Cherokee County School District

AGENDA

School Board Meeting

Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility

7:00 p.m.

April 15, 2021

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance/Inspiration
- Adoption of Superintendent's Recommended Agenda for April 15, 2021 School Board Meeting
- Approval of Minutes of the March 18, 2021 School Board Meeting
- Approval of Consent Agenda for April 15, 2021 School Board Meeting
- Public Participation

A. Resolutions/Recognition

1. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2021 Counselor of the Year and Innovation Zone Counselors of the Year

2. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2021 Partner of the Year and Volunteer of the Year

3. School Board Recognition of 2021 Spelling Bee Winners

4. School Board Recognition of CCSD Student Achievement at Tome Student Literacy Society State Conference/Competition

5. School Board Recognition of CCSD Students Selected for All-State Band and Orchestra

6. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve New Partnership Agreements with Cherokee Thanksgiving, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Georgia Power

B. School Board Members

C. School Board Policies

D. Financial Management

1. **School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of March 2021 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

2. **School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Employee Bonus Pay**

3. **School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Bond Underwriter**

E. Curriculum and Instruction

1. **School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State and Overnight Field Trips**

F. Support Services

1. **School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Monthly Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

G. Human Resources

1. **School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations of Employment and Transfers for Certified and Classified Personnel**

H. School Board Attorney

I. Superintendent of Schools

1. **School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Proposed 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 School Year Calendars**

2. **School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation of Name Selection for CCSD's Academies Campus and the New Virtual School**

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

- **Executive Session**
  -- **Student Discipline Matter**

- **Adjournment**

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, March 18, 2021

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
7:00 p.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2021 in the Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility, 1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, Georgia. The meeting was conducted in person and available to the public via live Internet streaming. Present were: School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chair Robert Rechsteiner; Members Mike Chapman, John Harmon, Patsy Jordan, Clark Menard and Kelly Poole; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and, Attorney Tom Roach.

Call to Order

The call to order by Kyla Cromer was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by River Ridge HS student Simran Patel.

Ms. Cromer also initiated a moment of silence in honor/memory of the shooting victims in Cherokee County and Atlanta earlier in the week.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Patsy Jordan, who recognized the 2021 Cherokee County Educational Foundation Alumni of the Year honorees, Carolyn Turner and the Honorable Jackson Harris.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by Clark Menard and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda (*7-0 vote).*

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Mike Chapman seconded by John Harmon and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the February 11, 2021 School Board Meeting *(7-0 vote).*

Consent Agenda

Following identification of those agenda items, Board Members and members of the public indicated they would like considered separately, a motion was made by Patsy Jordan seconded by Clark Menard and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote).*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public signed up to address the School Board.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. School Board Recognition of CCSD Overall Winners of 2021 Support Staff Employees of the Year Awards

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2021 Media Specialist of the Year: Amanda Graves of E.T. Booth Middle School

(Recognized)

A-3. School Board Recognition of River Ridge High School Senior Riley Herrick -- Georgia Association of Conservation Districts Poster Contest Winner

(Recognized)

A-4. School Board Recognition of Creekland Middle School Seventh-grader Abigail Moore -- Third-place Winner in the National Humanities Bee

(Recognized)

A-5. School Board Recognition of the Girls and Boys Middle School Basketball County Champions

(Recognized)

A-6. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association County Champions

(Recognized)

A-7. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions

(Recognized)

A-8. School Board Recognition of School Board Members During School Board Member Appreciation Week

(Recognized)

***A-9. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Renewal of the Partnership Agreement with Cherokee County Sports Hall of Fame "**

(Approved)

B. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS/STUDENT ADVISOR TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

School Board Member Comments:

- Highlighted the importance of CCSD's successful continuation of annual events and competitions such as the Spelling Bee, Support Staff Employee of the Year, Media Specialist of the Year and other virtual recognition events occurring this year
- Expressed gratitude for the detail contained in the Five-Year Facility Plan and excitement relative to proposed CCSD projects outlined by the plan
- USDA Grant for student meals is being extended nationwide to families through September 2021
    - Special thanks to the Office of Financial Management and the School Nutrition Department for coordinating these meal distributions
- Success of Vaccination Event that served more than 2,300 CCSD employees
    - Gratitude extended to the Office of School Operations (particularly school nurses), Georgia National Guard and the North Georgia Health Department for partnering to coordinate this two-day event
- Commented about the recent School Board luncheon at Creekland MS and the enthusiasm and dedication that the administrative team exhibits. Also noted were District administrator's plans for utilizing the 125 additional allotments to address learning interventions in the coming school year.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of February 2021 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

***D-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of FY2021 Budget Amendment I**

(Approved)

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

***E-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State and Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES

***F-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Monthly Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

***F-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Adopt the Georgia Department of Education Resolution Indicating Approval of the School District's Five-Year Facility Plan for Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

G. HUMAN RESOURCES

*** G-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations of Employment and Transfers for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

***I-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of SY2021-22 Attendance Area Map Correction**

(Approved)

- **Executive Session**
  -- Personnel Matter

Superintendent Comments:

- Recognized the end-of-year retirement of five Assistant Principals: Clark Creek ES Jonathan Hall and Susan Selover, Creekview HS Chuck Wilson, Liberty ES Rad Dixon and Mill Creek MS Paul Jones
- Recognized the SY2021-22 appointment of Mountain Road Principal Erica Morrie
- Recognized the SY2021-22 appointment of Administrators on Assignment Cecelia Lewis, Student Services (DEI) and Ashley McElmore, Title I
- Recognized 10 new Assistant Principal assignments for SY2021-22
- Recognized the School Board and their vision and dedication to the stakeholders of CCSD

Informational Items:

- Updated plans for High School Graduation Ceremonies as follows:
    - In-person ceremonies at FBCW following traditional schedule;
    - It will be a ticketed event, with each graduate provided up to four tickets;
    - Additional information forthcoming from Principals.
- Prom and End-of-Year Events:
    - High Schools will offer a senior-centric social celebration to be held on school campus;
    - All CCSD schools will hold various end-of-year activities that adhere to social distance guidelines;
    - Principals will communicate additional details in the near future;
    - Maintaining a goal of keeping our communities healthy so COVID-19 does not impact critical AP and end-of-year testing and graduation ceremonies.
- AP Honors and HS Graduation Rates:
    - Exams passage rate leads the Metro area and continues to exceed National and State averages;
    - Rigor of these courses prepares students for college;
    - AP Academic Pathway completers have 99.7 graduation rate.
- Digital Learning Model Options for SY2021-2022 outlined with the following details:
    - Grades K-5 students will have the same model as in SY2020-21;
    - Grades 3-5 will be the same model as in SY2020-21, however students may have more than one teacher for different content areas;
    - Grades 6-12 will be an improved version of the current model;

        - APEX platform will not be used in SY2021-22, as teachers will utilize a blended learning model to deliver instruction to students.
    - Separate from Digital Learning; Edgenuity will be utilized for iGrad, a Virtual Academy model beginning in the Fall.
    - Community, Teachers and School Board Members feedback has been used to develop the best educational models for our students.
    - Cares Act III Funding will be utilized to increase instructional interventions and decrease classroom sizes.
- Legislative Updates for 2021:
    - 60% of FY21 austerity cuts were restored and the K-12 public education funding contained within the Governor's FY22 proposed budget currently remains at that same level.
    - Several Education bills of interest being followed, such as HB60 and SB47.
    - Chair of the House Education Appropriations Committee seeking a partnership to allow teachers to live-steam AP and STEM course instruction into rural GA school districts.

