

A Summary Report of the May 9, 2017 CFSD Governing Board Meeting



Executive Session

The governing board held an executive session for the performance evaluation of Superintendent Mary Kamerzell.



Outstanding Achievements!

Dr. Kamerzell shared the following student and staff achievements.

CFSD Poetry Contest Winners

The winners of the CFSD annual poetry contest include (winning poem noted first, followed by the honorable mention): Kindergarten - Jacob Colman, "The Dinosaurs"; Ainsley Johnson, "Jacob"; First Grade - Brayden Stoneking, "Escape Artist"; Sylvain Chen, "Fall Is Cool"; Second Grade - Jax Larcom, "Color Blue"; Aidan Kerwin, "Flying Butter"; Third Grade - Emma Chamness, "Azul"; Ian Cannon, "Down the Street Blues"; Fourth Grade - Sabina Coan, "When the Mountains Turn Gold in the Morning"; Jana Holt, "Sleep"; Fifth Grade - Scarlett Bolton, "White"; Cody Calles, "My Inside - My Outside"; Sixth Grade - Renz Lurino, "10,000 Feet Up"; Piper Garrett, "We Survived Highway 191"; Seventh Grade - Yulia Savine, "She"; Ella Parsons, "Bubbles"; Eighth Grade - Kiri Kenman, "Color"; Max Rubin-Toles, "On a Median"; Ninth Grade - Gracie Hufford, "Conversation Poem"; Saki Kazui, "Letter"; Tenth Grade - Cipora Cohon, "Mourning the Bourgeois Overtake of Poetry"; Emma Burkhart, "A Canary's Cage"; Eleventh Grade - Stephen Roper, "Sleepwalking"; Ian Johnson, "Light, the Promise"; Twelfth Grade - Chloe Wicklund, "And: The Aftermath"; Joey Ghotmi, "Chain of Life."

CFSD Financial Reporting

The Association of School Business Officials International has awarded CFSD its Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for having met or exceeded the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability. The district was recognized for its Comprehensive Annual Financial

Report for the fiscal year ending 2016. Kudos to the entire business office staff for their quality work!

Community Schools

Ashley Glaser, Manzanita CARE program manager, was named Community Education "Program Leader of the Year" for Arizona. Out of 14 nominees from various school districts around the state, she was selected to receive this award through a blind selection process.

Catalina Foothills High School

The CFHS Chess Team won the Arizona USCF (United States Chess Federation) Championship. Emma Wing was named the 2017 US Chess National Girls Tournament of Champion representative for Arizona.

CFHS students who placed at the Special Olympics Track and Field Competition held on April 8 include: Shan Donau, 110M, 2nd place, Jake Imbody, 400M, 2nd place, Maggie Johnson, 200M, 3rd place, and Niko Tax, 100M, 2nd place.

CFHS students collected over 600 pairs of shoes for #Kicks4Kids, and the softball team donated an additional \$1,000. #Kicks4Kids started as a project to provide tennis shoes to students at Rio Vista Elementary several years ago and has grown to help six school districts with over 4,200 pairs distributed to low income students.

Freshman Liam Boyd was declared 20th in the world in the U16, age category under 16, at the World Dancing Championships in Dublin, Ireland.

Freshman Ryan Chen was selected as one of only 5 musicians statewide to perform at the AMEA Arizona All-State Solo/Ensemble Festival of Performance on April 7. After receiving a perfect Superior rating, Ryan was then selected as a guitar soloist and the only freshman to perform in front of all-state musicians in Gammage Auditorium.

Bryn Callie was awarded the Tucson Chapter of National Charity League's Yellow Rose Award for over 75 hours of volunteer work in one year. Bryn and her mother also won the Mother-Daughter Award for over 138 hours of volunteer hours combined.

Jeremy Wang placed 1st in Animal Sciences with his teammates at the Arizona Science & Engineering Fair (AzSEF). They also earned one of the 15 coveted

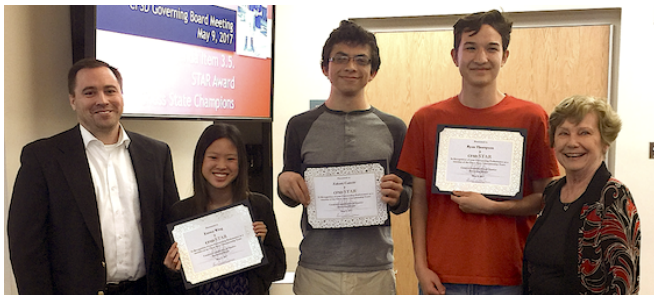
spots on the 2017 AzSEF Intel International Science & Engineering team.

Senior Meena Venkataramanan was named one of 25 national finalists in the National Honor Society Scholarship program. She was chosen from more than 9,000 applicants and will receive a \$4,500 scholarship.

Daniel Weiland was named a Corporate-sponsored National Merit Scholarship winner. His is a National Merit Raytheon Scholarship.

Manzanita Elementary School

The Manzanita Math Team of Tom Benson, Griffin Helfand, Keona Kuo, Simon Rubin-Toles, and Johnny Yu competed on Saturday, May 6 in the Mathleague.org State Competition, in Division 5. Johnny Yu was the Grand Champion amongst 4th graders --- #1 in the state. He will represent Manzanita at the national competition, at Texas A&M this summer. Simon Rubin-Toles scored 8th place for 5th grade.



CFSD Star Award

The governing board recognized the Catalina Foothills High School Chess State Champions. Carole Siegler, board member, honored Zakary Cancio, Ryan Thompson, Jacob Waitt, Emma Wing and Coach Robby Adamson with a certificate.

