Cherokee County School District

AGENDA

School Board Meeting

Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility

7:00 p.m.

December 15, 2022

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance/Inspiration
- Adoption of Superintendent's Recommended Agenda for December 15, 2022 School Board Meeting
- Approval of Minutes of the November 17, 2022 School Board Meeting
- Approval of Consent Agenda for December 15, 2022 School Board Meeting

A. Resolutions/Recognition

1. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School Board as 2022 Georgia Leading Edge Award Winner

2. School Board Recognition of CCSD Overall Winners of 2023 Support Staff Employees of the Year Awards

3. School Board Recognition of Woodstock High School Assistant Principal Dr. Meagan Waid -- Named 2022-23 Georgia Assistant Principal of the Year

4. School Board Recognition of Etowah High School Senior Avery DiGirolamo Georgia HOSA -- Future Health Professionals Statewide Career Skills Competition Winner

5. School Board Recognition of Clark Creek Elementary School STEM Academy Teachers -- Teresa Bailey and Kimberly Harrison -- Named 2023 Georgia STEM Scholars

6. School Board Recognition of CCSD Adapted PE Specialist Amy Aenchbacher -- Georgia Association of Health, Physical Education,

Recreation, and Dance (GAHPERD) Kim Thompson Honor Award Recipient

7. School Board Recognition of Woodstock Middle School Seventh-grader Cynthia Higginbotham for Being Named Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Essay Contest Winner

8. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions

9. School Board Recognition of Woodstock Middle School Seventh-grader Winston Kang for Being Named Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority Countywide Essay Contest Winner

10. School Board Recognition of REACH Georgia Scholar Winners

B. School Board Members

1. School Board Adoption of Resolution Regarding Cherokee County Board of Education's Affirmation, Commitment and Support of Mountain Education Charter High School

C. School Board Policies

1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Modifications to Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption Policy (IFAB) - - on First Reading

D. Financial Management

1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of November 2022 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update

E. Curriculum and Instruction

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

2. **School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval to Uphold the Media Advisory Committee's Recommendation for the Challenged book, Drama**

F. Support Services

1. **School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Special Lease Agreement**

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

1. **School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Suspension of Portion of School Board Policy (BCBI) Public Participation in Board Meetings**

I. Superintendent of Schools

- **Public Participation**

- **Executive Session**
  - Student Discipline Matter (1)

- **Adjournment**

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, November 17, 2022

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, November 17, 2022, 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 Hasty Elementary School Student Lincoln Masak.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Patsy Jordan.

Approval of Agenda

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

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Clark Menard seconded by John Harmon and carried the Board approved the minutes from the October 20, 2022, School Board Meeting *(7-0 vote).*

Consent Agenda

Following the 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).*

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of Etowah High School Students Named as National Champions in the Raider National Championships

(Recognized)

A-3. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District VILLA Program Class of 2022-23 Participants

(Recognized)

***A-4. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the Renewal of Partnership Agreement with the Atlanta Area Council Boy Scouts of America**

(Approved)

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

- School Board Member, Mike Chapman was recognized by the School Board and Superintendent for his commitment and many years of service to Cherokee County School District.
- School Board Members requested that concerns be further expressed to Legislators regarding Mountain Educational Charter High School.
- School Board Members commented about the positive impact that the salary/compensation study and review will have on compensation scales next year.
    - The Superintendent responded that the recommendations that were proposed from the salary and compensation study support the School District's goal to remain competitive in the current market.
- A School Board Member recognized School Board Members-elect as determined by the November election, as well as a couple of CCSD staff members honored with recent awards.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of October 2022 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

D-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Commit $32,500,000 of the Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for Future Capital Outlay Purposes

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Kelly Poole, and carried to commit $32,500,00 of the Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for Future Capital Outlay Purposes *(Vote 7-0)*.

(Approved)

D-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Supplemental Pay for Eligible Employees

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Mike Chapman, and carried to approve Supplemental Pay for Eligible Employees *(Vote 7-0)*.

(Approved)

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

***E-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

***E-2. 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 Withdrawal of the State-Required FY2024 Capital Outlay Funding Application**

(Approved)

F-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Proposals for the Creekland MS Classroom Addition and Creekview HS Classroom Addition ~Auxiliary Gym

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Mike Chapman, and carried to reject construction proposals for Creekland MS Classroom Addition and Creekview HS Classroom Addition ~ Auxiliary Gym *(Vote 7-0).*

(Rejected)

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 2023 Legislative Partnership Priorities

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Patsy Jordan, and carried to approve 2023 Legislative Partnership Priorities *(Vote 7-0).*

(Approved)

Informational Items:

- As part of the D-2 agenda item, discussion was led by Superintendent relative to the monies available in the operating budget reserve account to be utilized for capital improvements, thus potentially enabling CCSD to avoid long-term debt while retaining strong reserves consistent with School Board Policy guidelines.
- As part of the D-3 agenda item, discussion was led by the Superintendent relative to findings from a recent CCSD employee compensation study that would significantly improve next year's employee compensation and salary schedules. This study's findings will become a major part of staff's construction of the upcoming, proposed FY2024 annual budget.
- As part of the F-1 agenda item, discussion was led by the Superintendent as to next steps for this construction project, as it will remain a priority within the current Five-Year Facility Plan.
- Announced that CCSD earned a Georgia Power Grant for CTAE Energy Pathway which will be offered at Cherokee High School.
- Focus on Future initiative giving diploma choices for high school students was highlighted.
- REACH Scholarships reception prior to December School Board Meeting was discussed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public signed up to address the School Board.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Clark Menard and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Student Discipline Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757), a Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6)), and Potential Litigation Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2) at 8:24 p.m. *(7-0 vote)*.

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to return to Open Session at 8:50 p.m. *(7-0 vote)*.

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by John Harmon and carried to Uphold the Findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #22-151634, *(7-0 vote*).

The School Board adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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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, November 17, 2022. 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 17th day of November, 2022.

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

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: June 8, 2026

SHERYL PUCCIO NOTARY PUBLIC CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 08, 2026

Kyla Cromer

Kelly Poole

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 15, 2022	A-1

Title

Recognition of Cherokee County School Board as 2022 Georgia Leading Edge Award Winner

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School Board as 2022 Georgia Leading Edge Award Winner

Summary Explanation and Background

The Cherokee County School Board has earned top state honors for exemplary leadership and innovative practices in stakeholder communications.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Georgia School Boards Association has awarded the Cherokee County School Board its Leading Edge Award. The past three years, the honor earned has been in the Culture, Climate & Organizational Efficacy category, and this year's award is in the Communication category. The awards, presented in seven categories, recognize innovative practices by school boards and school districts

CCSD's strategic communications plan outlines how communications efforts will help achieve the goals of the district's overall Blueprint strategic five-year plan for continuous improvement. Key to this plan is reporting success stories, which are shared daily across numerous district and school platforms, including websites, social media, newsletters and publications and also are shared with traditional local media outlets. CCSD's communications team annually trains staff from schools and district departments/divisions on best communications practices including how to share their successes stories. School Board members also receive communications training and guidance throughout their time in office.