- Provided a COVID-19 Update, including the following:
    - Current case and quarantines totals for the county and the school district;
    - Decreased spread in the community;
    - A few schools remain areas of concern because of cases counts and/or quarantines;
    - Community is currently experiencing a decline in cases and positive test rates;
    - Close contact quarantines are mandated by the GA Department of Public Health.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6)) at 8:59 p.m. (*7-0 vote).*

The School Board did not return to Open Session.

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned members of the Cherokee County Board of Education, under oath, certify that an Executive Session of the Board of Education was duly called and approved by majority vote in open session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4 on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed executive session of its meeting is/are as checked below:

_____ To review an appeal from a Student Disciplinary Tribunal [Hearing Officer, Panel]; (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757)

_____ To consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student's educational records; (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g.)

_____ To discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4))

✓ To discuss or deliberate upon appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6))

_____ To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2).

The members of the Board Of Education present for the executive session further certify and acknowledge that all discussions and proceeding conducted in executive session shall remain strictly confidential.

This 18th day of March, 2021.

Sworn to and subscribed before
me on the above indicated date:

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 08 June 2022

SHERYL PUCCIO NOTARY PUBLIC CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 08, 2022

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
April 15, 2021	A-1

Title

Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2021 Counselor of the Year and Innovation Zone Counselors of the Year

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2021 Counselor of the Year and Innovation Zone Counselors of the Year

Summary Explanation and Background

In recognition of a very talented and dedicated group of employees, the Cherokee County School District initiated a Counselor of the Year program beginning in the 2010-11 School Year. A Counselor of the Year is selected for each Innovation Zone, and a panel of retired educators and community leaders select the CCSD Counselor of the Year from this pool. Recipients are selected for: inspiring students of all backgrounds and abilities to be productive; earning the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues; and demonstrating leadership, advocacy and collaboration in their work.

The 2021 CCSD Counselor of the Year is Heather Chesnut of the Cherokee Innovation Zone. Ms. Chesnut joined CCSD nine years ago after a successful career in private practice, which followed service as a counselor for a children's group home and a Naval Base fleet and family support center. She has earned a master's degree in counseling and is a licensed professional counselor, nationally certified counselor and a professionally certified school counselor. She now will represent CCSD in the Georgia Counselor of the Year competition.

The 2021 Innovation Zone Counselors of the Year are: Creekview IZ, Tina Word of Macedonia ES; Etowah IZ, Whitney Morberg of Etowah HS; River Ridge IZ, Alicia Davis of Mill Creek MS; Sequoyah IZ, Taylor Herman of Dean Rusk MS; and Woodstock IZ, Jennifer Farlow of Woodstock MS.

Priority Area

Positive Culture and Climate; Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

Dr. Brian V. Hightower	770.479.1871
Barbara Jacoby	770.479.1871

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
April 15, 2021	A-2

Title

Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2021 Partner of the Year and Volunteer of the Year

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2021 Partner of the Year and Volunteer of the Year

Summary Explanation and Background

The Cherokee County School District named the winners of its eighth annual CCSD Partner of the Year and Volunteer of the Year Awards.

While the traditional recognition ceremony could not be held this year, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian V. Hightower surprised the overall CCSD winners. For the first time in the awards' history, both winners are from the same school: Hasty Elementary School Fine Arts Academy in Canton. This year's winners are Revolution Church, CCSD 2021 Partner of the Year and Mary Ann Laughlin, CCSD 2021 Volunteer of the Year.

The annual program recognizes a Partner of the Year and a Volunteer of the Year for each individual school and center; the overall CCSD Partner of the Year and Volunteer of the Year are selected from that pool of candidates by a committee made up of retired educators. The awards are sponsored by the Cherokee County Educational Foundation; all winners receive a recognition plaque, and the CCSD winners receive engraved plaques. Every week, a different school Partner of the Year and Volunteer of the Year will be featured on CCSD's website and social media platforms.

Priority Area

Family, Partner and Community Engagement

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

Dr. Brian V. Hightower	770.479.1871
Barbara Jacoby	770.479.1871

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

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

Title

Recognition of 2021 Spelling Bee Winners

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of 2021 Spelling Bee Winners

Summary Explanation and Background

The Cherokee County School District Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE), was held January 21, 2021 for student qualifiers in grades 4-8.

Huck Wallace, Grade 7, Creekland MS
1st place CCSD, competed at Regional

Alessia Colby, Grade 5, Woodstock ES
2nd place CCSD, competed at Regional

Joey Shipley, Grade 8, Teasley MS
3rd place CCSD, competed at Regional

The Regional Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE), was held February 27, 2021 for student qualifiers in each district.

Priority Area

Student Achievement: Equity and Access

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

Dr. Brian V. Hightower	770.479.1871
Dr. Nicole H. Holmes	770.479.1871
Barbara Jacoby	770.479.1871

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
April 15, 2021	A-4

Title

Recognition of CCSD Student Achievement at Tome Student Literacy Society State Conference/ Competition

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of CCSD Student Achievement at Tome Student Literacy Society State Conference/Competition

Summary Explanation and Background

Tome is a National organization dedicated to promoting "multiple literacies among 4th-12th grade students across the United States through service; collaboration; competition-based club activities; and clean, entertaining, encouraging literature. All activities promote self-esteem, leadership skills, strong values, and nurture critical thinking, creativity, and imagination in the digital age."

Students work all year on projects and papers to submit for Tome competition based on books read from a list of 20 books called the "It List." Some competitions, such as Reading Bowl and Book Talk were held during TomeCom, with other projects submitted digitally in advance.

Freedom Middle School won the State Tome Society Reading Bowl and Creekview High School placed third in the Reading Bowl Competition.

CCSD students also earned individual and team recognitions for placing in competitions, as well as for service hours and induction into the organization's National Honor Society.

