Cherokee County School District

AGENDA

School Board Meeting

Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility

6:00 p.m.

January 18, 2024

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Executive Session: Personnel Matter
- Inspiration
- Selection of School Board Vice-Chair
- Adoption of Superintendent's Recommended Agenda for January 18, 2024 School Board Meeting
- Approval of Minutes of the December 14, 2023 School Board Meeting and Minutes of the following Called School Board Meetings: December 20, 2023; January 4, 2024; January 6, 2024; January 8, 2024; and January 10, 2024.
- Approval of Consent Agenda for January 18, 2024 School Board Meeting

A. Resolutions/Recognition

1. School Board Recognition of 2023-24 Elementary School Math Competition Winners

B. School Board Member

1. School Board Adoption of Georgia Education Coalition (GEC) 2024 Legislative and Policy Priorities

C. School Board Policies

D. Financial Management

1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of December 2023 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update

E. Curriculum and Instruction

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

2. 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

- **Public Participation**
- **Adjournment**

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, December 14, 2023

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, December 14, 2023, 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 John Harmon, Patsy Jordan, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Kelly Poole and Erin Ragsdale. Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and Attorney Cory DeBord.

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 Sequoyah High School Student Sophia Aleck.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Kelly Poole.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison seconded by Erin Ragsdale and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(7-0 vote)*.

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by John Harmon and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the November 16, 2023 School Board Meeting and the December 6, 2023 Called 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 John Harmon 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 Cherokee County School Board as 2023 Georgia Leading Edge Award Winner

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of Two Cherokee County School District Students -- Named State Academic Quiz Bowl Winners

(Recognized)

A-3 School Board Recognition of CCSD Overall Winners of 2024 Support Staff Employees of the Year Awards

(Recognized)

A-4 School Board Recognition of Mill Creek Middle School Seventh-grader Saanvi Lamba -- Named Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Essay Contest Winner

(Recognized)

A-5 School Board Recognition of E.T. Booth Middle School Seventh-grader Mikaela Charles -- Named Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority Countywide Essay Contest Winner

(Recognized)

A-6 School Board Recognition of River Ridge High School SkillsUSA Chapter of Excellence Award and Statesman Award Winner

(Recognized)

A-7 School Board Recognition of Etowah High School and River Ridge High School -- National Junior ROTC Raiders Champions

(Recognized)

A-8 School Board Recognition of Sequoyah HS teacher Casandra Hembree for Georgia Outstanding Achievement in Career Awareness and Exploration Award

(Recognized)

A-9 School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions

(Recognized)

A-10 School Board Recognition of REACH Georgia Scholar Winners

(Recognized)

***A-11 School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the New Partnership Agreement with SERV International**

(Approved)

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

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1 School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of November 2023 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

***D-2 School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Staff, General Counsel, Financial Advisor, Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel to Proceed with a Public Offering of General Obligation Bonds via Competitive Sale for Voter-Approved Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Education (Ed-SPLOST) Projects**

(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 the Monthly Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

***F-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Special Lease Agreement**

(Approved)

F-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Proposals for the Woodstock HS Classroom Addition

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to award the contract for the Woodstock HS Classroom Addition to SmithBuilt Construction Group *(7-0 vote)*.

(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 Real Property Exchange with Cherokee County Government

Superintendent Comments:

- A member of the Superintendent's senior staff recognized the following appointments:
  - Dr. Chad Flatt, Principal, Freedom Middle School
  - Adam Holley, Cherokee High School Head Football Coach

Informational Items:

- The Superintendent and staff provided information on the following items:
  - Focus on the Future – CTAE Pathways by School
  - Custodial RFP
  - CEO Executive Functions End-of-Year Report
  - CCRPI Scoring

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

MINUTES OF CALLED BOARD MEETING
6:00 p.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Education convened its called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 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 John Harmon, Patsy Jordan, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Kelly Poole and Erin Ragsdale. Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and Attorney Abby 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 School Board Member John Harmon.

Approval of Agenda — On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(7-0 vote)*.