Priority Area

Positive Culture and Climate

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 15, 2022	A-2

Title

Recognition of CCSD Overall Winners of 2023 Support Staff Employees of the Year Awards

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of CCSD Overall Winners of 2023 Support Staff Employees of the Year Awards

Summary Explanation and Background

The Cherokee County School District celebrated the important role of support staff at its annual Support Staff Employee of the Year Awards on December 8.

The celebration honored one Support Staff Employee of the Year from each of CCSD's schools, centers and central office divisions. Each of the 47 honorees were recognized by the Superintendent of Schools and School Board members and receive a plaque and gifts of appreciation including a $200 Visa card funded by sponsors.

At the conclusion of the evening, surprise presentations were made to one overall CCSD winner each in three categories: Elementary School to Boston ES kindergarten paraprofessional Debbie McMichen; Middle School/High School/Centers to CCSD Preschool Centers Head Start paraprofessional Julissa Izaguirre; and Central Office to CCSD Technology & Information Services technology specialist Jill Phillips. These overall winners were selected by a committee of retired educators and community leaders.

Everyone who works in a support role was eligible for their school's or division's honor, and honorees were selected by their school or division colleagues.

Priority Area

Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 15, 2022	A-3

Title

Recognition of Woodstock High School Assistant Principal Dr. Meagan Waid -- Named 2022-23 Georgia Assistant Principal of the Year

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Woodstock High School Assistant Principal Dr. Meagan Waid -- Named 2022-23 Georgia Assistant Principal of the Year

Summary Explanation and Background

A Cherokee County School District leader has been named the 2022-23 Georgia Assistant Principal of the Year!

Woodstock High School Assistant Principal Dr. Meagan Waid was one of three leaders announced as finalists for the award presented by the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals. The award, which is open to high school and middle school assistant principals statewide, recognizes “outstanding school leaders who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students.”

The judges selected a winner based on achievement in four categories of specific standards: personal excellence, collaborative leadership, personalization and curriculum, instruction and assessment. Dr. Waid will represent the state in the competition for the national title.

In addition to her critical role as a member of Woodstock High School's administration and leadership team, oversees curriculum. She also is responsible for the school improvement plan, schedules, student services, the language arts and social studies departments, the AP (Advanced Placement) program, the middle to high school transition, online learning opportunities, graduation ceremonies, honors and awards nights and academic letters.

Dr. Waid will represent the state in the competition for the national title.

Priority Area

Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 15, 2022	A-4

Title

Recognition of Etowah High School Senior Avery DiGirolamo Georgia HOSA -- Future Health Professionals Statewide Career Skills Competition Winner

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Etowah High School Senior Avery DiGirolamo Georgia HOSA -- Future Health Professionals Statewide Career Skills Competition Winner

Summary Explanation and Background

A Cherokee County School District student has earned first place in a statewide career skills competition.

Etowah High School senior Avery DiGirolamo won the top prize in the mental health education in action competitive event at the Georgia HOSA Future Health Professionals fall leadership conference.

Avery competed against other healthcare science students from across the state at the conference, which offered five competitive events. The mental health education in action competitive event won by Avery is new this school year. She is a student in the Etowah HS Career Pathway healthcare science program focused on therapeutic services, sports medicine and exercise physiology led by teacher Megan King.

Priority Area

Student Achievement: Access and Opportunity

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 15, 2022	A-5

Title

Recognition of Clark Creek Elementary School STEM Academy Teachers -- Teresa Bailey and Kimberly Harrison -- Named 2023 Georgia STEM Scholars

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Clark Creek Elementary School STEM Academy Teachers -- Teresa Bailey and Kimberly Harrison -- Named 2023 Georgia STEM Scholars

Summary Explanation and Background

Two Cherokee County School District teachers have been named 2023 Georgia STEM Scholars!

Teresa Bailey and Kimberly Harrison, both of Clark Creek Elementary School STEM Academy, earned the honor that is presented annually by the Georgia Youth Science & Technology Centers. Only 23 elementary and middle school teachers from a pool of statewide nominees were recognized as 2023 Don Cargill STEM Scholar Award winners.

Honored educators are selected for their excellence in teaching students about STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and their innovation in integrating STEM lessons in elementary and middle school education. Each honoree receives a $500 award to purchase classroom STEM supplies.

What sets the honorees apart from other outstanding teachers, she said, are two key factors. STEM Scholars must show an aptitude for identifying unique strengths and potential in their students and demonstrate a record of creating and presenting engaging classroom lessons. They also must have led student-based projects with impact that reached beyond their classroom, involving their entire school and community.

Priority Area

Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 15, 2022	A-6

Title

Recognition of CCSD Adapted PE Specialist Amy Aenchbacher -- Georgia Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (GAHPERD) Kim Thompson Honor Award Recipient

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of CCSD Adapted PE Specialist Amy Aenchbacher -- Georgia Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (GAHPERD) Kim Thompson Honor Award Recipient

Summary Explanation and Background

A Cherokee County School District educator earned a top state honor for teaching physical education!

Amy Aenchbacher, a CCSD adapted PE specialist, was presented with the Georgia Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (GAHPERD) Kim Thompson Honor Award at its annual conference in November.

The award is the highest honor bestowed by the association and is only presented when a member's contributions to the profession and colleagues and service to the organization have been “exemplary, sustaining and far-reaching.” Recipients additionally must be considered by their colleagues as a positive role model and have held leadership positions in the association, presented at state conferences and/or been published in state publications.

Ms. Aenchbacher, who is retiring later this month after a long and successful career in PE and Special Education, in addition to her role with CCSD also serves as co-coordinator of the Cherokee County Special Olympics. Her longtime record of community service also has been recognized with honors including the Lamar Haley Community Service Award presented by the Rotary Club of Canton, considered to be the top local award for exemplary volunteerism.

Priority Area

Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 15, 2022	A-7

Title

Recognition of Woodstock Middle School Seventh-grader Cynthia Higginbotham for Being Named Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Essay Contest Winner

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Woodstock Middle School Seventh-grader Cynthia Higginbotham for Being Named Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Essay Contest Winner

Summary Explanation and Background

A Cherokee County School District student is a regional essay contest winner!

