

The Boarder

A Summary Report of the February 14, 2023 CFSD Governing Board Meeting



Outstanding Achievements!

Superintendent Mary Kamerzell shared the following student and staff achievements.

National Board Certification

Congratulations to Erin McCullough, 3rd grade Canyon View teacher, for earning her National Board Certification, and to Tiffany Wiley (MZ 1st-2nd multiage) and Beth Jurgensen (CFSD learning support specialist) for renewing their certification.

The certification program is sponsored by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The program is considered one of the most impactful professional development experiences to advance teaching practice.

Music Education

Congratulations to CFHS Assistant Director of Bands Ramon Sepulveda who was recognized with the O.M. Hartsell Award for excellence in music education, sponsored by the Arizona Music Educators Association. The award is given to a music teacher who demonstrates exceptional ability and exhibits dedication to a comprehensive music education program.

Governor's Art Contest

Congratulations to two CFSD students, Ava Erlacher (CV 2nd grade) and Cayden Kitz (OG 6th grade), who were named runners-up in Governor Hobbs' "An Arizona for Everyone" inaugural art contest. Both students received congratulatory calls from the Governor and had their work displayed at her inaugural gala.

Flinn Scholarship Semifinalist

Congratulations to CFHS senior Jack Boylan who was named one of the 82 Flinn Scholarship Semifinalists selected from 1,045 Arizona student applications.

Chess

Congratulations to Esperero students, Vincent (7th) and Julian (8th) Merheb who took 2nd place at the Arizona State Championship Blitz Chess Tournament.

Congratulations to three Sunrise Drive 1st grade chess team members, Owen Chu, Adam Elitzer, and Eleanor Smith, who won 1st place in the state chess tournament on January 21.

Spelling Championship

Congratulations to Samantha Emslie (CV 5th) who is CFSD's spelling champion for 2023. She will move onto the Pima County Spelling Bee on February 18.

Cross Country Player of the Year

Congratulations to CFHS senior Brandon Martz who was named the 2022-2023 Arizona Boys Cross Country Player of the Year by Gatorade. Brandon was recognized for his athletic excellence, academic achievement, and exemplary character. Brandon has signed a National Letter of Intent to run on scholarship at Rice University this fall.

Robotics

Congratulations to the CFHS Pioneer Robotics who was named the recipient of the INSPIRE award (overall winner) at the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Diamondback Qualifier. Winning this award qualifies the team for the FTC State Championship on February 25. Team members are Elyse Ardolino, David Berk, Henry Bonomolo, Eugenio Cambuston, Braden Cantor-Goldner, Owen Cantor-Goldner, Zakary Gruber, Presley Landis, Ethan Lin, Kyle Lo, Dale Nelson, Christian Pierson, Camila Ritz, Seth Rojas, and Spencer Schiller. Alternates are Sara Nielsen, Thomas Scott, and Cole Warnock. Their coaches are Charlotte Ackerman and Mark Hays. Foothills grad Jackson Tint ('19) serves at the team's mentor.

The Grocery Gurus won the Engineering Excellence Award and 3rd place for Robot Performance at the FIRST Lego League state championship held on January 14. Team members are Madison Chiem, Audrey Dessent, Braeden Gracy, Warren Moore, Sarah Orr, Ben Wild, and Nathan Wu.

The Rechargeables won 2nd place in Robot Design. Team members are Esteban Aguirre, Sophia Barrios, Ali Lucas, Matthew Meislin, Lily Ruiz, Jolie Wung, and Aiden Zhou.

Four CFSD alumni served as judges at the state tournament: Sean Bergan ('19), Any Liaupsin ('19), Michal Gross ('19), and Josh Tint ('21).

All-State Jazz

Congratulations to CFHS student musicians Ethan Blakely and Logan Thomasson who performed in the Arizona All-State Jazz on February 2nd. The performance was at the Mesa Arts Center under the direction of well-known Lincoln Center jazz trumpeter Tatum Greenblatt.

Colorguard

Congratulations to CFHS Colorguard who took 1st place at the Mountain View Winterguard Invitation on February 11. Members are Taryn Austin, Payton Bergin, Mariah Bime, Tatum Bruwer, Alexander Cramton, Cali Glenn-Grambo, Ayla Huerta, Klara Jonsson, Sarah Lindner, Nicholas Luckey, Sophia Mallino, Matina Marias, Ellie Moffet, Calista Morrison, McKenna Pastorious, Jordan Pierson, Autiana Rumel, Annalise Runyon, Ava Servidio, Inara Smith, Daniel Sutherland, Lhiannon Ward, Sage Wexler, Basil Wood, Maria Zavros-Finnegan, and Addison Zugerma. Their coaches are Andrea Villareal and Thomas Gerald.

Deep Learning Showcase – CFHS Falcon Marching Band “Path to the Rose Parade” Video

The governing board premiered a deep learning showcase video featuring Catalina Foothills Falcon Marching Band, “Pathway to the Rose Parade.” Director of Bands Renee Shane-Boyd explained how much preparation and commitment it took to prepare for the Rose Parade, which was one of their most notable performances. Arizona was well-represented with former Congressman Gabby Giffords as the parade’s grand marshal.

Note: The video will be available soon on the CFSD website’s home page.



CFSD Star Awards

Vice President Amy Krauss recognized the students for their outstanding leadership as drum majors for the Catalina Foothills High School Marching Band. The involvement of our marching band in the Rose Parade

activities in Pasadena, CA, was a thrilling educational experience for students and exciting for our entire community.