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

*D-1 School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Supplemental Employee Pay

On a motion by Patsy Jordan seconded by Erin Ragsdale and carried, for approval of Supplemental Employee Pay. *(7-0 vote)*.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter *(O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6)) at* 6:06 p.m. *(7-0 vote).*

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, January 4, 2024

MINUTES OF CALLED BOARD MEETING
4:50 p.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Education convened its called meeting to order at 4:51 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at the law offices of Roach, Caudill & Frost, 111 West Main Street, Canton, GA 30114. Present were: School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chair Robert Rechsteiner; Members John Harmon, Patsy Jordan, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Kelly Poole and Erin Ragsdale; GSBA Representative, Bill Sampson and Attorney Abby Roach.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cromer called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by School Board Chair, Kyla Cromer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter *(O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6)) at* 5:00 p.m. *(7-0 vote).*

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Saturday, January 6, 2024

MINUTES OF CALLED BOARD MEETING
8:50 a.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Education convened its called meeting to order at 8:52 a.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at the law offices of Roach, Caudill & Frost, 111 West Main Street, Canton, GA 30114. Present were: School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chair Robert Rechsteiner; Members John Harmon, Patsy Jordan, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Kelly Poole and Erin Ragsdale; GSBA Representative, Bill Sampson and Attorney, Abby Roach.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cromer called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by School Board Chair, Kyla Cromer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by John Harmon and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter *(O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6)) at* 8:52 a.m. *(7-0 vote).*

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

School Board Chair

Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Monday, January 8, 2024

MINUTES OF CALLED BOARD MEETING
4:50 p.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Education convened its called meeting to order at 4:51 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024 at the law offices of Roach, Caudill & Frost, 111 West Main Street, Canton, GA 30114. Present were: School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chair Robert Rechsteiner; Members John Harmon, Patsy Jordan, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Kelly Poole and Erin Ragsdale; GSBA Representative, Bill Sampson and Attorney Abby Roach.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cromer called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by School Board Member, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, 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* 4:57 p.m. *(7-0 vote).*

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

School Board Chair

Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

MINUTES OF CALLED BOARD MEETING
5:45 p.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Education convened its called meeting to order at 5:47 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at the law offices of Roach, Caudill & Frost, 111 West Main Street, Canton, GA 30114. Present were: School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chair Robert Rechsteiner; Members John Harmon, Patsy Jordan, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Kelly Poole and Erin Ragsdale; and Attorney Abby Roach.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cromer called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by School Board Member, Kelly Poole

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Board took a moment of silence for the teens who passed away in the car accident in Woodstock.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter *(O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6)) at 5*:51 p.m. *(7-0 vote).*

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

School Board Chair

Secretary

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
January 18, 2024	A-1

Title

Recognition of 2023-24 Elementary School Math Competition Winners

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of 2023-24 Elementary School Math Competition Winners

Summary Explanation and Background

Several hundred young mathematicians participated in the second annual CCSD Elementary School Math Competition, with Hickory Elementary School named the overall champion!

Students in fourth and fifth grade put their ciphering skills to the test in individual and team competitions during the event held on December 2, 2023 at Dean Rusk Middle School.

During the individual competition, students solved problems on a whiteboard during a series of timed challenges. For the team competition, teams of up to five students were given 10 math problems to solve with four minutes per problem. Teams were able to collaborate, calculate and submit their solution to earn points. Points from both individual and team competitions contributed to the school's overall score.

Trophies were awarded to the top two individual winners for each grade level, with trophies and ribbons awarded to the members of the two top-scoring teams for each grade level. The school with the highest combined individual and team scores won the overall district trophy. When all the answers were submitted and checked, Hickory Flat ES took first-place honors with the most accumulated points.

Priority Area

Student Achievement: Access and Opportunity

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

List of Math Competition Winners

Source of Additional Information

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

2023-24 Cherokee County School District
Elementary Math Competition Winners

First Place Overall Team Winner – Hickory Flat Elementary School	
Coaches	Team Members
Chris Phillips	Gracie Hardie
Michelle Kozak	Ethan Lindsey
	Evangelina Maldonado
	Kennedy McCord
	Ava Murray
	Brantlynn Palmer
	Kyra Parekh
	Graham Plousis
	Shri Sanevelly
	Charvik Sai Sirivella
	Alina Skudarnova
	Kelsey Starner
	Perla Sula
	Ella Kate Wood

First Place Fourth Grade Team Winners – Indian Knoll ES	
Coaches	Team Members
Jill McNeal	Hollis Anderson
Afton Roberts	Atticus Christou
Megan Holcombe	Brycen Hood
	Graysen Hovis
	Jonathan Nguyen
	Demi Robinson
	Thy Tran
	Hailey Wallace

First Place Fifth Grade Team Winners – Arnold Mill ES	
Coaches	Team Members
Tasha Stancil	Emmett Davis
Robyn Pitkins	Whit Dobson
	Tanner Hamilton
	Harper Machac
	Webster Nielsen
	Shaan Patel
	Porter Reynolds
	Hudson Spector

Individual Fourth Grade Winner – Charvik Sai Sirivella, Hickory Flat ES
Individual Fifth Grade Winner – Ethan Lindsey, Hickory Flat ES

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
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Title

Georgia Education Coalition (GEC) 2024 Legislative and Policy Priorities

Requested Action

School Board Adoption of Georgia Education Coalition (GEC) 2024 Legislative and Policy Priorities

Summary Explanation and Background

The Georgia Education Coalition (GEC), a consortium of 15 large and growing public school districts in the State of Georgia created for the purpose of increasing collaboration and legislative/policy advocacy between and among large school systems, unanimously adopted its Legislative and Policy Priorities in December. Those Priorities are attached for School Board consideration and approval.