Priority Area

Student Achievement: Equity and Access

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

List of Tome State Winners

Source of Additional Information

Dr. Brian V. Hightower	770.479.1871
Dr. Nicole H. Holmes	770.479.1871
Barbara Jacoby	770.479.1871

CCSD State Winners: Tome Student Literacy Society State Conference & Competition

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Freedom MS

State Middle School Reading Bowl – First Place

Team members: Christopher Akers, Cheyenne Buffkin, Madison Burnett, Jazmyne Cheek, George "Mac" Colley, Dillon Dailey, Jacob Duncan, Logan Johnson, Leia Lankford, Genevieve Robinson, Sydney Tallent

Cheyenne Buffkin: Second Place, It List Poetry

Coaches: Allison, Cook, Amber Effner, Amanda Struchtemeyer

Teasley MS

Grace Brake: First Place, Current Events Portfolio

Emma Wilson: Second Place, Book Print Video

Emma Wilson and Miley Lenzen: Third Place, Library Video Commercial

HIGH SCHOOLS

Creekview HS

State High School Reading Bowl – Third Place

Team Members: Abigail L. Gallagher, Team Captain, Sydney Howard, Elena Kubit

Coach: Nan Lanford

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
April 15, 2021	A-5

Title

Recognition of CCSD Students Selected for All-State Band and Orchestra

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of CCSD Students Selected for All-State Band and Orchestra

Summary Explanation and Background

Cherokee County School District high school and middle school students have won seats in the prestigious Georgia Music Educators Association All-State Band and Orchestra.

Students audition for these selective performance opportunities. This year's All-State Band and All-State Orchestra Events will be held virtually on Friday afternoon, April 16th and Saturday, April 17th.

Priority Area

Student Achievement: Equity and Access

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

List of All-State Honorees

Source of Additional Information

Dr. Brian V. Hightower	770.479.1871
Barbara Jacoby	770.479.1871

ALL-STATE HONOREES

ALL-STATE BAND

Cherokee High School
Director: Garrick Cheyne
Kayley Owens
Andrew Tang

Creekview High School
Director: Stephen McCarthy
Jacob Guerreso
Jackson Mose

Etowah High School
Director: Stephen Long
Ryan Lofland

River Ridge High School
Director: Ross Amend
Samuel Estep
Erin Fowler
Mason Stokes
Heidi Woods

Sequoyah High School
Director: Casey Eubanks
Quinton Benner
Riley Hartman
Malcolm Smith
Clayton Tucker

Woodstock Middle School
Director: Jefferson Doyle
Caroline Toole

ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA

River Ridge High School
Director: Christin Lawhorne
Madison Park

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
April 15, 2021	A-6

Title

Approval of New Partnership Agreements with Cherokee Thanksgiving, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Georgia Power

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve New Partnership Agreements with Cherokee Thanksgiving, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Georgia Power

Summary Explanation and Background

One of the School Board's Blueprint 2020-24 Five Priority Areas is increasing meaningful family, partner and community engagement. We believe the meaningful connections we forge with students, families and community partners positively influence how we teach, lead and prepare graduates for success in a knowledge-based, technology rich and culturally diverse world.

The School Board is requested to consider the Superintendent's recommendation to approve new Partnership Agreements with Cherokee Thanksgiving, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Georgia Power.

Priority Area

Family, Partner and Community Engagement

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Draft Agreements Attached

Source of Additional Information

Dr. Brian V. Hightower	770.479.1871
Barbara Jacoby	770.479.1871

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

CHEROKEE THANKSGIVING

This agreement entered into on this 15th day of April, 2021 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and Cherokee Thanksgiving.

WHEREAS, the School District's mission is to educate the emerging generation through learning environments designed to increase the performance of all students; and,

WHEREAS, one of the School District's Priority Areas is Family, Partner and Community Engagement; and,

WHEREAS, Cherokee Thanksgiving is a local nonprofit organization founded 28 years ago to ensure everyone in the Cherokee County community could enjoy the holiday dinner no matter their circumstances. The program has grown, since its initial Thanksgiving dinner for 75 people, to serve more than 2,600 people annually through both a community sit-down dinner and the delivery of thousands of meals directly to recipients at their homes or workplaces; and,

WHEREAS, many families who benefit from Cherokee Thanksgiving's generosity are families of School District students, and the organization provides numerous opportunities for students and staff to volunteer to engage with and support their community.

Now therefore in consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE II

The School Board will:

1. Promote Cherokee Thanksgiving, both for students and their families to sign up to receive meals and opportunities for volunteers and/or financial donations to support the effort, through existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board policy.

2. Provide the opportunity for Cherokee Thanksgiving representatives to speak about its organization and services with CCSD's school counselors and social workers at a fall meeting.

ARTICLE III

Cherokee Thanksgiving will:

1. Share information with CCSD, both for students and their families to sign up to receive meals and opportunities for volunteers and/or financial donations to support the effort, for inclusion on the CCSD website online bulletin board and other existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board policy.

2. Provide representatives to speak about the organization and its services with CCSD's school counselors and social workers at a fall meeting.

3. Accept all children/interested participants for participation within its programs without regard to their gender, race, political affiliation, age, national origin or handicapping condition or any other discrimination recognized and prohibited by State or Federal Law. Children/participants with handicaps must be provided all necessary levels of supervision and must be included within the activities of the partnering organization. As a result of this partnership agreement, Cherokee Thanksgiving must adhere to all applicable local, State and Federal laws.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is April 15, 2021 through April 15, 2022. This contract shall automatically renew for additional terms not to exceed five years unless either party notifies the other at least 60 days prior to renewal date.

ARTICLE V

This contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this contract shall be given to the Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools at PO Box 769, Canton, GA 30169, and to Cherokee Thanksgiving at 913 Lacy Road, Canton, Ga. 30115.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this document the first date referred to herein.

CHEROKEE THANKSGIVING

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By: Cheryl M. Mosley

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

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By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

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Tom Roach, Esquire

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA

This agreement entered into on this 15th day of April, 2021 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, hereinafter referred to as "Children's."

WHEREAS, the School District's mission is to educate the emerging generation through learning environments designed to increase the performance of all students; and,

WHEREAS, one of the School District's Priority Areas is Family, Partner and Community Engagement; and,

WHEREAS, Children's provides world-class care in more than 60 pediatric specialties and cares for more than half a million children and teens every year including the children of Cherokee County; and,

WHEREAS, Children's is not only dedicated to making kids better today and healthier tomorrow, but also committed to delivering care in a socially responsible and ethical manner. Children's is more than a healthcare system. Children's a world-class center of community. And its commitment to excellence goes far beyond the care it provides within its walls.

Now therefore in consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE II

The School Board will:

1. Promote Children's community programs, through existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board policy.

2. Provide the opportunity for Children's representatives to speak about its organization and services with CCSD's school nurses as part of the professional development/training session sponsored by Children's.

3. Coordinate the nomination process for the Children's sponsored CCSD School Nurse of the Year program and provide support for the judging and winner selection process upon request of Children's representatives.

ARTICLE III

Children's will:

1. Sponsor the cost of a speaker for an annual professional development/training session for all CCSD school nurses and lead nurses to be held during pre-planning. The speaker will be determined by both parties and the presentation will have a value of at least $2,000.

2. Sponsor an annual CCSD School Nurse of the Year recognition program. This sponsorship will include the provision of the top prize for the overall winner; the prize will be determined together by both parties and have a value of at least $350. The award will be presented during the annual professional development/training session sponsored by Children's.

