Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
August 17, 2023	A-2 (S)

Title

Approval of New Partnership Agreement with Allatoona Rowing Association, Inc., and Renewal of Partnership Agreement with Cherokee County Special Olympics.

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the New Partnership Agreement with Allatoona Rowing Association, Inc., and to Approve the Renewal of the Partnership Agreement with Cherokee County Special Olympics.

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 the partnership agreements with Allatoona Rowing Association, Inc., and Cherokee County Special Olympics.

Priority Area

Family, Partner and Community Engagement

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Partnership Agreements

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

ALLATOONA ROWING ASSOCIATION, INC.

This agreement entered into on this 20th day of July, 2023 by and between The Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and Allatoona Rowing Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "ARA."

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, ARA's mission is to build and support an inclusive rowing community that is accessible to all young people; and,

WHEREAS, ARA serves as a partner in promoting life-long fitness activities through an introduction to the sport of rowing; and,

WHEREAS, ARA is committed to leveraging the strength of an entire community to benefit youth in Cherokee County.

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. Implement Erg Ed: Rowing in the Classroom as a new unit of study in middle school PE classes.

2. Provide the location for Erg Ed training by ARA for CCSD middle school PE teachers.

3. Promote, through existing communication channels as permitted by School Board policy, student participation in ARA Learn to Row days, rowing lessons, nationwide contests and other extra-curricular activities available to interested students.

4. Coordinate transportation of Erg Ed equipment among CCSD middle schools.

5. Explore/pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interest.

ARTICLE III

ARA will:

1. Provide free Learn to Row classes at Lake Allatoona to PE teachers to support rowing instruction in their classes.

2. Provide free Erg Ed: Rowing in the Classroom curriculum and equipment training for middle school PE teachers.

3. Provide support with set-up, repairs and maintenance of Erg Ed rowing machines, as needed.

4. Explore/pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interest.

5. 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, ARA must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is July 20, 2023 through July 20, 2024. 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, Georgia 30169, and to Allatoona Rowing Association, Inc., 405 Woodbrook Court, Canton, GA 30114.

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

ALLATOONA ROWING ASSOCIATION, INC.

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By: Ann Day Carey, Director and Head Coach

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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Abby Roach, Esquire

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

CHEROKEE COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

This agreement entered into on this 20th day of July, 20~~17~~23, by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and Cherokee County Special Olympics, hereinafter referred to as the "Special Olympics."

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 ~~Board's Major System Priorities is to increase parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process~~ District's Priority Areas is Family, Partner and Community Engagement; and,

WHEREAS, Special Olympics' mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for all children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them the opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families other Special Olympic athletes, and the community; and,

WHEREAS, Special Olympics' goal is to help bring persons with intellectual disabilities into the larger society under conditions whereby they are accepted, respected, and given the chance to become ~~useful~~ valuable and productive citizens.

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. Provide the use of buses for transportation for student-athletes to attend selected weekend events as specified by both parties (day trips and overnights), as well as bus transportation to the Annual ~~Special Olympics~~ Awareness ~~Day Event~~ Games.

2. Provide a school system contact for purposes of coordinating/facilitating activities relative to the Annual ~~Special Olympics~~ Awareness ~~Day Event~~ Games.

~~3. Coordinate special needs testing with organizers of Special Olympics.~~

4. Provide the use of available school facilities (playing fields, gymnasium and ice machine) for selected weekday evening and weekend practices.

5. Continue the countywide payroll deduction fundraiser.

6. Provide authorized leave for ~~two~~ three county personnel for the Georgia Special Olympics State Games (Fall Games, Indoor Winter Games, State Summer Games, and Bowling Tournament) and official Special Olympics Georgia certification trainings.

7. Provide use of a high school track, concession stand (including ice machine) and sound system for the Annual ~~Special Olympics~~ Awareness ~~Day Event~~ Games.

8. Provide access to business partners to assist with costs for items during the Annual Awareness Games.

9. Provide use of a school cafeteria and ice machine for the Seasonal Sports Banquets.

10. Provide a mailbox, paper, copying and faxing arrangements for information distribution to schools and athletes.

11. Provide an appropriate storage area and permanent meeting space as determined by the school system.

12. Provide a field trip release form for student-athletes and Unified Partners participating in accredited Special Olympics Events that take place during the school day.

ARTICLE III

Special Olympics will:

1. Conduct an interview with the principal of each aforementioned facility prior to and after the use of the facility.

2. Abide by the rules and regulations contained in the facility use contract at each facility and those contained in the Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG)~~.~~

3. Continue to serve over 300 athletes in the Cherokee County School District by providing t-shirts and ribbons for placing in events.

4. Continue to pay all registration fees and for lodging and meals, as necessary, for registered athletes.

5. Submit an agenda, schedule, approximate mileage and driver times for trips when school buses are used to the Assistant Superintendent, School Operations and Transportation Department. All field trips/athletic regulations will be followed.

6. Accept all children/interested participants for participation within its programs without regard to their gender, race, political affiliation, age, national origin, disabling 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, Special Olympics must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

7. Provide student-athletes with opportunities to earn varsity letters from their respective high schools.

8. Provide extra-curricular athletics opportunities and inclusive sports opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities and cognitive delays.

9. <u>Reimburse CCSD for the substitute costs for additional CCSD staff who elect to participate in Special Olympics events during the school year.</u>

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is ~~July 15, 2017 through July 15, 2018~~ July 20, 2023 through July 20, 2024. 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 ~~110 Academy Street~~ PO Box 769, Canton, GA 3011~~4~~69, and to the Coordinator of Cherokee County Special Olympics.

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

CHEROKEE COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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By: Ben Farist, Coordinator

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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Abby Roach, Esquire