Ms. Krauss presented the students and directors with certificates and Star pins in recognition of their outstanding performance.

Band Drum Majors:

Braden Cantor-Goldner Antonio Padilla
Dylan Lisanti Daniel Sutherland

Band Directors:

Renee Shane-Boyd, Director of Bands
Ramon Sepulveda, Assistant Director of Bands
Tina Walton, Director of Percussion



Super Volunteer Recognition

The governing board recognized band boosters who supported the marching band as super volunteers. Ms. Krauss acknowledged them for their dedication and presented them with key chains and certificates for their outstanding service.

Band Boosters:

Heather Blakely Christy Levingston
Jessica Brandt Chris Lopez
Tami Chaffee Nancy McGuckin
Rachel Cramton Kristen Pawloski
Jacquelyn Davoli Cheryl Phillips
Jeri Fields Eva Reyerson
Becky Johnson Betsy Swanson
Holly Leonard Ana Perez Tolosa

Approval of Revisions to Policy and Regulation JL, JL-R Student Wellness (second reading)

Dr. Kamerzell reviewed the revisions to the policy and regulation. She shared that the district wellness committee requested a change to the wording in the regulation to reflect that schools will make reasonable accommodations for students with special dietary needs.

Dr. Kamerzell explained that our food service provider works directly with the parents of these students and at times with their medical provider but cannot guarantee accommodation due to the availability of food items. She shared that we cannot always accommodate everyone's needs due to the increasing number of allergies. There were no additional changes to the policy and regulation since the first reading.

The board approved the policy, as presented.

Approval of Revisions to Policy and Regulation KDB, KDB-R, Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information (second reading)

Dr. Kamerzell reviewed the revisions to the policy and regulation based on House Bill 2578, which requires any entity subject to a public records request to provide the name, email address, and telephone number of the point of contact for the request. The point of contact must also be noted on the website. The law requires that we acknowledge receipt of the request in five business days. The regulation was updated to include contact information for the superintendent's office. There were no changes to the policy and regulation since the first reading.

The board approved the policy, as presented.

Approval of Revisions to Policy and Exhibit JICFA, JICFA-EB Hazing (third reading)

Assistant Superintendent Chad Knippen reviewed the revisions based on House Bill 2322, which criminalizes hazing.

Dr. Knippen shared that the previous definition of hazing had been removed and now included language from the statute. He went over the changes that were made to the policy. It now defines a student. Language that does not relate to K-12 education was removed. He shared that any-confusing/contradictory language had been removed from the policy. The board requested that the language about criminal penalties be moved to the end of the policy.

Dr. Knippen explained that the policy will be posted on the district website and in the student rights and responsibilities section of student handbooks.

The board approved the policy, as amended.

Consideration of Revisions to Policy and Regulation JLCB, JLCB-R, Immunization of Students (first reading)

Dr. Kamerzell reviewed the revisions based on House Bill 2086, which states that immunization for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 is not required for school attendance. House Bill 2371 states that a governmental entity may not require a person under the age of 18 to receive the COVID-19 vaccine or another variant without parental/guardian consent.

After discussion, the governing board members asked that the section in the regulation requiring parent/guardian consent be reworked or removed.

The policy will return for a second reading on February 28.

Consideration of Revisions to Policy GCBDB Professional Staff Fringe Benefits (first reading)

Dr. Knippen reviewed the proposed change to the policy. This policy refers to professional staff fringe benefits. It states employees, who were working twenty to twenty-nine hours per week prior to July 1, 2014, were to continue receiving medical benefits. CFSD no longer has any employees grandfathered under this policy so the reference will be removed.

The policy will return for a second reading on February 28.

Consideration of Revisions to Policy GDBD Support Staff Fringe Benefits (first reading)

This policy has the same reference but for support staff fringe benefits. CFSD no longer has any employees grandfathered under this policy so the reference will be removed.

The policy will return for a second reading on February 28.

2023 Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity

There was a short discussion about the legislative vote that removed the cap on school district spending (Aggregate Expenditure Limit). The vote gives Arizona districts access to \$1.4 billion that the legislature budgeted in 2022 for the current school year. Governor Hobbs spoke about the need for a permanent solution which requires a revision to the state constitution.

The governing board approved the following consent agenda items.

- January 24, 2023, regular governing board meeting minutes
- January 24, 2023, executive session governing board meeting minutes. (Confidential)
- Expense vouchers
- Field trip requests
- Fundraising requests.
- Personnel memorandum
- Gifts and Donations
- Resolution of Office of Administrative Hearings Case No. 2022-ESS-0001-ADE
- Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Department of Economic Security and the Catalina Foothills Unified School District #16 for the Transition from School to Work Program
- Update to the Cooperative Purchase List for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

- School Facilities Oversight Board's Building
Renewal Grant Award for Replacement of Orange
Grove Middle School's Water Heater

Upcoming Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled governing board meeting is ***Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 6:30 p.m., at the Carole Siegler Boardroom at Valley View Early Learning Center.***

- Approval of Revisions to Policy and Regulation
JLCB, JLCB-R, Immunization of Students (second
reading)
- Consideration of Revisions to Policy IHAMB and
Addition of Exhibit IHAMB-EB Family Life Education
(first reading)
- Pima County Board / Superintendent Collaborative
Meeting Report
- CFSD Assessment Program and Arizona's A-F
Accountability System



Please welcome our new CFSD staff member:

Alexander Collins, Computer Technician I, CV
Robert Craig, EA Classroom, SD
Mario Duarte, Security Monitor, CFHS
Travis Wills, Maintenance Technician II, MAC