Woodstock Middle School seventh-grader Cynthia Higginbotham is the Cherokee County winner for the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's annual contest open to all metro Atlanta middle schoolers.

Students were invited to write an essay about the impact of floods, droughts and other extreme weather on access to clean, safe water. Cynthia wrote a fictional story about three girls living at different times, including in the future, and how weather impacts their water supply and lives.

Cynthia, her family and school staff have been invited to the State Capitol for the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District awards ceremony later this month.

Priority Area

Student Achievement: Access and Opportunity

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 15, 2022	A-8

Title

Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions

Summary Explanation and Background

Please see the attached list of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions.

Priority Area

Student Achievement: Access and Opportunity

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Region/State Champions

Source of Additional Information

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ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY RECOGNITIONS

Cherokee High School		
Sport/Activity	One Act Play	
Coach/Director	Dr. Jodi Burn	
Team Recognition	Region 5 – 7A Champions State Runner-Up	
Team Members		
	Emma Barnes	
	Keira McGehee	
	Nathan Carson	
	Sophia Cicola	
	Aleah Cole	
	Ali Cox	
	Ryder Crumley	
	Wyatt Darnell	7A State Best Actor
	Maria Delanuez	
	Elly Fitzwater	
	Tessa Ghassemzadeh	
	Mackenzie Glover	
	Emily Hamilton	
	Devon Hart	
	Jeremy Hett	7A State All Star Cast
	Matthew Hughes	7A State All Star Cast
	Brooke Kelly	
	Mattox Lively	
	Jack Lorenz	
	Dexter Lovett	
	Hope Lovett	
	Emmalyn Lugli	
	Austin Mejia	
	Liberty Miller	
	Lily Richard	
	Sophia Richard	
	Caisen Strom	
	Cason Sutton	
	Sarah Vassy	
	Evan Walters	
	Ruby Womack	

Creekview High School	
Sport/Activity	Competition Cheerleading
Coach/Director	Cassie Koes
Team Recognition	Region 6 – 6A Champions
Team Members	Belle Bourgeois Reagan Brauer Annie Collis Kalli Crenshaw Ella Gibson Piper Goeman Katelyn Hansen Ansley Hughes Ashlyn Long Sydney Shipley Kaylee Smedley Addison Smith Caroline Smith Addison Spell Easton Wechter Mary Grace Wilkie

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 15, 2022	A-9

Title

Recognition of Woodstock Middle School Seventh-grader Winston Kang for Being Named Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority Countywide Essay Contest Winner

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Woodstock Middle School Seventh-grader Winston Kang for Being Named Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority Countywide Essay Contest Winner

Summary Explanation and Background

A Woodstock Middle School student is a countywide essay contest winner!

Seventh-grader Winston Kang was named the Cherokee County overall winner by the Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority for his entry into its annual water essay contest. The contest was open to students in grades 6-12.

Priority Area

Student Achievement: Access and Opportunity

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 15, 2022	A-10

Title

Recognition of REACH Georgia Scholar Winners

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of REACH Georgia Scholar Winners

Summary Explanation and Background

REACH Georgia is the State of Georgia's first needs-based mentorship and college Scholarship program.

First launched from Georgia Tech in 2012, this program is designed to encourage students to persist in their educational goals and interests. As part of Georgia's Complete College initiative, REACH seeks to identify rising eighth-grade students who display academic promise and provide them with the academic, social and financial support they will need to graduate from high school, attend and complete college. REACH Scholars who complete the program requirements receive up to $10,000 in scholarship dollars at a HOPE eligible University System of Georgia, Technical College System of Georgia or a private postsecondary institution within Georgia.

One eighth-grader from each CCSD middle school has been selected as a REACH Georgia scholar. Braxton Cox of Creekland MS; Violeta De la luz Mendoza of Dean Rusk MS; Caleb Massey of E.T. Booth MS; Patricia R. Garcia of Freedom Middle School; Matthew Green of Mill Creek MS; Ingrid Osorio-Carreno of Teasley MS; and Ashley Gaspar-Morales of Woodstock MS.

Priority Area

Student Achievement: Access and Opportunity

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 15, 2022	B-1

Title

Resolution Regarding Cherokee County Board of Education's Affirmation, Commitment and Support of Mountain Education Charter High School

Requested Action

School Board Adoption of Resolution Regarding Cherokee County Board of Education's Affirmation, Commitment and Support of Mountain Education Charter High School

Summary Explanation and Background

School Board Member Clark Menard had suggested at the November 17, 2022 School Board meeting that the School Board consider adoption of a resolution supporting its legislative priority relative to supporting legislation aimed at ensuring the viability of Mountain Education Charter High School, which is successfully providing second chance opportunities at a noteworthy high rate for Cherokee County students to earn an accredited hish school diploma in a student-centered, self-paced, evening public high school by creating a State Charter School designation that receives State QBE funding.

Per, Mr. Menard's request the attached resolution has been added to the agenda by the Superintendent who recommends adoption.

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Resolution

Source of Additional Information

Clark Menard, School Board Member 678.388.7214

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION'S
AFFIRMATION, COMMITMENT, AND SUPPORT OF
MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County School District (CCSD) and the Board of Education (School Board) are committed to educating the emerging generation through learning environments designed to increase the performance of all students; and

WHEREAS, the School Board believes every student can learn, achieve and thrive; and

WHEREAS, the School Board promotes student achievement through access and opportunity with an emphasis on meaningful accomplishments such as increasing the number of high school students obtaining a high school diploma in the county; and

WHEREAS, the School Board believes meaningful connections we forge with community partners positively influence how we teach, lead and prepare graduates for success in a knowledge-based, technology rich and culturally diverse world; and

WHEREAS, CCSD and Mountain Education Charter High School have partnered to allow for a Cherokee County campus within its North Georgia service area enabling over 400 local students to currently access an alternative educational delivery model through this State Charter school in Cherokee County; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Education Charter High School's mission is to provide a second chance opportunity for students within Cherokee County and across North Georgia to earn an accredited High School Diploma in a student-centered, self-paced, evening public high school; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Education Charter High School provides enhanced services to those students within Cherokee County and across North Georgia including graduation coaches and mentors, support for nightly classes including dinners, development of life action plans and support groups; and