Review of Policy KF Community Use of School Facilities (Annual Review of fee schedule) (first reading)

Director of Community Schools Travis Kolter presented the first reading of proposed revisions to the fee schedule for Policy KF, *Community Use of School Facilities*. Arizona state statute requires school district governing boards to annually review and approve the fee schedule. He recommended that facility rental rates increase by 5.22% for the 2017-2018 school year, along with added language that will also allow the district to recover any additional utility charges that might be initiated by utility providers during the coming school year. Mr. Kolter also reviewed the information received from the school district's insurance provider regarding the required \$1 million dollar liability and \$1 million dollar property damage insurance certificate, which is required of all facility renters. The board will

review the policy and schedule for a second reading at the next regular governing board meeting on May 25.

Consideration of Revisions to Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) Performance Award Plan (first reading)

Assistant Superintendent Denise Bartlett presented the first reading of the 2017-2018 Performance Award Plan. The district administration is recommending some major changes for the 2017-2018 school year.

The first change relates to teacher participation on data teams. It is recommended that the data team participation as a requirement for receiving the performance award be eliminated. Instead data teams would be voluntary and part of the Professional Pathways program. Dr. Bartlett reported that in order to meet the professional learning component of ARS 15-977, Classroom Site Fund, teachers will participate in professional learning related to the current School Improvement Plan's goals, strategies and action steps.

The second change is in the calculation of the schools' performance award. Due to the uncertainty of the impact of the first year of Arizona's new A-F Accountability System, it was decided to use Achievement Level Descriptors from AzMERIT, the state test, for English Language Arts and Math, and the AIMS Science scores for grades 4, 8 and 9 to determine each school's award. For each content area of AzMERIT the overall school's scaled score for each grade level will be used to determine what achievement level is obtained for the grade. Achievement levels are then assigned a rubric score. The science achievement will be determined using an average of 5 years of achievement with a calculated expected mean with a standard deviation.

Finally, the award amount at the end of the plan has been revised based on the State's notice to the district on the funding of Proposition 301 for the 2017-2018 school year the funding will increase to \$386 per student.

This item will return for a second reading at the next regular governing board meeting on May 25.

Consideration of Revisions to Policy JICK, Regulation JICK-R, and Exhibit JICK-EB, Student Violence / Harassment / Intimidation / Bullying (first reading)

Dr. Bartlett presented the proposed changes to the policy, regulation, and exhibit to provide clarity to administrators, teachers, students and parents regarding what constitutes bullying, harassment, and intimidation as well as the procedures for reporting and investigating allegations. Board members provided direction on changes and minor corrections to the

policy and regulation format. The board will review the revisions for a second reading on May 25.

Historical Look at Discipline Data

Dr. Bartlett presented information on the student discipline report that spans three school years; 2013 through 2015. Data from the 2016-2017 school year was not included because the year has not yet ended. Dr. Bartlett reviewed detailed charts and pie graphs for all 7 district sites illustrating information regarding short-term suspensions, other violations of school policies and rules, and other disciplinary actions. The percentage of students who received out of school suspensions over the past three years ranged between 1.8% and 2.6%. Actions taken by administrators have deterred students from continuing the behavior for which they were disciplined. Administrators use a wide variety of other disciplinary actions beyond suspension to ensure that students are not only held accountable for their behavior, but they also learn from their mistakes. Dr. Bartlett reported that CFSD has a philosophy that discipline is about learning. Learning comes at all levels within the system.

Fiscal Year 2018 Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Budget

Dr. Kamerzell gave an update on the FY18 straw budget. There were no proposed changes since the governing board reviewed it on April 25.

2017 Arizona Legislative / Governing Activity

Board members shared information a proposed amendment to Senate Bill 1156, the uncertainty of Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs), and a lawsuit regarding School Facility Board funding.

Consent Agenda Items

The governing board approved the following consent agenda items.

- April 25, 2017, regular governing board meeting minutes
- Expense voucher memorandum
- Field trip request memorandum
- Personnel memorandum
- Gift and Donations memorandum
- Authorization for use of signature stamps for 2017-2018 memorandum
- Authorized check signers for district bank accounts for 2017-2018 memorandum
- Delegate authority for issuance of duplicate warrants for 2017-2018 memorandum
- Authorization for district representatives for RFP procurement for fiscal year 2017-2018 memorandum
- Student activities treasurer and assistant student activities treasurers for fiscal year 2017-2018 memorandum

- Authorization for district representative for emergency procurement and bid protests for fiscal year 2017-2018 memorandum
- Administrative contracts for 2017-2018 memorandum
- Fund raising request memorandum
- Phase I Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Orange Grove Middle school renovations project memorandum

Upcoming Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled governing board meeting is **Thursday, May 25, 2017, 6:30 p.m., at the Professional Learning Center at Valley View Early Learning Center.**

The tentative agenda is:

- Executive Session: Re: Superintendent's Performance Evaluation
- Approval of Revisions to CFSD Performance Award Plan (second reading)
- Approval of Policy KF *Community Use of School Facilities* (second reading)
- Approval of Revisions to Policy JICK, Regulation JICK-R, and Exhibit JICK-EB, *Student Violence / Harassment / Intimidation / Bullying* (second reading)
- Consideration of K-12 *Visual and Performing Arts Standards* (first reading)
- Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Policy IKF *Graduation Requirements* (first reading)
- FY2018 Maintenance and Operations Budget
- Consideration of Revisions to Teacher Assessment Program (TAP) (first reading)



Please welcome new CFSD staff members:

Jennifer Miller, Assistant Principal, CFHS
Roby Althaus, 3rd Grade Teacher, MZ
Clara Felix, Preschool Spanish Immersion Teacher, VVELC
Maria-Kathrine Pappas, Preschool Teacher, VVELC
Christina Salinas, Library Clerk, CFHS
Emily Yantis, English Teacher, CFHS