris County Regional Water Authority in June 2010 to reinstate the expired temporary construction easement granted in the original easement document;
- budget amendments for the period of January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016;
- on first reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
  - DBD (LOCAL) Employment Requirements and Restrictions: Conflict of Interest (Revise);
  - DH (LOCAL) Employee Standards of Conduct (Revise);
  - DIA (LOCAL) Employee Welfare: Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (Revise);
  - EEH (LOCAL) Instructional Arrangements: Homebound Instruction (Revise); and
  - FB (LOCAL) Equal Educational Opportunity (Revise);
- on second reading additions, revisions or deletions to district policies:
  - FDB (LOCAL) Admissions: Intradistrict Transfers and Classroom Assignments (Revise);
  - FEA (LOCAL) Attendance: Compulsory Attendance (Revise); and
  - FEC (LOCAL) Attendance: Attendance for Credit (Revise);
- the advanced courses for 2016-2017;

- a resolution to suspend portions of FMH (LOCAL) for the 2015-2016 school year;
- authorizing the district to notify Texas Education Agency of its intent to dispose of out-of-adoption instructional materials;
- the superintendent's contract recommendations for school year 2016-2017 of administrators, non-teaching professionals, paraeducators and teachers to issue probationary, term and annual contracts;
- the superintendent's recommendation to give notice to Nikitra Hamilton that it is proposed her employment with the district under a probationary contract be terminated at the end of the school year; and
- the superintendent's recommendation to give notice to Beatriz Chapa that it is proposed her employment with the district under a term contract be non-renewed.