WHEREAS, the School Board and Mountain Education Charter High School agree that all students should have a choice in their education and that multiple paths may be required for a student to reach their goal of graduation; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Senate Bill 153, also known as the "Graduation Opportunities and Advanced Learning Act" was intended to find a fair resolution to funding of certain State-approved Charter High Schools but instead eliminated the ability for Mountain Education Charter High School to remain a State-approved charter school beginning June 2023 within Georgia's current charter school models; and

WHEREAS, both the School Board and Mountain Education Charter High School feel that one proposed solution requiring Mountain Education Charter High School to develop individual charter contracts with each school district in its service area will limit the viability of a continued regional alternative high school program; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has included on its annual legislative partnership priorities an item to encourage the Cherokee County Legislative Delegation to enhance educational and workforce opportunities through creation of a special charter designation for Mountain Education Charter High School; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cherokee County Board of Education is committed to seeking a beneficial resolution within the 2023 General Assembly session for the reauthorization of Mountain Education Charter High School as a State-approved charter school through a special charter designation and modified funding model; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cherokee County Board of Education is committed to working with the appropriate Members of the Georgia General Assembly and Cherokee County Legislative Delegation in order to find and implement support for a resolution that fulfills the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia's mission to improve public education throughout the state by authorizing high-quality charter schools that provide students with better educational opportunities than they would otherwise receive in traditional district schools.

_____, Chair

Adoption Date: _____

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 15, 2022	C-1

Title

Modifications to Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption Policy (IFAB) - - on First Reading

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Modifications to Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption Policy (IFAB) - - on First Reading

Summary Explanation and Background

O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2-15, was amended by SB226 (2022 Legislative Session) to contain O.C.G.A. § 20-2-324.6, which required the State Board of Education to promulgate a model policy to assist schools and local school systems with establishing a harmful materials complaint process that meets statutory requirements. The law required the promulgation of this model policy by the State Board no later than September 1, 2022, and the adoption of a harmful materials complaint policy by local boards of education and the governing bodies of each charter school by January 1, 2023. The attached reflects application of the statute.

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Policy (IFAB)

Source of Additional Information

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I. Professional Responsibility

The purchase of instructional materials is legally vested in the Cherokee County Board of Education. Each person involved with the instructional program is expected to know and to implement School District policies and procedures governing the selection and use of instructional materials and equipment.

The responsibility for planning, developing and coordinating the instructional media program is delegated to the Superintendent and/or a designee or designees. The media specialist is responsible for performing the functions identified in the Georgia School Library Media Specialists Handbook, which can be accessed through the School District website.

The instructional and media personnel will plan cooperatively to ensure optimal opportunities for individual student achievement. Each school will have an annual media plan.

The Superintendent on an annual basis makes the appointment of the District Media Contact Person (DMCP). The DMCP serves as a liaison between the School District and the Georgia Department of Education.

The Superintendent will appoint a School District instructional media committee. The committee is to be composed of administrators, media specialists, teachers, parents, students and community representatives. The committee addresses system media concerns within the framework of existing policies and procedures. The committee meets annually. Additional meetings may be called with permission of the Superintendent.

The principal in each school will appoint an instructional media committee. The committee is to be composed of administration, media specialist, teachers, parents, students, and a community representative(s). The committee will meet biannually. The committee chairperson may call additional meetings after consultation with the principal.

II. Media Program Implementation

A. Program Priorities

Media programs and services for the School District will meet all requirements of the Georgia Board of Education and the accreditation principles of the various accrediting commissions is which the system holds membership. The program will meet the instructional goals of the School District.

Implementation of the media program is the responsibility of the principal and will be based on the Georgia Department of Education's Georgia School

Library Media Specialist Handbook. Each school will have written procedures to implement the School District's media policy.

B. Selection of Instructional Media

The responsibility for the selection of instructional media is delegated to the professionally trained personnel employed by the School District. Selection of media involves principals, teachers, media specialists, students, parents, and appropriate School District personnel.

At the building level, the principal will be responsible for the recommendation of textbooks, consumable materials and library resources to the appropriate School District personnel. The recommendation of the principal may be based upon recommendation from teachers, media specialists and/or the school instructional media committee.

III. Selection – Evaluation of Instructional Materials

Selection and adoption of equipment and materials will be according to rules, regulations, and policies of the State Board of Education and School Board.

Instructional materials and equipment will be carefully selected on the basis of the appropriateness for the purposes and grade level for which they are selected. In order to accomplish this the following criteria are to be used:

1. Overall purpose
2. Relevancy or permanent value
3. Quality of writing/production
4. Readability and popular appeal
5. Authoritativeness
6. Accuracy
7. Reputation of publisher/producer
8. Reputation and significance of Author, etc.
9. Format
10. Price

The principal will recommend the purchase of textbooks based upon need, state and local regulations and recommendations from instructional staff and/or instructional materials committee.

A. Consumable materials are defined as workbooks, classroom periodicals, etc., that are designed to be used only once. The principal will recommend purchase of consumable materials based upon need, state and local regulations and recommendation of the media specialist and/or the instructional materials committee.

B. Media materials and equipment, including gifts and sponsored materials, non-school owned materials, and community resources will be carefully selected on the basis of their potential contribution to the attainment of School District goals and their appropriateness for the purpose and grade level for which they are selected.

The principal will recommend purchase of media materials based upon need, state and local regulations and recommendation of the media specialist and/or the instructional materials committee.

IV. Use of non school owned materials/equipment

Any print or non-print media brought to the school by teachers; students or parents for possible classroom use will be subject to the same criteria as that established for school-owned materials.

In no instance will media and/or equipment be used in such a manner as to violate School Board Policy or the law.

V. Removal of Materials

Out-of-date or no longer useful materials will be withdrawn from the collection periodically. The principal must approve the removal of materials to be discarded.

VI. Copyright Compliance

The School District will adhere to the Federal Copyright Law. (P.L. 94-553).

The Chief Academic Officer will be responsible for keeping abreast of copyright law interpretations and changes. This person will disseminate this information to educators within the School District so that school materials, employees and equipment will not be involved in infringement of this law.

VII. Challenged Media

The School Board acknowledges the right of parents and other citizens to raise questions through established procedures when materials appear inappropriate for public school use.

Though care is taken to select valuable materials for students and teachers, there may be occasional objections by the public as to the selections that have been made.

In the event that a complaint is made, the following procedures will be followed:

A. Definitions

1. Harmful to Minors – As outlined in O.C.G.A. § 20-2-324.6, that quality of description or representation, in whatever form, of nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sadomasochistic abuse, when it:
    i. Taken as a whole, predominantly appeals to the prurient, shameful, or morbid interest of minors;
    ii. Is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable material for minors; and
    iii. Is, when taken as a whole, lacking in serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.
2. Designee – A school or system administrator designated by the school principal to conduct the complaint resolution process.
3. Parent – parent, legal agent, legal guardian, or kinship caregiver.
4. Permanent Guardian – An individual appointed as a guardian of a minor pursuant to Part 5, Article I of Chapter 2 of Title 29.