3. Accept all children/interested participants for participation within its programs without regard to their gender, race, political affiliation, age, national origin or handicapping condition or any other discrimination recognized and prohibited by State or Federal Law. Children/participants with handicaps must be provided all necessary levels of supervision and must be included within the activities of the partnering organization. As a result of this partnership agreement, Children's must adhere to all applicable local, State and Federal laws.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is April 15, 2021 through April 15, 2022. This contract shall automatically renew for additional terms not to exceed five years unless either party notifies the other at least 60 days prior to renewal date.

ARTICLE V

This contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this contract shall be given to the Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools at PO Box 769, Canton, GA 30169, and to XXXXXXXXX at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at 1405 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30322-1060.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this document the first date referred to herein.

CHILDREN's HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA

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By: XXXXXX, XXXXXXXXXXX

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

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By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

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Tom Roach, Esquire

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

GEORGIA POWER

This Partnership Agreement is entered into on this 15th day of April, 2021, by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and Georgia Power.

WHEREAS, the School Board's mission is to educate the emerging generation through learning environments designed to increase the performance of all students; and,

WHEREAS, one of the School District's Priority Areas is Family, Partner and Community Engagement; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Power is the largest operating company within Southern Company, serving approximately 2.6 million customers throughout Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Power has proudly served the community for over 100 years and is committed to making a positive impact for many years to come; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Power is a "A Citizen Wherever We Serve," and its employees play important roles in our communities.

Now therefore, in consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference

ARTICLE II

The School Board will:

1. Promote Georgia Power programs through existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board policy.

2. Designate the Chief Communications Officer to meet twice annually with Georgia Power's Area Manager to assess future partnership activities.

ARTICLE III

Georgia Power will:

1. Deliver in-class and/or virtual Georgia Power Learning Power lessons that align with Georgia Standards of Excellence and incorporate energy and energy efficiency STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) subjects and career awareness, in grades PreK through High School, as Georgia Power scheduling permits.

2. Provide Georgia Power employees to serve as career day speakers at schools when Georgia Power volunteers are available.

3. Provide volunteers for other CCSD functions when Georgia Power volunteers are available.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this non-binding agreement is April 15, 2021 through April 15, 2022, and shall automatically renew for additional terms not to exceed three years unless either party notifies the other at least 60 days prior to renewal date.

ARTICLE V

This non-binding agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this non-binding agreement shall be given to the Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools at P.O. Box 769, Canton, GA 30169, and to the Georgia Power Area Manager at 450 Operations Drive, Canton, GA 30114.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this document the first date referred to herein.

GEORGIA POWER

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By: Jeff Butterworth, Area Manager

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

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By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower

Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

_____

Tom Roach, Esquire

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
April 15, 2021	D-1

Title

March 2021 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of March 2021 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update

Summary Explanation and Background

Financial Report for March 2021

See Attached Reports

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Financial Report and Sales Tax Update

Source of Additional Information

Kenneth Owen	770.479.1871
Dr. Brian V. Hightower	770.479.1871

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Brian V. Hightower, Superintendent
Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer

FINANCIAL REPORT
MARCH 2021

General Fund

For the month ending March 31, 2021, the ninth month of the 2020-21 Fiscal Year, the School District's Operating Account (General Fund) has received $322,311,964 in revenue (year-to-date) consisting of state funds of $128,221,292 (58% of budget), $191,285,127 local taxes (97% of budgeted amount), and other funds of $2,805,545 (157% of budget). All operating expenditures of $273,655,063 (65% of budget) are within the Board of Education's approved 2020-21 budget.

Building Fund/Ed-SPLOST Collections

The Capital Outlay Fund balance of $34,129,096 as of March 31, 2021 reflects Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Education (Ed-SPLOST) collections, proceeds of bond sales for capital outlay purposes, and transfers from the General Fund less bond refundings, bond issuance costs, transfers of Ed-SPLOST to the Debt Service Fund and capital outlay expenses paid.

Cherokee County School District received $3,874,440 in March 2021, for the month of February 2021, the 38th month of 60 monthly sales tax collections for the 2018-2022 Ed-SPLOST. Collections received were above projections (detail included) for the month by $1,066,666 and above cumulative projections by $32,667,380.

Ed-SPLOST collections are accumulated within the Building Fund to be used for specified capital outlay purchases (limited pay-as-you-go) and transferred to the Debt Service Fund at the appropriate time to meet annual bond obligations (January and July). Excess Ed-SPLOST collections above projections are used to meet critical capital outlay needs and/or transferred to the Debt Service Fund as a safeguard against future negative economic conditions, assuring the School District can meet future bond payments.

Debt Service Fund

The Debt Service Fund balance as of March 31, 2021 is $76,234,043 representing funds accumulated from Ed-SPLOST collections, collections from the one mill of property tax approved by the School Board, interest earned from investments and Invested Sinking Fund earnings. The Invested Sinking Fund is attached to the Series 2010B Bond issuance and is structured to fully pay the annual debt service on the Series 2010B bonds through January 2028. Annual Debt Service payments are made in February and August of each year, according to the Debt Service Schedule published annually in the Cherokee County School District Budget Book.

Federal/State/Competitive Grants and School Nutrition Funds

The School Nutrition Fund Balance as of March 31, 2021 is $6,523,398 and represents the difference between revenues from all sources and all expenditures. This amount is held in reserve to cover potential funding shortfalls or unexpected expenses.

Federal, State and Competitive grant funds are annually awarded to the School District based on funding formulas (Federal Title Programs) and/or program applications (State and competitive grants). As funds are expended, reimbursements are sought from the various programs. Local funds are not intended to cover shortfalls within grant programs nor are grants intended to carry a fund balance.

Cherokee County School District
FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF MARCH 31, 2021

BALANCE SHEET

	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	BUILDING FUND	FED FUNDS AND SCHOOL NUTRITION	TOTAL
ASSETS					
Cash	$ 125,313,324	$ 53,725,679	$ 34,075,618	$ 1,562,249	$ 214,676,870
Investments	1,028,168	22,508,364	-	-	23,536,532
Inventory	239,871	-	-	646,138	886,009
Accounts Receivable	396,754	-	53,478	5,884,930	6,335,162
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 126,978,117	$ 76,234,043	$ 34,129,096	$ 8,093,317	$ 245,434,573
LIABILITIES					
Salaries and Benefits Payable	$ 13,865,400	$ -	$ -	$ 608,390	$ 14,473,790
Accounts Payable	484,880	-	-	961,529	1,446,409
Loans Payable	-	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE					
Fund Balance 3/31/2021	112,627,837	76,234,043	34,129,096	6,523,398	229,514,374
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	$ 126,978,117	$ 76,234,043	$ 34,129,096	$ 8,093,317	$ 245,434,573

REVENUE AND EXPENSE

Revenue	$ 322,311,964	$ 42,332,337	$ 38,527,928	$ 25,021,008	$ 428,193,237
Expense	273,655,063	42,680,730	54,764,386	24,682,080	395,782,259
Excess Revenue over Expense	48,656,901	(348,393)	(16,236,458)	338,928	32,410,978
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE 7/01/2020	63,970,936	76,582,436	50,365,554	6,184,470	197,103,396
ENDING FUND BALANCE 3/31/2021	**$ 112,627,837**	**$ 76,234,043**	**$ 34,129,096**	**$ 6,523,398**	**$ 229,514,374**