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

GEC 2024 Legislative Priorities

Source of Additional Information

Kyla Cromer, School Board Chair	770.479.1871
Dr. Brian V. Hightower, Superintendent of Schools	770.479.1871
Mike McGowan, Chief of Staff	770.479.1871

The **Georgia Education Coalition**
201 17th Street NW, Suite 1700, Atlanta, Georgia 30363

2024 Legislative & Policy Priorities

1. Champion initiatives and defend policies that **put students and local communities first** in the delivery of high-quality, appropriate public education that **prepares students for their futures.**
    - Promote policy, partnerships, and investment supporting graduation pathways, CTAE, dual enrollment, and work-based learning.
    - Sustain current funding levels for therapeutic supports for students with disabilities.
    - Support efforts to improve teacher, school, and district evaluative metrics to provide more reliable, actionable, and transparent performance and accountability data.
2. Promote **continued investment** in public education and efforts that support **teacher recruitment, training, certification, and retention**.
    - Support efforts to modernize the QBE formula to include additional funding for student transportation and students in poverty and advocate for full funding of the formula.
    - Support programs, funding, and incentives, including protection of the Teachers Retirement System, teacher pipeline innovation, and flexibility in return to work, to train, recruit, mentor, and retain quality educators.
    - Promote increased and dedicated funding for school counselors, social workers, and other mental health professionals, student mental health programs, and school safety initiatives.
    - Support legislation establishing transparency and accountability for voucher and tuition tax credit programs and oppose further diversion of public funds to private entities.
3. Support efforts, such as flexibility in testing, calendars, and curriculum, to **foster innovation** in and **reduce burdens** on school districts.
    - Protect contracted flexibility and waivers that allow local innovation and efficiencies.
    - Seek additional investment in technology, infrastructure, and innovative education tools.
    - Support flexibility in maturity requirements for local district tax anticipation notes.
    - Seek preservation of sovereign immunity protections to prevent unnecessary disruptions in school operations and processes.
    - Support legislation clarifying the roles of the tax assessor and levying authority in public notices of proposed property tax increases.

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
January 18, 2024	D-1

Title

December 2023 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of December 2023 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update

Summary Explanation and Background

Financial Report for December 2023

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
DECEMBER 2023

General Fund

For the month ending December 31, 2023, the sixth month of the 2023-24 Fiscal Year, the School District's Operating Account (General Fund) has received $354,042,478 in revenue (year-to-date) consisting of state funds of $98,660,850 (37% of budget), $253,695,119 local revenues (91% of budget), and other funds of $1,686,509 (52% of budget). All operating expenditures of $245,637,477 (45% of budget) are within the Board of Education's approved 2023-24 budget.

Building Fund/Ed-SPLOST Collections

The Capital Outlay Fund balance of $58,754,709 as of December 31, 2023 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 $5,628,151 for sales tax collections received in December 2023, for the month of November 2023, the 14th month of 60 monthly sales tax collections for the 2022-2027 SPLOST. Collections received were above projections for the month by $728,610 and above cumulative projections by $10,887,767.

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 December 31, 2023 is $70,274,060 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 December 31, 2023 is $18,707,388 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 DECEMBER 31, 2023

BALANCE SHEET	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	BUILDING FUND	FED FUNDS/ SCHOOL NUTRITION	TOTAL
ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 238,247,049	$ 40,812,903	$ 58,754,709	$ 3,980,362	$ 341,795,023
Investments	-	27,952,555	-	-	27,952,555
Receivables	1,002,775	1,508,602	-	16,286,855	18,798,232
Inventories	1,027,699	-	-	913,253	1,940,952
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 240,277,523	$ 70,274,060	$ 58,754,709	$ 21,180,470	$ 390,486,762
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	$ 141,331	$ -	$ -	$ 1,520,299	$ 1,661,630
Salaries and Benefits Payable	16,842,612	-	-	952,783	17,795,395
FUND BALANCE	223,293,580	70,274,060	58,754,709	18,707,388	371,029,737
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	$ 240,277,523	$ 70,274,060	$ 58,754,709	$ 21,180,470	$ 390,486,762
REVENUE AND EXPENSE					
REVENUE	$ 354,042,478	$ 23,203,073	$ 31,589,530	$ 27,428,252	$ 436,263,333
EXPENDITURES	245,637,477	30,435,660	47,658,349	28,227,421	351,958,907
EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	108,405,001	(7,232,587)	(16,068,819)	(799,169)	84,304,426
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	33,863	17,255,484	(17,255,484)	-	33,863
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	114,854,716	60,251,163	92,079,012	19,506,557	286,691,448
ENDING FUND BALANCE	**$ 223,293,580**	**$ 70,274,060**	**$ 58,754,709**	**$ 18,707,388**	**$ 371,029,737**