B. Complaint Resolution Process Requirements

1. Complaint Submission
    i. Complaints alleging that material that is Harmful to Minors has been provided or is currently available must be submitted by the Parents or Permanent Guardians of a student enrolled in the school. Complaints must be submitted in writing to the principal of the school where the student is enrolled.
    ii. Complaints shall provide a reasonably detailed description of the material that is alleged to be harmful to minors.

2. Complaint Review Procedures
    i. Within seven (7) business days of receiving a written complaint, the school principal or his or her Designee will review the complaint and take reasonable steps to investigate allegations in the complaint, including, but not limited to, reviewing the material that is alleged to be harmful to minors, if it is available.
    ii. The school principal or his or her Designee shall determine whether the material that is the subject of the complaint is harmful to minors.
    iii. The school principal or his or her Designee will determine whether student access to the material that is the subject of the complaint should be removed or restricted.
    iv. Within ten (10) business days of receiving the complaint, unless another schedule is mutually agreed to by the Parent or Permanent Guardian and the school principal or his or her Designee, the school principal or his or her Designee shall confer with the Parent or Permanent Guardian and inform him or her whether the material that is the subject of the complaint was determined to be harmful to minors, and whether student access to such material will be removed or restricted.

3. Appeals Process
   i. Appeals of the school's principal's or his or her Designee's determinations of the complaint allegations shall be subject to full administrative and substantive review by the (local) Board of Education, which shall also include the ability of the Parent or Permanent Guardian to provide input during public comment at a regularly scheduled board meeting.
   ii. Unless another time frame is mutually agreed upon by the Parent or Permanent Guardian and the (local) Board of Education, the review and final disposition of the appeal by the (local) Board of Education shall be completed within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving the written appeal.
   iii. The title of the material submitted for appeal that is determined by the (local) Board of Education to be not harmful to minors shall be published on the website of the (local) Board of Education within fifteen (15) business days from the date of such determination and shall remain on the website for a period of not less than twelve (12) months.
   iv. A Parent or Permanent Guardian may request access to appealed materials that are physical in nature and accessible to their student in the student's school media center. A Parent or Permanent Guardian must abide by the school's policies and procedures when requesting and reviewing such material.

~~A. The school staff member receiving the complaint will explain the selection process utilized and the procedures for challenged materials, but make no commitments as to personal opinion, etc. Written documentation of this contact will be filed with the school principal.~~

~~B. In the event that the person making an objection to material is not satisfied with the initial explanation, the person will be referred to the principal who will explain the selection and reconsideration process and refrain from expressing personal opinion.~~

~~1. If, after consultation, the complainant desires to file a formal complaint, a copy of the challenged material form will be given to the complainant by the principal.~~

~~2. The principal will inform the complainant that the form must be completed in its entirety and submitted to the principal. It must be emphasized to the complainant that incomplete forms will be considered invalid and will not be recognized.~~

~~3. After the challenged materials form is completed and signed by the complainant, it is to be filed with the principal and copies sent to the appropriate School District personnel.~~

~~4. When referred to the School District instructional media committee, at a minimum the committee will do the following:~~

~~a. Read and examine materials referred to it;~~
~~b. Check general acceptance of the materials by reading reviews;~~
~~c. Compare values and faults against each other and form opinions based on the materials as a whole and not on passages pulled out of context;~~
~~d. Meet to discuss the material and to prepare a report on it; and,~~
~~e. Present the report to the appropriate personnel.~~

~~5. In the event that the above procedures do not satisfy the complainant, the matter may be referred to the School Board. The decision of the School Board is the final authority.~~

VIII. Organization of Materials and Equipment

All school-owned print and non-print instructional materials and equipment except basic textbooks, items purchased with categorical funds and items useful only in one specific instructional content area will be organized and made available through the media center.

Organization of materials will be based on nationally recognized system and designs for school media centers. Equipment will be organized so as to provide accurate circulation, maintenance, and inventory records.

IX. Accessibility of Facilities and Resources

Provisions will be made to assure accessibility of the media center for both individual students and groups simultaneously throughout the instructional day during each day of the school year.

Provisions will be made for access to media resources to support instruction in any State Board of Education approved course when offered outside regular instructional time.

Provision will be made through the media specialist to facilitate the use of information sources outside the school, which are available through cooperating agencies.

When the entire class uses the media center, the teacher is the instructional leader. The purpose of the visit is planned cooperatively with the media specialist.

X. Textbook and Instructional Materials Accountability

Once textbooks and instructional materials paid for by public funds are issued to a student; the responsibility for the return of these materials to the school for further use will be the total responsibility of the student and parents or guardians.

When textbooks, library books or other instructional materials are not returned to the school in a form suitable for continued use, it will be the responsibility of the student and the parents/guardians to reimburse the School District for the full replacement cost of the textbook, library book or other instructional materials.

In cases involving damaged books or materials, such materials will become the property of the student and the parents/guardians once the school receives replacement funds. Students who do not pay for books issued to them which have been lost or damaged will not be issued additional books or materials or will not receive diplomas until their debts are settled. In no case will a student be eligible to participate in graduation exercises and activities of the School District if debts related to lost or damaged books or materials remain unpaid.

Students who meet graduation requirements but are ineligible for graduation exercises because of unpaid debts related to textbooks, library books or other instructional materials will receive their official high school diploma by mail along with an official transcript; however, no request for forwarding of transcripts to any source will be honored.

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Cherokee County Board of Education

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 15, 2022	D-1

Title

November 2022 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of November 2022 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update

Summary Explanation and Background

Financial Report for November 2022

See Attached Reports

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Financial Report and Sales Tax Update

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CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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FINANCIAL REPORT
NOVEMBER 2022

General Fund

For the month ending November 30, 2022, the fifth month of the 2022-23 Fiscal Year, the School District's Operating Account (General Fund) has received $199,610,313 in revenue (year-to-date) consisting of state funds of $63,250,082 (27% of budget), $135,786,463 local revenues (57% of budget), and other funds of $573,768 (42% of budget). All operating expenditures of $169,871,121 (36% of budget) are within the Board of Education's approved 2022-23 budget.