General Fund
Comparison of Budget to Actual
July 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

Description	2020-21 Amended Budget	Year to Date	Available Budget
Revenue			
Federal	$ 199,090	$ 199,090	$ -
Local	198,068,541	191,285,127	6,783,414
State	220,586,761	128,221,292	92,365,469
Other	1,591,951	2,606,455	(1,014,504)
Total Revenue	**$ 420,446,343**	**322,311,964**	$ 98,134,379
Expense			
Instructional Services	$ 291,809,122	$ 187,092,661	$ 104,716,461
Pupil Services	18,866,654	11,601,580	7,265,074
Improvement of Instructional Services	16,484,308	10,160,230	6,324,078
Instructional Staff Training	227,045	3,396	223,649
Educational Media Services	5,054,928	3,347,405	1,707,523
General Administration	3,245,486	2,462,439	783,047
School Administration	26,889,398	19,482,254	7,407,144
Support Services - Business	2,762,390	1,955,272	807,118
Maintenance & Operation of Plant	25,644,291	18,764,226	6,880,065
Student Transportation Services	22,740,587	14,895,920	7,844,667
Support Services - Central	4,257,245	3,283,292	973,953
School Nutrition Program	154,905	-	154,905
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	368,804	194,621	174,183
Outgoing Transfers	1,919,601	400,000	1,519,601
Debt Service	12,000	11,767	233
Total Expense	**$ 420,436,764**	**$ 273,655,063**	$ 146,781,701
Excess Revenue over Expense	**$ 9,579**	**$ 48,656,901**	$ (48,647,322)

SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (2018-2022)
COMPARISON OF COLLECTIONS
THROUGH MARCH 2021

REPORTING MONTH	60 MONTH COLLECTION PERIOD	PROJECTED COLLECTIONS	BOE 1% COLLECTIONS	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACTUAL AND PROJECTED COLLECTIONS
February 2018	**January 2018 (1)**	$ 2,482,396	$ 2,974,362	$ 491,966
March 2018	**February 2018 (2)**	2,569,511	2,610,220	40,709
April 2018	**March 2018 (3)**	2,735,881	3,482,968	747,087
May 2018	**April 2018 (4)**	2,726,393	3,174,263	447,870
June 2018	**May 2018 (5)**	2,796,817	3,361,741	564,924
July 2018	**June 2018 (6)**	2,841,541	3,476,673	635,132
August 2018	**July 2018 (7)**	2,871,634	3,479,906	608,272
September 2018	**August 2018 (8)**	2,818,552	3,380,345	561,793
October 2018	**September 2018 (9)**	2,792,606	3,108,962	316,356
November 2018	**October 2018 (10)**	2,736,315	3,627,964	891,649
December 2018	**November 2018 (11)**	2,906,999	3,499,055	592,056
January 2019	**December 2018 (12)**	3,588,310	4,145,833	557,523
February 2019	**January 2019 (13)**	2,556,868	3,278,360	721,492
March 2019	**February 2019 (14)**	2,646,596	3,135,700	489,104
April 2019	**March 2019 (15)**	2,817,958	3,559,057	741,099
May 2019	**April 2019 (16)**	2,808,185	3,717,585	909,400
June 2019	**May 2019 (17)**	2,880,722	3,800,003	919,281
July 2019	**June 2019 (18)**	2,926,787	3,621,310	694,523
August 2019	**July 2019 (19)**	2,957,783	3,871,832	914,049
September 2019	**August 2019 (20)**	2,903,109	3,627,866	724,757

SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (2018-2022)
COMPARISON OF COLLECTIONS
THROUGH MARCH 2021

REPORTING MONTH	60 MONTH COLLECTION PERIOD	PROJECTED COLLECTIONS	BOE 1% COLLECTIONS	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACTUAL AND PROJECTED COLLECTIONS
October 2019	**September 2019 (21)**	2,876,384	3,587,669	711,285
November 2019	**October 2019 (22)**	2,818,405	3,686,737	868,332
December 2019	**November 2019 (23)**	2,994,209	3,760,601	766,392
January 2020	**December 2019 (24)**	3,695,959	4,469,659	773,700
February 2020	**January 2020 (25)**	2,633,574	3,457,342	823,768
March 2020	**February 2020 (26)**	2,725,994	3,283,286	557,292
April 2020	**March 2020 (27)**	2,902,497	3,504,562	602,065
May 2020	**April 2020 (28)**	2,892,430	3,609,128	716,698
June 2020	**May 2020 (29)**	2,967,144	4,030,403	1,063,259
July 2020	**June 2020 (30)**	3,014,591	4,125,359	1,110,768
August 2020	**July 2020 (31)**	3,046,516	4,146,043	1,099,527
September 2020	**August 2020 (32)**	2,990,202	6,095,125	3,104,923
October 2020	**September 2020 (33)**	2,962,676	4,013,861	1,051,185
November 2020	**October 2020 (34)**	2,902,957	4,492,844	1,589,887
December 2020	**November 2020 (35)**	3,084,035	4,419,501	1,335,466
January 2021	**December 2020 (36)**	3,806,838	5,256,507	1,449,669
February 2021	**January 2021 (37)**	2,712,581	4,120,037	1,407,456
March 2021	**February 2021 (38)**	2,807,774	3,874,440	1,066,666
		$ 110,199,729	$ 142,867,109	$ 32,667,380

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
1% SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST)
2018-2022 PROJECTED COLLECTIONS

	2018	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022
July	$ -	$ 2,871,634	$ 2,957,783	$ 3,046,516	$ 3,137,912	$ 3,232,049
August	$ -	$ 2,818,552	$ 2,903,109	$ 2,990,202	$ 3,079,908	$ 3,172,306
September	$ -	$ 2,792,606	$ 2,876,384	$ 2,962,676	$ 3,051,556	$ 3,143,103
October	$ -	$ 2,736,315	$ 2,818,405	$ 2,902,957	$ 2,990,046	$ 3,079,747
November	$ -	$ 2,906,999	$ 2,994,209	$ 3,084,035	$ 3,176,556	$ 3,271,853
December	$ -	$ 3,588,310	$ 3,695,959	$ 3,806,838	$ 3,921,043	$ 4,038,675
January	$ 2,482,396	$ 2,556,868	$ 2,633,574	$ 2,712,581	$ 2,793,958	$ -
February	$ 2,569,511	$ 2,646,596	$ 2,725,994	$ 2,807,774	$ 2,892,007	$ -
March	$ 2,735,881	$ 2,817,958	$ 2,902,497	$ 2,989,571	$ 3,079,259	$ -
April	$ 2,726,393	$ 2,808,185	$ 2,892,430	$ 2,979,203	$ 3,068,579	$ -
May	$ 2,796,817	$ 2,880,722	$ 2,967,144	$ 3,056,158	$ 3,147,843	$ -
June	$ 2,841,541	$ 2,926,787	$ 3,014,591	$ 3,105,029	$ 3,198,180	$ -
Total by Fiscal Year	$ 16,152,539	$ 34,351,532	$ 35,382,079	$ 36,443,540	$ 37,536,847	$ 19,937,733
Total Projected Collections						$ 179,804,270

The amount shown in each month is the expected collection amount. Actual receipt would occur in the subsequent month.

