Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
April 15, 2021	I-3

Title

Name Selection/Dedication of Sequoyah High School Band Room

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Name Selection/ Dedication of Sequoyah HS Band Room

Summary Explanation and Background

Pursuant to the School Board's Naming New Facilities Policy (FDC), Robert VanAlstyne, Principal, Sequoyah High School, chaired an Ad Hoc Naming Committee comprised of school faculty/staff, community members and band boosters, for the purpose of discussing and exploring opportunities to honor the legacy of David Harrison, former Band Director. Mr. Harrison was the school's first band director and served in that capacity with distinction for 20 years.

As reflected in the attached correspondence, the Principal and Committee proposed, and the Superintendent recommends naming the Sequoyah High School Band Room in honor of David Harrison.

If approved, a celebration would take place on the evening of April 30, 2021 in conjunction with other events the family has planned around the anniversary of his passing.

Priority Area

Positive Culture and Climate

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Correspondence from Sequoyah High School Principal

Source of Additional Information

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Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Hightower:

On behalf of Sequoyah High School and members of our school community, I would like to respectfully request special recognition in honor of the late David Harrison. Mr. Harrison was the first Band Director at Sequoyah High School and extremely instrumental in the phenomenal growth of the Band program and the expansion of what is now the SHS Band Room. The impact he had with our program, as well as other high schools, universities and community bands and orchestras in Georgia was extremely meaningful and significant. He truly created a legacy around Fine Arts for children and adults alike.

As you know, Mr. Harrison unexpectedly passed away on May 2, 2020. As part of this school year, our administrative team and the current Band Director have met on several occasions with a group of community members, and we would like to, at this time, propose naming the SHS Band Room in honor of Mr. David Harrison. If approved, a celebration would take place on the evening of April 30, 2021 in conjunction with other events the family has planned around the anniversary of his passing.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Robert Van Alstyne
Principal, Sequoyah High School

cc: Dr. Debra Murdock, Chief Operating Officer
Mike McGowan, Chief of Staff