Building Fund/Ed-SPLOST Collections

The Capital Outlay Fund balance of $83,865,373 as of November 30, 2022 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 $5,328,786 for sales tax collections received in November 2022, for the month of October 2022, the 1st month of 60 monthly sales tax collections for the 2022-27 SPLOST. Collections received were above projections for the month by $692,777.

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 November 30, 2022 is $50,577,807 representing funds accumulated from Ed-SPLOST collections, collections from the 1.5 mills 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 November 30, 2022 is $17,709,417 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 NOVEMBER 30, 2022

BALANCE SHEET	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	BUILDING FUND	FED FUNDS/ SCHOOL NUTRITION	TOTAL
ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 166,656,535	$ 24,631,029	$ 86,894,414	$ 8,713,872	$ 286,895,850
Investments	1,031,972	25,946,778	-	-	26,978,750
Receivables	959,950	-	-	10,326,843	11,286,793
Inventories	127,519	-	-	985,509	1,113,028
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 168,775,976	$ 50,577,807	$ 86,894,414	$ 20,026,224	$ 326,274,421
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	$ 1,941,724	$ -	$ 135,699	$ 1,579,348	$ 3,656,771
Salaries and Benefits Payable	(8,676,762)	-	-	737,460	(7,939,302)
FUND BALANCE	175,511,014	50,577,807	86,758,715	17,709,417	330,556,953
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	$ 168,775,976	$ 50,577,807	$ 86,894,414	$ 20,026,225	$ 326,274,422
REVENUE AND EXPENSE					
REVENUE	$ 199,725,125	$ 12,331,747	$ 22,617,053	$ 17,640,474	$ 252,314,399
EXPENDITURES	130,792,420	30,043,285	11,738,255	17,886,844	190,460,804
EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	68,932,705	(17,711,538)	10,878,798	(246,370)	61,853,595
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(227,301)	23,712,657	(23,712,657)	-	(227,301)
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	106,805,610	44,576,688	99,592,574	17,955,787	268,930,659
ENDING FUND BALANCE	**$ 175,511,014**	**$ 50,577,807**	**$ 86,758,715**	**$ 17,709,417**	**$ 330,556,953**

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND COMPARISON OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL
JULY 1, 2022 - NOVEMBER 30, 2022

	2022-2023 BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET
REVENUE				
Local Revenue	$ 237,452,907	$ 135,786,463		$ 101,666,444
State Revenue	234,849,043	63,250,082		171,598,961
Federal Revenue	199,068	187,892		11,176
Investment Earnings	105,058	385,876		(280,818)
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,053,566	-		1,053,566
TOTAL REVENUE	**473,659,642**	**199,610,313**		**274,049,329**
EXPENDITURES				
Instructional Services	322,016,221	111,024,560	$ 186,901	210,804,760
Pupil Services	18,841,138	6,788,670	11,122	12,041,346
Improvement of Instructional Services	17,317,296	7,201,539	3,103,659	7,012,098
Instructional Staff Training	824,962	219,989	5,800	599,173
Educational Media Services	5,419,035	2,025,590	100,140	3,293,305
General Administration	3,724,817	1,511,846	-	2,212,971
School Administration	29,215,572	12,253,506	13,348	16,948,718
Support Services-Business	3,268,430	1,411,869	521,094	1,335,467
Maintenance & Operation of Plant Services	37,931,033	15,989,550	1,451,301	20,490,182
Student Transportation Services	27,133,593	9,316,539	1,504,100	16,312,954
Support Services-Central	5,465,341	2,127,463	366,022	2,971,856
School Nutrition Program	166,039	-	-	166,039
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**471,323,477**	**169,871,121**	**7,263,487**	**294,188,869**
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	140,237	122,699		17,538
Accounts Transfers Out	(1,929,146)	(350,000)		(1,579,146)
TOTAL OTHER FIN SOURCES (USES)	**(1,788,909)**	**(227,301)**		**(1,561,608)**
NET CHANGE FUND BALANCES	**$ 547,256**	**$ 29,511,891**	**$ (7,263,487)**	**$ (21,701,148)**

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEBT SERVICE FUND COMPARISON OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL
JULY 1, 2022 - NOVEMBER 30, 2022

	2022-2023 BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE	AVAILABLE BUDGET
REVENUE			
Local Revenue	$ 17,891,756	$ 11,639,757	$ 6,251,999
Investment Earnings	1,025,948	443,246	582,702
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,936,976	248,744	2,688,232
TOTAL REVENUE	**21,854,680**	**12,331,747**	**9,522,933**
EXPENDITURES			
Debt Service	44,057,895	30,043,285	14,014,610
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**44,057,895**	**30,043,285**	**14,014,610**
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Accounts Transfers In	34,764,818	23,712,657	11,052,161
TOTAL OTHER FIN SOURCES (USES)	**34,764,818**	**23,712,657**	**11,052,161**
NET CHANGE FUND BALANCES	**$ 12,561,603**	**$ 6,001,119**	**$ 6,560,484**

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUILDING FUND COMPARISON OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL
JULY 1, 2022 - NOVEMBER 30, 2022

	2022-2023 BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET
REVENUE				
Local Revenue	$ 56,262,984	$ 22,007,530		$ 34,255,454
State Revenue	8,100,000	-		8,100,000
Investment Earnings	36,920	609,524		(572,604)
TOTAL REVENUE	**64,399,904**	**22,617,054**		**41,782,850**
EXPENDITURES				
Instructional Services	34,137,792	2,793,874	$ 3,928,645	27,415,273
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Svs.	100,936,029	8,941,630	234,476	91,759,923
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**135,073,821**	**11,735,504**	**4,163,121**	**119,175,196**
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Bond Issuance	115,000,000	-		115,000,000
Premiums on Bonds Sold	17,250,000	-		17,250,000
Accounts Transfers Out	(34,764,818)	(23,712,657)		(11,052,161)
TOTAL OTHER FIN SOURCES (USES)	**97,485,182**	**(23,712,657)**		**121,197,839**
NET CHANGE FUND BALANCES	**$ 26,811,265**	**$ (12,831,107)**	**$ (4,163,121)**	**$ 43,805,493**

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
FEDERAL FUNDS AND SCHOOL NUTRITION COMPARISON OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL
JULY 1, 2022 - NOVEMBER 30, 2022