Revised August 28, 2017

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

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April 15, 2021	D-2

Title

Employee Bonus Pay

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Employee Bonus Pay

Summary Explanation and Background

At its March 25, 2021 meeting, the State Board of Education approved the Governor's recommended "Educator Bonuses" to allow local school districts to provide one-time retention bonuses of $1,000 for full-time and $490 for part-time school-level employees using State-allocated, Federal CARES Act funds. Pursuant to CCSD School Board Members' requests, the Superintendent is recommending expanding the scope and depth of the Governor's bonus plan by using State budget restoration funds in the following manner:

- All CCSD employees who were actively employed as of March 15, 2021, with the exception of the Superintendent and members of his Cabinet;
- Bonuses of $2,000 to Full-Time staff, with $1,000 funded with the Governor's CARES Act funds and $1,000 funded with current fiscal year restored state funding;
- Bonuses of $1,000 for Part-Time staff, with $490 funded with the Governor's CARES Act funds and $510 funded with current fiscal year restored state funding;
- Bonuses ranging between $500 and $2,000 for Substitutes, determined by the number of days worked, with the minimum being five days during the school year.

This bonus pay is intended to recognize the hard work and dedication of every eligible member of the CCSD family of employees in the highly successful, on-time reopening of schools to include both in-person and digital learning for the Cherokee County community this year.

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness; Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

Expenditures: $11,480,236 ($4,838,597 State CARES Act, $6,641,639 Restored FY2021 Funds)

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

Dr. Brian V. Hightower	770.479.1871
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Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

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

Title

Selection of Bond Underwriter

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Bond Underwriter

Summary Explanation and Background

In preparation for potential voter consideration of Ed-SPLOST renewal on November 3, 2021, the School District issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on March 5, 2021 for proposed Bond Underwriter Services related to bond sales associated with the pending referendum. Upon the School District's receipt of responses to the RFP, a committee chaired by Kenneth Owen (Chief Financial Officer) and consisting of select senior staff and Office of Financial Management divisional leadership was established by the Superintendent of Schools for purposes of proposing a Bond Underwriter to serve the School District.

The sole respondent to the recent RFP was Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. Based upon that organization's response to the RFP and its proposed fees for bond underwriting services, and a comparison of proposed fees to actual fees charged for like services rendered to school districts in Georgia over the past 24 months, the Superintendent is recommending to the School Board for approval Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. to serve as the School District's Bond Underwriter.

Services provided by the bond underwriter include development of advantageous financial structuring plan, assist bond counsel in preparation of legal documents, assist the financing team with assembly and preparation of data necessary to obtain credit ratings, assist with the development of all necessary or desirable documents related to the issuance of bonds, prepare annual debt service schedules, market the bonds and provide bond purchase contracts.

Priority Area

Organizational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

Bond Underwriter fee of 2.75% and related cost of issuance will be deducted from proceeds of bond sales

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
April 15, 2021	E-1

Title

Out of State and Overnight Field Trips

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State and Overnight Field Trips

Summary Explanation and Background

See Attached List of Field Trips

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

See Attachment

Source of Additional Information

Dr. Brian V. Hightower	770.479.1871
Dr. Nicole H. Holmes	770.479.1871

ATTACHMENT: OVERNIGHT AND OUT-OF- STATE FIELD TRIPS

I. Curriculum-Based Trips

School	Grade	Date	Destination	Reason/Nature
Cherokee HS	9 – 12	06.14.23 – 06.22.23	London, England	Science students will experience culture, tour historical sites and participate in STEM workshops.
Sequoyah HS	9 – 12	06.08.22 – 06.16.22	Tokyo, Japan	Robotics Team and Computer Science & Engineering students will study robotics, engineering and the future of cities in Japan.
River Ridge HS	9 – 12	04.01.23 – 04.12.23	Madrid, Ávila, Salamanca, Spain; Porto, Coimbra, Lisbon, Portugal	9 -12 Grade students will experience culture and tour historical sites.
Woodstock HS	9 – 12	04.02.23 – 04.09.23	London, England	9 -12 Grade students will experience culture, tour historical sites and participate in STEM workshops.

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
April 15, 2021	F-1

Title

Monthly Update on Capital Outlay Projects

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Monthly Update on Capital Outlay Projects

Summary Explanation and Background

See the attached report from the Chief Support Services Officer regarding the status of the current Capital Outlay Projects.

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

See Attachment

Source of Additional Information

William J. Sebring	770.479.1871
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Cherokee County School District

DATE: 30 March 2021

TO: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

FROM: William J. Sebring
Chief Support Services Officer

SUBJECT: Construction Status Reports

Capital Improvements staff has reviewed the architect's monthly status report on the current construction projects. A summary of the progress for each project is shown below:

Bus Shop I – New Fuel Island

- New fueling system is operational.
- Demolition and removal of the existing system has begun and is scheduled for completion April 2021.

Etowah HS Athletic Facility Improvements

- Visitor's fieldhouse slab will be poured next week.
- Football restroom masonry walls underway.
- Softball concessions/restroom building plumbing and electrical below slab are underway.
- This project is scheduled for completion August 2021.

Woodstock MS Classroom Addition

- Overhead electrical, plumbing, and HVAC rough-in work continues.
- Cable tray installation is underway.
- Brick veneer installation has begun.
- Roofing activities are ongoing.
- This project is scheduled for completion August 2021.

Woodstock HS Auxiliary Gym

- Electrical, plumbing and HVAC rough-in work continues.
- Roofing activities are ongoing.
- Brick installation is underway.
- This project is scheduled for completion August 2021.

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Attachments

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Bus Shop I – Replacement Fuel Island



Exterior View



Exterior View

Etowah High School Athletic Facility Improvements



Exterior View – Visitor Fieldhouse



Exterior View – Home Restroom Facilities

Woodstock High School Auxiliary Gym



Interior View

Woodstock Middle School Classroom Addition



Exterior View

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

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Title

Recommendations and Resignations/Terminations of Employment for Certified and Classified Personnel

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations of Employment and Transfers for Certified and Classified Personnel

Summary Explanation and Background

The recommendations include the following items:

1. Certified Recommendations
2. Certified Transfers
3. Certified Resignations/Terminations of Employment
4. Classified Recommendations
5. Classified Transfers
6. Classified Resignations/Terminations of Employment

Priority Area

Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Summary List of Recommendations

Source of Additional Information

Dr. Brian V. Hightower	770.479.1871
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Cherokee County School District

