

The Border

A Summary Report of the January 14, 2020 CFSD Governing Board Meeting



CFSD Star Award

The governing board recognized the Catalina Foothills High School Girls Swim and Dive State Championship team. Board Member Doug Hadley honored Taylor Alicea-Jorgensen, Kristina Defoor, Skylar Dikeman, Emma Dowe, Avery Howayceck, Jill Howayceck, Melissa King, Ainsley Limesand, Lucy McLaughlin, Delaney Mitchell, Ava Reidy, Audriana Scala, Ellie Scala, Aery Spade, Christiana Williams and their coach Ed Walter.



Superintendent Mary Kamerzell shared the following student and staff achievements.

Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS) Yearbook

The 2018-2019 high school yearbook won a First Place award from the American Scholastic Press Association. The CFHS yearbook teacher advisors are Shireen Behzadi and Kim Gassman.

CFHS Football

Student athletes Garrick Krautz, Will Parker, Bennett Silvyn, and Derrick Williams were named to the All-Southern Arizona 4A Football All-Stars First Team, and Conner Alubowicz, Souley Bangoura, and Marco Cazzato were named to the Second Team.

CFHS Robotics

The Pioneer 327 robotics team won first place (Inspire Award) at the FIRST Tech Challenge Tournament in Chandler last weekend. The team scored high in every

category. Team members are Jerry Barela, Josh Barlow, David Berk, Braeden Cantor-Goldner, Danil Clayton, Joseph Cohen, Delaney Endean, Nik Gruber, Mohamed Katbah, Dexi Lin, Ben Seckeler, Gianluca Tenino, Josh Tint, Jeremy Wang, and Noah Wellman. Their coaches are Charlotte Ackerman, Mark Haye, and Tim Colson.

The team has developed an app to enable sight-impaired students to program robots. Keep in mind that this is only the second year that this team has existed. The group now moves onto state competition February 21-22 at Northern Arizona University.

Election of Governing Board President and Vice President

The governing board members elected Amy Krauss as board president and Carole Siegler as vice president for 2020.

Consideration of Changes to High School Courses and Programs for 2020-2021: Vocal Music – Choir (first reading)

Associate Superintendent Mary Jo Conery presented the first reading of the proposed changes to high school vocal music courses. Dr. Conery reported that the current pathway of the high school choir program has been in place for many years. She reviewed the proposed changes of the pathways for freshmen and sophomores, with the emphasis placed on their knowledge of technique and skill at sight-reading. For juniors and seniors, there is more emphasis placed on performance. The proposed structure will phase in over two years and will offer more opportunities for students to advance into upper levels. The structure consists of five tiers. Each tier has defined goals, allowing students to grow from course to course. Dr. Conery reported that the five tiers are aligned to the Proficient, Accomplished, and Advanced performance levels of the adopted curriculum standards. The board will review the proposed course changes again on January 28.

Report of Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) December 18, 2019, Annual Pre-Conference and Business Meeting Report

Ms. Krauss reported on the ASBA pre-conference session that she attended which focused on supporting the whole child and student well-being in school. Ms. Krauss provided information on the Delegate Annual Business meeting held on December 18. She reviewed the slate of candidates for ASBA offices and the by-law

change that failed due to lack of enough affirmative votes.

2020 Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity

Board members discussed Governor Doug Ducey's 2020 State of the State address. Specifically, they discussed the information on education which consisted of accelerating the phase-in of capital dollars, the investment in school counselors, law enforcement on campus, and school safety. Governor Ducey also spoke about the focus on Career and Technical Education (CTE), more funds for the Arizona Teacher's Academy, results-based funding for schools, and his support for funding a project to turn around struggling schools.

Consent Agenda Items

The governing board approved the following consent agenda items.

- December 10, 2019, regular governing board meeting minutes
- December 10, 2019, executive session meeting minutes
- Expense voucher memorandum
- Field trip request memorandum
- Fundraising request memorandum
- Personnel memorandum
- Gift and Donations memorandum
- Cell tower lease agreement with Verizon Wireless LLC memorandum
- Additional compensation rates memorandum

Upcoming Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled governing board meeting is ***Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 6:30 p.m., at the Professional Learning Center at Valley View Early Learning Center.***

- Deep Learning Showcase: Developing Creativity, Innovation, and Acceptance through the Ugly Doll Project - Sunrise Drive Elementary
- Approval of Changes to High School Courses and Programs for 2020-2021: Vocal Music-Choir (second reading)
- Consideration of Changes to High School Courses and Programs for 2020-2021: Science and Career & Technical Education Pathways (first reading)
- Report on CFSD Climate Survey Results
- Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) Board Operations & Leadership Training (BOLT) Report

Please welcome new CFSD staff members:

Nicole Liljegren, Guidance Counselor, CFHS

Ally Droubie, EA Inclusion, OGMS

Jamie Snarski, EA Inclusion, CFHS

Sarah Welker, Office Coordinator - Athletics, CFHS