	2022-2023 BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET
REVENUE				
Local Revenue	$ 7,651,393	$ 2,539,833		$ 5,111,560
State Revenue	1,343,074	640,109		702,965
Federal Revenue	43,348,526	18,904,596		24,443,930
Investment Earnings	15,000	122,244		(107,244)
TOTAL REVENUE	**52,357,993**	**22,206,782**		**30,151,211**
EXPENDITURES				
Instructional Services	23,616,084	8,102,073	$ 493,971	15,020,040
Pupil Services	6,603,948	2,763,732	60,923	3,779,293
Improvement of Instructional Services	1,557,857	3,346,135	2,380	(1,790,658)
Instructional Staff Training	2,707,984	846,168	231,499	1,630,317
School Administration	9,802	-	-	9,802
Maintenance & Operation of Plant Services	780,000	228,704	-	551,296
Student Transportation Services	483,530	169,183	-	314,347
Support Services-Central	35,000	40,429	120	(5,549)
School Nutrition Program	17,976,598	8,967,834	76,172	8,932,592
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**53,770,803**	**24,464,258**	**865,065**	**28,441,480**
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Accounts Transfers In	1,425,400	-		1,425,400
TOTAL OTHER FIN SOURCES (USES)	**1,425,400**	**-**		**1,425,400**
NET CHANGE FUND BALANCES	**$ 12,590**	**$ (2,257,476)**	**$ (865,065)**	**$ 3,135,131**

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (2022-2027)
COMPARISON OF COLLECTIONS
THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2022

REPORTING MONTH	60 MONTH COLLECTION MONTH	PERIOD	PROJECTED COLLECTIONS	ACTUAL COLLECTIONS	DIFFERENCE ACTUAL AND PROJECTED COLLECTIONS
November 2022	**October 2022**	**1**	$ 4,636,009	$ 5,328,786	$ 692,777
			$ 4,636,009	$ 5,328,786	$ 692,777

2022-2027 Ed-SPLOST Projected Collections

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	TOTAL
January	-	4,824,820	4,921,317	5,019,743	5,120,138	5,222,541	25,108,558
February	-	4,062,238	4,143,483	4,226,353	4,310,880	4,397,097	21,140,052
March	-	4,325,376	4,411,884	4,500,122	4,590,124	4,681,927	22,509,432
April	-	4,448,443	4,537,412	4,628,160	4,720,723	4,815,138	23,149,876
May	-	4,604,100	4,696,182	4,790,105	4,885,907	4,983,625	23,959,919
June	-	4,818,522	4,914,893	5,013,191	5,113,455	5,215,724	25,075,784
July	-	4,787,586	4,883,338	4,981,005	5,080,625	5,182,237	24,914,790
August	-	4,848,609	4,945,582	5,044,493	5,145,383	5,248,291	25,232,358
September	-	4,619,404	4,711,792	4,806,027	4,902,148	5,000,191	24,039,561
October	4,636,009	4,766,013	4,861,333	4,958,560	5,057,731	-	24,279,647
November	4,807,242	4,899,541	4,997,532	5,097,482	5,199,432	-	25,001,229
December	5,104,524	5,403,573	5,511,645	5,621,878	5,734,315	-	27,375,934
TOTALS	**$ 14,547,775**	**$ 56,408,226**	**$ 57,536,391**	**$ 58,687,118**	**$ 59,860,861**	**$ 44,746,770**	**$ 291,787,141**

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 15, 2022	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

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ATTACHMENT: OVERNIGHT AND OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS

I. Student Activities/Athletic-Based Trips

School	Grade	Date	Destination	Reason/Nature
Sequoyah HS	9 – 12	02.16.23 – 02.20.23	Boston, MA	The Sequoyah HS Speech and Debate team are traveling to Boston, MA to compete in the Harvard Invitational tournament.

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 15, 2022	E-2

Title

Challenged Book Appeal

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval to Uphold the Media Advisory Committee's Recommendation for the Challenged book, Drama.

Summary Explanation and Background

The School Board acknowledges the right of parents and other citizens to raise questions through established procedures when materials appear inappropriate for public school use. Though care is taken to select valuable materials for students and teachers, there may be occasional objections by the public regarding the selections that have been made.

Committee Summary: In this regard, The Superintendent's SY2022-23 Annual Media Advisory Committee met on November 15, 2022, to review the book Drama by Raina Telgemeier. The complainant, a CCSD parent, expressed concerns regarding content contained within the book, specific to violent "kissing, sexuality, and homosexuality." Committee members read the book and convened to discuss the specific concerns. Those unable to attend submitted an online survey expressing their thoughts for committee consideration. The parent concerns were addressed and reviewed against the book's educational value. As it relates to the educational value of the book the committee believes the book has educational value. It was noted that while the book contained mature content, it did not detract from the novel's educational value. "I especially think that the kiss isn't romantic. He hopped on stage. It happened. Not romantic at all", noted a committee member.

Committee Recommendation: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board uphold the committee recommendation that the book remain available on shelves (only) for choice-based student checkout in the Media Center and classroom libraries.

Priority Area

Student Achievement: Access and Opportunity

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Media Advisory Committee Summary

Source of Additional Information

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Ad Hoc Committee Summary for SY2022-23

Name of Committee: **SUPERINTENDENT'S SY2022-23 ANNUAL MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mission: The purpose of this review committee is to address system challenges of media center holdings, classroom library holdings and other supplemental resources within the framework of existing IFAB policy and procedures. The committee makes recommendations to the Superintendent based upon a consensus of committee members.

Summary: The Superintendent's SY2022-23 Annual Media Advisory Committee met on November 15, 2022, to review the book, *Drama*, by Raina Telgemeier. The complainant, a CCSD parent, expressed concerns regarding content contained within the book, specific to violent "kissing, sexuality, and homosexuality." Committee members read the book in its entirety and convened to discuss the specific concerns. Those unable to attend submitted an online survey expressing their thoughts for committee consideration. The parent's concerns were addressed and reviewed against the educational value of the book.

Regarding the educational value of the book, the committee believes the book has educational value. Members noted that the text was engaging for multiple levels of learners. It is appealing and accessible to a variety of students. Several parents mentioned that their personal children read and enjoyed the book. A parent commented, "I appreciated the author's note. She spoke about bringing drama in theater to the forefront of schools. I don't think that's talked about enough. Many young kids don't even realize drama is a club that's available to them after elementary school. I hope that's what kids take from the book, not that two boys kissed."

Findings: In response to the complainant's claim of "kissing, sexuality, and homosexuality," the committee noted while there was a kiss on stage in the book, none of the scenes were of a romantic or sexual nature. The committee decided those topics did not detract from the educational value of the novel. "I especially think that the kiss isn't romantic. He hopped on stage. It happened. Not romantic at all," noted a committee member.

A student added, "I read this in elementary school and wasn't introduced to homosexuality until seventh grade. I literally never noticed the kiss when I read it in elementary school."