G1 Summary Report

BOE Meeting Date: 4/15/2021

Certified Recommendations

Name	Location	Position	Start Date
RIvera, Ashley	Arnold Mill Elem School	4th Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Traeger, Courtney	Arnold Mill Elem School	EIP Teacher	3/23/2021
O'Weger, Marleigh	Avery Elem School	1st Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Jameson, Jordan	Avery Elem School	1st Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Sapp, Alison	Bascomb Elem School	1st Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Beckman, Leah	Bascomb Elem School	2nd Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Flint, Kendle	Bascomb Elem School	2nd Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Scoretz, LeAnn	Bascomb Elem School	EIP Teacher	7/26/2021
Waver, Erin	Boston Elem School	3rd Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Johnson, Caroline	Boston Elem School	3rd Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Hartman, John	Boston Elem School	Sped EBD Teacher	7/26/2021
Bearden, Abigale	Cherokee High School	ESOL Teacher	4/1/2021
Roose, Jennifer	Cherokee High School	ESOL Teacher	7/26/2021
Vazquez, Amanda	Cherokee High School	Foreign Languages Teacher	7/26/2021
Aguilar-Leroux, Patricia	Cherokee High School	Foreign Languages Teacher	7/26/2021
Destin, Valerie	Cherokee High School	Foreign Languages Teacher	7/26/2021
O'Connell, Jennifer	Clayton Elem School	1st Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Harris, Shannon	Clayton Elem School	EIP Teacher	7/26/2021
Norris, Abby	Creekland Mid School	7th Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Russell, Zachary	Creekland Mid School	8th Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Blanton, Darby	Creekland Mid School	REP Teacher	7/26/2021
Callahan, Jessie	Dean Rusk Mid School	7th Grade Teacher	4/1/2021
Kuykendall, Traci	E.T. Booth Mid School	8th Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Roberts, Brandon	E.T. Booth Mid School	Sped IRR Teacher	7/26/2021
Crawford, Patricia	E.T. Booth Mid School	Sped MI-MOD Teacher	7/26/2021
Miklitsch, McKenzie	Etowah High School	Language Arts Teacher	7/26/2021
Cheshire, Jessie	Free Home Elem School	Sped IRR Teacher	7/26/2021
Ballew, Annabel	Freedom Mid School	Sped IRR Teacher	7/26/2021
Lutes, Ashley	Hasty Elem School	1st Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
McClure, Kimberly	Hasty Elem School	5th Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Moffitt, Cathleen	Hasty Elem School	ESOL Teacher	7/26/2021
Ribaudo, Dani	Hasty Elem School	ESOL Teacher	7/26/2021
Jackson, Penny	Hasty Elem School	ESOL Teacher	7/26/2021
Lester, Jamie	Hasty Elem School	Media Specialist	7/26/2021
Evans, Sarah	Hasty Elem School	Remedial Teacher	7/26/2021
Brady, Jennifer	Hasty Elem School	Sped IRR Teacher	7/26/2021
Boynton, Alison	Hickory Flat Elem School	4th Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Stone, Heidi	Hickory Flat Elem School	4th Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Chandler, Chelsea	Holly Springs Elem School	3rd Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Cox, Courtney	Holly Springs Elem School	EIP Teacher	7/26/2021
Reeves, Kindell	J Knox Elem School	EIP Teacher	7/26/2021
Hughes, Branigan	J Knox Elem School	EIP Teacher	7/26/2021
Roland, Caitlin	J Knox Elem School	ESOL Teacher	7/26/2021
Anderson, Macy	Johnston Elem School	3rd Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Barnette, Stephanie	Little River Elem School	EIP Teacher	7/26/2021
Lira, Ivan	Mill Creek Mid School	6th Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Butera, Laura	Mountain Road Elem School	ESOL Teacher	7/26/2021

Cherokee County School District

G1 Summary Report

BOE Meeting Date: 4/15/2021

Certified Recommendations

Name	Location	Position	Start Date
Delanuez, Veronica	Oak Grove Elem School	T1 Kindergarten Teacher	7/26/2021
Shaban, Nancy	River Ridge High School	Foreign Languages Teacher	7/26/2021
Heinzer, Erin	River Ridge High School	Language Arts Teacher	7/26/2021
Cochran, Kimberly	River Ridge High School	Language Arts Teacher	7/26/2021
Gaskill, Yocet	Sequoyah High School	Foreign Languages Teacher	7/26/2021
Collins, Steven	Sequoyah High School	Science Teacher	7/26/2021
Baker, Renee	Sequoyah High School	Sped IRR Teacher	7/26/2021
Laubach, Jennifer	Special Education	Psychologist	7/26/2021
Palmer, Lisa	Special Education	Psychologist	7/26/2021
Allen, Megan	Student Services	Social Worker	4/1/2021
Miller, Savannah	Teasley Mid School	6th Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Grine, Alicia	Teasley Mid School	7th Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Barbosa, Sara	Woodstock Elem School	5th Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Puga, Eleuterio	Woodstock High School	Foreign Languages Teacher	3/23/2021
Hoff, Troy	Woodstock High School	ISS Teacher	7/1/2021
Hodges, Garrett	Woodstock High School	Language Arts Teacher	7/26/2021
Carnes, Califf	Woodstock High School	Math Teacher	7/26/2021
Young, Roshmel	Woodstock High School	Science Teacher	7/26/2021
Camps, Samuel	Woodstock High School	Sped IRR Teacher	7/26/2021
Binkley, Sadie	Woodstock High School	Sped MI-MOD Teacher	7/26/2021
Hardin, Anna	Woodstock Mid School	6th Grade Teacher	7/26/2021

Certified Transfers

Name	Location	Position	Start Date
Santoro, Michael	Creekview High School	Principal	7/1/2021
Watkins, Beth	E.T. Booth Mid School	Assistant Principal	7/14/2021
Barbour, Kari	Teasley Mid School	Assistant Principal	7/14/2021
Bryller, Tia	Woodstock Mid School	Principal	7/6/2021

Certified Resignations/Terminations

Name	Location	Position	End Date
Murray, Marie	Avery Elem School	Sped IRR Teacher	6/2/2021
Coltrane, Karen	Ball Ground Elem School	2nd Grade Teacher	8/31/2021
Beinke, Kate	Boston Elem School	Sped Autism Teacher	6/2/2021
Elliott, Kelly	Carmel Elem School	2nd Grade Teacher	9/30/2021
Harris, Ann	Carmel Elem School	Sped EBD Teacher	5/28/2021
Galvis, Tracie	Cherokee High School	ESOL Teacher	3/24/2021
Baggett, Christa	Clark Creek Elem School	2nd Grade Teacher	6/2/2021
Abernathy, Kerri	Creekland Mid School	7th Grade Teacher	6/2/2021
Patrick, Sara	Creekview High School	Foreign Languages Teacher	6/2/2021
Barrett, Tony	Etowah High School	Foreign Languages Teacher	6/2/2021
Bertani, Yelena	Freedom Mid School	Sped IRR Teacher	6/2/2021
Shaw, Clinton	Hasty Elem School	PE Teacher	5/28/2021
Mixson, Tiffany	Johnston Elem School	3rd Grade Teacher	6/2/2021
Smith, Hope	Macedonia Elem School	Counselor	6/2/2021
Bagwell, Lori	Mountain Road Elem School	4th Grade Teacher	5/28/2021
Henddrix, Madison	R.M. Moore Elem School	PK ParaPro	6/2/2021

