

A Summary Report of the October 19, 2021 CFSD Governing Board Meeting



Outstanding Achievements!

Superintendent Mary Kamerzell shared the following student and board achievements.

National Merit Scholarship Program

Eight of our seniors have been identified as semifinalists in this year's National Merit Scholarship Program. Semifinalists are the highest-scoring PSAT program entrants in each state and represent the top 0.5 percent of each state's senior students.

Comparatively, the CFHS Class of 2022 boasts 2.8% of Arizona's 283 National Merit Scholars. Semifinalists may go on to apply for Finalist status and potentially win a National Merit Scholarship.

Our CFHS semifinalists: Nathaniel Cross, Hassan Dahshan, Aditi Ghosh, Rohini Ghosh, Alexey Pivniouk, Noah Wellman, Samuel Xie, and Alexandra Zega.

CFHS has set a new record with 18 students recognized as Commended Scholars who are in the top 3-4% of scorers on the PSAT.

Our Commended Scholars: Jean Paul Aoun, Sandeep Bandlamuri, Megan Bime, Madeline Blakely, Madison Bonomolo, Maria Cazzata, Bhargav Ghosh, Emily Gruber, Payton Hall, Dylan Hellbusch, Jake Jump, Jonathan Martinez, Ava Pritz, Deniz Psaltis, Theodore Quilter, Nathan Tankesly, Grant Thompson, and Diya Tuli.

Falcon Marching Band

The CFHS marching band received 1st place at the Sabino High School Marching Band Invitational on Saturday, October 2. The band had the overall highest score of the day and received caption awards in the areas of Visual Performance, Music performance, Percussion, and General Effect.

This year's show, *The Steadfast Tin Soldier*, is the band's first full marching performance and festival in two years.

And, on October 9, the marching band won first place at NAU Band Day.

Governing Board Development

Board Member Eileen Jackson was recognized at the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Pima County meeting with ASBA's Copper Award. She achieved 150 hours of professional development in boardsmanship.

Approval of Revisions to Policy DIE.

Audits/Financial Monitoring (second reading)

Dr. Kamerzell presented the second reading of the proposed revisions to the district's current policy due to a change in House Bill 2018 that added language to statute A.R.S. 15-914. The new language requires board members to publicly accept audit and compliance questionnaires by a vote of the board. This language has been added to the policy. She also stated that in past practice, the board would receive audit and financial records as an informational item on a board meeting agenda. For future board meetings, these presentations will be submitted under the new business part of the agenda and will need board action with a roll call vote. The board approved the policy, as presented.

Approval of Revisions to Policy JLF, Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection (second reading)

Dr. Kamerzell presented the second reading of the proposed revisions to the district's current policy. She reported that Arizona law now required that all schools post a sign in an area that is clearly visible to students with information about calling a hotline for suspected abuse and neglect of children, instructions to call 911, and the website of the Department of Child Safety for reporting. The board approved the policy, as presented.

Superintendent's Proposed Performance Goals for 2021-2022

Dr. Kamerzell presented the first reading of her proposed performance goals for the 2021-2022 contract year. These goals are in addition to responsibilities identified in her job description, noted in Policy CBA *Qualifications and Duties of Superintendent*. The goals are from the district strategic plan, the board's feedback during performance evaluation conferences, and any Arizona legislative/statutory changes that affect the

operation of PreK-12 public education. The goals are related to the following areas:

1. CFSD Strategic Plan
2. Human Resources
3. Curriculum and Assessment
4. Community Relations
5. Business Services

The superintendent's goals will be brought back to the board at its next meeting on October 26 for a second reading.

Annual Bond and Capital Override Report

Dr. Kamerzell presented the annual bond and capital override report that included an update on the progress of capital improvements financed through bonds and capital override funds. She reported that the district sold the first bond issuance in April 2016 for \$7,500,000, the second issuance in May 2018 for \$9,185,000, and in April 2020 the third and final issuance for \$5,315,000. These issuances were part of the CFSD voters' approval of \$22 million of bond funds in a November 2015 election. The remainder of the bond dollars will be expended this fiscal year 2022.

Associate Superintendent Mary Jo Conery also presented information about the 2015 capital override approved by voters in the amount of \$2 million annually to pay for technology equipment and software, technology infrastructure, and curriculum and library resources.

The board expressed its gratitude to the community for its commitment to support facility, technology, and curriculum resources that in turn provide quality educational experiences for CFSD students.

Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Pima County Meeting, September 23, 2021 Report

Vice President Carole Siegler and Board Member Amy Bhola reviewed information from the virtual ASBA Pima County meeting held on September 23, 2021. The main topic of discussion was how to measure success. A county board election was also held. Board Member Eileen Jackson was recognized by the ASBA at this Pima County meeting with ASBA's Copper Award. She achieved 150 hours of professional development in boardsmanship.

2021 Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity

Board Members discussed information about the Arizona Supreme Court agreeing to hear an appeal of a lower court ruling that found a new law banning schools from requiring masks unconstitutional. The hearing is scheduled to consider the case blocking the school mask ban the first week of November.

Consent Agenda Items

The governing board approved the following consent agenda items.

- September 20, 2021, executive session governing board meeting minutes
- September 28, 2021, regular governing board meeting minutes
- October 7, 2021, special governing board meeting minutes
- Expense voucher memorandum
- Field trip request memorandum
- Fundraising request memorandum
- Personnel memorandum
- Gift and Donations memorandum

Upcoming Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled governing board meeting is **Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 6:30 p.m., at the Professional Learning Center at Valley View Early Learning Center.**

- 2021-2022 Comparative Enrollment Report
- Approval of Superintendent's Proposed Performance Goals for 2021-2022 (second reading)
- Consideration of Revisions to Policy and Regulation IHAMB, IHAMB-R *Family Life Education* (first reading)
- Consideration of Revisions to Policy KB *Parental Involvement in Education* (first reading)
- Consideration of Revisions to Policies JFAA, JFAB, Exhibit's JFAA-EA, JFAB-EA, JFAA-EB, JFAB-EB *Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students* (first reading)
- Consideration of Revisions to Policy GCF, *Professional Staff Hiring*, and Policy GDF, *Support Staff Hiring* (first reading)
- Approval of the Revised FY 2021 Annual Financial Report



Please welcome new CFSD staff members:

Breyer Hill, EA Classroom, AD