

The Boarder

A Summary Report of the October 8, 2019 CFSD Governing Board Meeting



CFSD Star Award

The governing board honored the Star Award recipients. Board Member Doug Hadley presented students with individual certificates and star pins in recognition of their outstanding performance as 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists – Danielle Croft, Nikolas Gruber, Alexander Guha, Haseeb Irfan, Mira Raju, Unai Urreiztieta, Jeremy Wang.



Outstanding Achievements!

Superintendent Mary Kamerzell shared the following student and staff achievements.

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Six Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS) seniors and one early graduate have been named 2020 National Merit Semifinalists: Danielle Croft, Nicolas Gruber, Alexander Guha, Haseeb Irfan, Mira Raju, Unai Urreiztieta, and Jeremy Wang. They are among approximately 16,000 Semifinalists and have an opportunity to continue in the competition for about 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million. About 90% of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

Music

Elliott Baruch and Bennett Silvyn, CFHS seniors, traveled to seven countries (England, France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy, Germany) between June 21 and July 6 as members of the Arizona Ambassadors of Music. They were recommended by their CFHS choir director, William Mattison, to take part in the experience. Elliott, a tenor, and Bennett, a bass, joined the choir of about 100 who traveled with about 200 band members - a total of seven busloads, including approximately 50 Tucsonans.

The CFHS Marching Band came in 1st place in the Sabino Marching Band Invitational on Saturday, September 28.

Olivia Mahadevan, Caroline Pyle, Charlotte Raines and Grace Shoemaker, all CFHS freshmen, successfully auditioned for the Cantaremos All-state choir that will perform in Phoenix in November.

Athletics

The CFHS girls golf team placed third at the Higley Invitational on September 26. Maya Benita tied for first place with a four under par.

CFHS Diver Summer Westmoreland won the championship of the High School Classic on October 5 at The University of Arizona Hillenbrand Aquatic Center. She was also named the Eclectic Cafe Athlete of the Week.

Tucson Values Teachers' (TVT) Teacher Excellence Award

Manzanita 5th grade teacher, Julie Michel, was recognized by TVT with its Teacher Excellence Award. Parent Carrie DeMont nominated Julie with the following tribute: "Last year was a life changing year for my daughter and it was because of her teacher, Mrs. Michel! The previous year at another school, my daughter cried every day and did not want to go to school. We moved schools to see if our daughter's confidence and view of school would change. I will forever be grateful for Mrs. Michel! Her kindness, humor, love of children, fun way of teaching to make learning fun and interesting along with the way she communicates with children is off the charts! She brought back the spark and love of learning in my child!! My daughter could not wait to go to school EVERY DAY!"

Mrs. Michel is truly one of a kind and teachers like her...who change lives in a real and meaningful way... need to be honored and cherished!"

Theater Program

Norm Testa, CFHS theater teacher, was featured as the September Arts Hero by OnMEDIA. OnMEDIA prints programs for all of the major theater companies and arts programs throughout the state. Norm had a 2-page spread with photo that appeared in over 40,000 programs. Here is one of the excerpts from the article about Norm: "As a technical theater teacher for 22 years, Testa says he has taught more than 5,000 students to do the things necessary for successful performances, including lighting, sound and imagery. He estimates a quarter of his former students currently are using technical theater skills in their careers."

Consideration of Revisions to Policy GCO Evaluation of Professional Staff Members (first reading)

Assistant Superintendent Denise Bartlett reported that at the June 25, 2019 meeting the board approved revisions due to Senate Bill 1071 which revised A.R.S. 15-189.06 relating to the teacher performance evaluation. Since the June 25th meeting, there were other revisions needed to the policy and regulation. Under section Definition of Terms, there were minor wording changes for clarity. The section on Evaluation of Classroom Teachers and Other Certificated Non-administrative Staff Members, language was added that included waiving the requirements for a second classroom observation, a description of performance improvement plans and the dismissal or non-renewal procedures. The section on Evaluation of Principals, other Administrators and Psychologists, language was added about using the Principal Evaluation Program (PEP); a design to improve principal performance, including the use of quantitative data and four (4) performance classifications. Dr. Bartlett also reviewed the two changes made to the regulation. A statement under Preliminary Notice of Inadequacy of Classroom Performance specified what an improvement plan should include and added language from the state statute about the need for the district to issue a preliminary notice of inadequate performance. The board will review the policy and regulation for a second reading at its next meeting on October 22, 2019.

Consideration of Revisions to Policy JLF Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection (first reading)

Dr. Bartlett reviewed the necessary changes to the policy based on House Bill 2008 which revised A.R.S. 13-3620 about the duty to report child abuse by a supervisor. Specific language was added to provide clarification about an employee's responsibility to file a mandatory report. The board will review the policy for a second reading at its next meeting on October 22, 2019.

Approval of FY 19 Annual Financial Report

Director of Finance Lisa Taetle presented a summary of the annual school district financial report, including the following areas:

- Maintenance and Operations
- Classroom Site Fund
- Unrestricted Capital Outlay
- Bond Building Fund
- Federal and State Projects
- Other Funds
- School-Level Reporting

The board approved the 2019 Annual Financial Report, as presented.

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. There was a second issuance in May 2018 for \$9,185,000. Dr. Kamerzell informed the board that she anticipated a third issuance in March 2020 for \$5,315,000. These funds will enable the district to move forward with renovations to Esperero Canyon, Ventana Vista, and Canyon View. These issuances were part of the CFSD voters' approval of \$22 million in November 2015. Her report also included information about the bond projects completed to-date and in progress.

Dr. Kamerzell also presented information about the 2015 capital override expenditures 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.

2019 Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity

Board members discussed Governor Doug Ducey's reaction to the U.S. District Court judge who recently ruled that the state acted illegally by using additional dollars from the Arizona State Land Trust to fund public schools.

Consent Agenda Items

The governing board approved the following consent agenda items.

- September 24, 2019, regular governing board meeting minutes
- Expense voucher memorandum
- Field trip request memorandum
- Fundraising request memorandum
- Personnel memorandum
- Gift and Donations memorandum

- 2nd quarter tax credit eligible fees memorandum
- Award of IFB 20-07-20. Esperero Canyon Middle School batting cages memorandum
- Approval of CM at risk for the Esperero Canyon Middle School restoration and field improvements project – RFQ #20-06-22 memorandum

Upcoming Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled governing board meeting is **Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 6:30 p.m., at the Professional Learning Center at Valley View Early Learning Center.**

- CFSD Deep Learning Showcase – Tucked in Tuesdays at Manzanita Elementary School
- 2019-2020 Comparative Enrollment Report
- Arizona School Boards (ASBA) Pima County Meeting Report
- Approval of Revisions to Policy GCO *Evaluation of Professional Staff Members* (second reading)
- Approval of Revisions to Policy JLF *Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection* (second reading)
- Consideration of Revisions to Policy KDB, and Regulation KDB-R *Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information* (first reading)
- Consideration of Revisions to Policy BEDH *Public Participation at Board Meetings* (first reading)
- Consideration of Revisions to Policy JLCD *Medicines/Administering Medicines to Students* (first reading)



Please welcome new CFSD staff members:

Christine Blauert, Computer Tech I, OGMS
 Christina Lopez, EA Classroom, VV