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Certified Resignations/Terminations

Name	Location	Position	End Date
Vasquez, Jorge	River Ridge High School	Foreign Languages Teacher	6/2/2021
Turner, Noah	Sequoyah High School	Science Teacher	6/2/2021
Zavala, Gloria	Teasley Mid School	Parent Involvement Facilitator (PIF)	6/2/2021
Smith, Susan	Woodstock Elem School	2nd Grade Teacher	9/24/2021

Classified Recommendations

Name	Location	Position	Start Date
Dorris, Kimberly	Clayton Elem School	LPN Nurse	3/25/2021
Krueger, Adriana	Indian Knoll Elem School	Clerical 3	7/14/2021
Bramlett, Kaylee	Mill Creek Mid School	Clerical 3	7/14/2021
Gianfala, Madison	Woodstock Elem School	AU ParaPro	7/30/2021

Classified Transfers

Name	Location	Position	Start Date
Courter, Ellen	Boston Elem School	5th Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Slauson, Jennifer	Creekland Mid School	School Nutrition Manager	3/15/2021
Blalock, Beverly	Creekview High School	Clerical 3	7/14/2021
Tooley, Amanda	Etowah High School	School Nutrition Asst Manager	4/12/2021
Madsen, Kari	Etowah High School	Sped IRR Teacher	7/26/2021
Thomas, Erin	Free Home Elem School	1st Grade Teacher	7/26/2021
Garity, Mary Ellen	Hasty Elem School	Kindergarten Teacher	7/26/2021
Holden, Melissa	Indian Knoll Elem School	School Nutrition Asst Manager	7/28/2021
Peterson, Samantha	Indian Knoll Elem School	School Nutrition Manager	7/27/2021
Haling, Carrie	Johnston Elem School	Clerical 4	7/14/2021
Gramling, Jamie	L.R. Tippens Center	School Nutrition Manager	7/27/2021
Hammack, Terry	Ralph Bunche Center	School Nutrition Manager	7/27/2021
Pullen, Lindsay	Woodstock High School	School Nutrition Asst Manager	4/12/2021

Classified Resignations/Terminations

Name	Location	Position	End Date
Rainey, Blake	Curriculum & Instruction	Clerical 5	6/30/2021
Begley, Diann	E.T. Booth Mid School	RN Nurse	6/1/2021
Dalfonso, Charlene	Liberty Elem School	RN Nurse	5/28/2021
Rohmer, Cheryl	Little River Elem School	Clerical 2	6/1/2021
Terry, Lucinda	Teasley Mid School	School Nutrition Asst Manager	6/1/2021
Price, Mike	Transportation	Bus Attendant	4/2/2021
Urquhart, Wayne	Transportation	Bus Driver	4/28/2021
Caudle, Gregory	Transportation	Bus Driver	5/28/2021
Aragon Santos, Mayra	Transportation	Bus Driver	3/17/2021

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
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Title

Approval of the Proposed 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 School Year Calendars

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Proposed 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 School Year Calendars

Summary Explanation and Background

The Superintendent's Ad Hoc Calendar Committee, comprised of School District staff members and parents, recently met and overwhelmingly endorsed continuation of balanced school year calendars similar to the model which has been utilized for the past two decades by CCSD.

Developed within the Ad Hoc Committee process, the attached, proposed 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 School Year Calendars are recommended by the Superintendent of Schools for consideration by the School Board. Establishing three consecutive years of calendars in a timely manner will enhance district and school strategic planning, as well as assist parents, communities and local service agencies in planning/scheduling activities.

Considerations used by the Ad Hoc Committee in the development of these annual school year calendars were as follows:

- Beginning the school year during the first week of August
- Utilizing break weeks strategically located during the school year (Fall, Thanksgiving, Holidays, Winter and Spring)
- Ending the school year prior to Memorial Day
- Ending teacher contracts by the end of May
- Designating November's General Election Day as a remote learning day for students

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Proposed 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 School Year Calendars

Source of Additional Information

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Amy Graham	770.479.1871

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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25 Pre-planning
26 Professional Learning
27-29 Pre-planning

JULY '22

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1 First Day of Semester

5 School Holiday
19-23 School Holiday

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10 Professional Learning
Student Holiday

8 Remote Learning Day/
Election Day
21-25 School Holiday

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22 Last Day of Semester
Modified Dismissal
23 Teacher Planning
School Holiday
26-30 School Holiday

2-6 School Holiday
9 First Day of Semester
16 School Holiday

JANUARY '23

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3-7 School Holiday

25 Last Day of Semester
Modified Dismissal
26 Post Planning
29 School Holiday
30 Professional Learning
31 Post Planning

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CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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24-31 Pre-planning

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1 First Day of Semester

4 School Holiday
18-22 School Holiday

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9 Professional Learning
Student Holiday

7 Remote Learning Day/
Election Day
20-24 School Holiday

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21 Last Day of Semester
Modified Dismissal
22 Teacher Planning
School Holiday
25-29 School Holiday

1-5 School Holiday
8 First Day of Semester
15 School Holiday

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1-5 School Holiday

24 Last Day of Semester
Modified Dismissal
27 School Holiday
28 Professional Learning
29 Post Planning

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CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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23-31 Pre-planning

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1 First Day of Semester

2 School Holiday
16-20 School Holiday

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5 Remote Learning Day/ Election Day

25-29 School Holiday

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20 Last Day of Semester Modified Dismissal
23-27 School Holiday
30-31 School Holiday

1-3 School Holiday
6 First Day of Semester/ Remote Learning Day
20 School Holiday

JANUARY '25

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17-21 School Holiday

31 School Holiday

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1-4 School Holiday

23 Last Day of Semester Modified Dismissal
26 School Holiday
27 Post Planning
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Agenda Request Form

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Title

Name Selection for CCSD's Academies Campus and the New Virtual School

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation of Name Selection for CCSD's Academies Campus and the New Virtual School

Summary Explanation and Background

Pursuant to the School Board's Naming New Facilities Policy (FDC), Dr. Nicole Holmes, Chief Academic Officer, chaired an Ad Hoc Naming Committee which was comprised of senior level staff, administrators, parents and students, for the purpose of exploring and discussing potential names for CCSD's new virtual school to open in the Fall of 2021. Additionally, this committee was tasked with proposing an overarching name for the campus, which currently houses ACE Academy and the Transition Academy.

As previously discussed with the School Board, this campus will grow in the Fall of 2021 and become home to not only ACE Academy and the Transition Academy, but one additional State Department of Education designated school (the new virtual school) and an one additional program (the new Cherokee College and Career Academy [C^3], which will begin as a one pathway offering with Cybersecurity).

The Committee met on March 11 and proposed the following names to the Superintendent, which are now recommended to the School Board for consideration of approval:

- New virtual school name: i-Grad Virtual Academy
- New campus name: ACTIVE Academies Campus (an acronym for ACE Academy, C3 Academy, Transition Academy, i-Grad Virtual Academy Educational Campus)

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
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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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March 31, 2021

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