The committee believes the concerns did not supersede the educational value of the book.

Recommended Actions: The committee recommends that the book remain available on shelves for choice-based, student checkout in the Media Center and classroom libraries.

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Special Lease Agreements

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Special Lease Agreement

Summary Explanation and Background

Pursuant to the School Board's Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG), special lease agreements applicable to non-school allied groups (users applying for extended use of school facilities who are required to pay rental fees) and for-profit summer camps, summer recreational leagues and/or any activities where Cherokee County School District employees are compensated, must be recommended by the Principal to the Superintendent for consideration of approval by the School Board prior to use of the facility. Extended use is defined as an event involving four or more consecutive days or for recurring activities.

Attached detailed synopsis of the special lease agreements, which adhere to the guidelines stipulated for such use and which have been approved by the Principal and Superintendent.

The allowance of these special lease agreements to occur will ultimately be determined by the Superintendent. That determination will be based on current and emerging COVID-19 related guidance from Federal, State and Local health officials.

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

See Attachment

Source of Additional Information

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Special Lease Agreements December 2022

School Facility: Etowah High School

Event Dates: Sundays – 1.1.2023 – 6.30.2023

Name of Organization: Thrive Chapel

Director of Activity Name: Sean Jazdzyk

Object or purpose: Church Service

Term: 6 months

Areas: Auditorium, Rooms 7115, 7116, restrooms

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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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Certified Recommendations

Name	Location	Position	Start Date
Drury, Sarah	Creekland Mid School	Connections Teacher	11/28/2022
Myers, Madison	R.M. Moore Elem School	EIP Teacher	12/1/2022
Morris, Mary	Teasley Mid School	Sped IRR Teacher	12/19/2022
Vaughan, Megan	Woodstock Elem School	Kindergarten Teacher	11/16/2022
Kenny, Amy	Woodstock Mid School	ESOL Teacher	11/28/2022

Certified Transfers

Name	Location	Position	Start Date
Etheridge, Lori	Boston Elem School	Assistant Principal	1/9/2023
Thomas, Shannon	Liberty Elem School	Assistant Principal	1/9/2023
Bass, Lacey	Little River Elem School	Assistant Principal	1/9/2023
Cothem, Tiffany	Mountain Road Elem School	Assistant Principal	1/9/2023

Certified Resignations/Terminations

Name	Location	Position	End Date
Pettit, Rhonda	Arnold Mill Elem School	Counselor	12/16/2022
Sands, Kimberly	Cherokee High School	Sped IRR Teacher	12/21/2022
Parris, Sandra	Dean Rusk Mid School	Speech Language Pathologist	12/7/2022
Gagnon, Daniel	E.T. Booth Mid School	Connections Teacher	12/23/2022
Zahn, Maci	Etowah High School	Language Arts Teacher	12/23/2022
Murray, Peta	Etowah High School	Social Studies Teacher	11/30/2022
Obermeyer, Sarah	Hasty Elem School	ESOL Teacher	12/13/2022
Azemogie, Nene	Hasty Elem School	Sped IRR Teacher	12/16/2022
Evans, Gina	Holly Springs Elem School	Sped IRR Teacher	12/1/2022
Cash, Jennifer	Instructional Technology	Supervisor	12/23/2022
Stewart, Christy	Liberty Elem School	Assistant Principal	12/23/2022
Topper, Angela	Oak Grove Elem School	Music Teacher	12/23/2022
Negus, Shane	Woodstock High School	Math Teacher	12/8/2022

Classified Recommendations

Name	Location	Position	Start Date
Resnick, Danielle	Bascomb Elem School	SI ParaPro	1/9/2023
Sweet, Susan	Freedom Mid School	School Nutrition Worker	11/28/2022
Brown, Kelly	J Knox Elem School	Clerical 3	11/30/2022
Noble, Mark	Mill Creek Mid School	SI ParaPro	1/9/2023
Quinn, Megan	Mountain Road Elem School	AU ParaPro	1/9/2023
Gonzalez, Idalia	Oak Grove Elem School	School Nutrition Worker	11/16/2022
Morales, Micaela	R.M. Moore Elem School	School Nutrition Worker	12/5/2022
Coppola, Lucia	Transportation	Bus Driver Relief	12/6/2022
Scales, Niccha	Woodstock Elem School	School Nutrition Worker	1/9/2023

Classified Transfers

Name	Location	Position	Start Date
Perez, Alma	Cherokee High School	ESOL Teacher	12/12/2022
Biello, Bethany	Creekland Mid School	Clerical 4	12/5/2022
Crachi, Heather	Mountain Road Elem School	Clerical 4	1/9/2023

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Classified Transfers

Name	Location	Position	Start Date
Owens, Danyel	River Ridge High School	School Nutrition Asst Manager	1/9/2023

Classified Resignations/Terminations

Name	Location	Position	End Date
Cobb, Kristin	Arnold Mill Elem School	School Nutrition Asst Manager	11/15/2022
Vadnais, Britni	Arnold Mill Elem School	School Nutrition Worker	11/30/2022
Jackson, Brandon	Business Information Services	Web Developer	1/13/2023
Ceisel, Anna	Creekview High School	IEP ParaPro	11/18/2022
Byers, Courtney	Dean Rusk Mid School	Clerical 3	12/23/2022
Detscher, Kari	Dean Rusk Mid School	SI ParaPro	11/30/2022
Harrington, Michael	L.R. Tippens Center	RBT ParaPro	11/15/2022
Lindenmayer, Gina	Mill Creek Mid School	School Nutrition Asst Manager	11/18/2022
Welch, Jenny	Oak Grove Elem School	RN Nurse	1/20/2023
Holcomb, Cheryl	Risk Mgmt & Benefits	Clerical 6	12/23/2022
McClelland, Paula	Sixes Elem School	School Nutrition Worker	12/22/2022
King, Debra	Transportation	Bus Driver	11/16/2022
Deya, Alfonso	Transportation	Bus Driver	12/2/2022
Kinsella, Patricia	Transportation	Bus Driver	12/22/2022
Fernandez, Tina	Transportation	Bus Driver Relief	10/21/2022
Sugrue, Nicole	Woodstock Elem School	School Nutrition Worker	12/2/2022

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Suspension of Portion of School Board Policy (BCBI) Public Participation in Board Meetings

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Suspension of Portion of School Board Policy (BCBI) Public Participation in Board Meetings

Summary Explanation and Background

Pending legal review, the Superintendent recommends the School Board suspend the prohibitions/limitations on speech contained within BCBI and its guidelines.

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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