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND COMPARISON OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL
JULY 1, 2023 - DECEMBER 31, 2023

	2023-2024 AMENDED BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET
REVENUE				
Local Revenue	$ 278,889,605	$ 253,695,119		$ 25,194,486
State Revenue	264,876,178	98,660,850		166,215,328
Federal Revenue	199,068	217,661		(18,593)
Investment Earnings	2,615,553	1,468,848		1,146,705
Miscellaneous Revenue	424,258	-		424,258
TOTAL REVENUE	**547,004,662**	**354,042,478**		**192,962,184**
EXPENDITURES				
Instructional Services	375,996,791	162,262,346	$ 230,066	213,504,379
Pupil Services	23,117,465	10,531,046	7,058	12,579,361
Improvement of Instructional Services	19,222,327	11,546,703	999,259	6,676,365
Instructional Staff Training	832,628	407,889	12,294	412,445
Educational Media Services	5,954,556	2,750,681	80,749	3,123,126
General Administration	4,040,735	1,874,050	-	2,166,685
School Administration	32,927,844	16,536,924	18,269	16,372,651
Support Services-Business	3,702,207	1,809,932	22,942	1,869,333
Maintenance & Operation of Plant Services	42,017,294	18,929,519	2,206,042	20,881,733
Student Transportation Services	29,728,947	15,539,732	1,300,989	12,888,226
Support Services-Central	5,696,983	3,124,409	1,928	2,570,646
School Nutrition Program	477,001	324,246	-	152,755
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**543,714,778**	**245,637,477**	**4,879,596**	**293,197,705**
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	154,611	333,863		(179,252)
Accounts Transfers Out	(29,756,126)	(300,000)		(29,456,126)
TOTAL OTHER FIN SOURCES (USES)	**(29,601,515)**	**33,863**		**(29,635,378)**
NET CHANGE FUND BALANCES	**$ (26,311,631)**	**$ 108,438,864**	**$ (4,879,596)**	**$ (129,870,899)**

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEBT SERVICE FUND COMPARISON OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL
JULY 1, 2023 - DECEMBER 31, 2023

	2023-2024 BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE	AVAILABLE BUDGET
REVENUE			
Local Revenue	$ 19,469,523	$ 22,193,469	$ (2,723,946)
Investment Earnings	1,186,018	758,170	427,848
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,936,976	251,434	2,685,542
TOTAL REVENUE	**23,592,517**	**23,203,073**	**389,444**
EXPENDITURES			
Debt Service	44,860,790	30,435,660	14,425,130
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**44,860,790**	**30,435,660**	**14,425,130**
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Accounts Transfers In	25,425,105	17,255,484	8,169,621
TOTAL OTHER FIN SOURCES (USES)	**25,425,105**	**17,255,484**	**8,169,621**
NET CHANGE FUND BALANCES	**$ 4,156,832**	**$ 10,022,897**	**$ (5,866,065)**

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUILDING FUND COMPARISON OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL
JULY 1, 2023 - DECEMBER 31, 2023

	2023-2024 BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET
REVENUE				
Local Revenue	$ 57,052,068	$ 27,591,658		$ 29,460,410
State Revenue	2,500,000	2,230,503		269,497
Investment Earnings	2,719,957	1,767,369		952,588
TOTAL REVENUE	**62,272,025**	**31,589,530**		**30,682,495**
EXPENDITURES				
Instructional Services	26,465,978	10,104,856	$ 889,775	15,471,347
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Svs.	162,371,770	37,553,493	2,619,504	122,198,773
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**188,837,748**	**47,658,349**	**3,509,279**	**137,670,120**
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Bond Issuance	75,000,000	-		75,000,000
Premiums on Bonds Sold	11,250,000	-		11,250,000
Accounts Transfers In	27,935,234	-		27,935,234
Accounts Transfers Out	(25,425,105)	(17,255,484)		(8,169,621)
TOTAL OTHER FIN SOURCES (USES)	**88,760,129**	**(17,255,484)**		**106,015,613**
NET CHANGE FUND BALANCES	**$ (37,805,594)**	**$ (33,324,303)**	**$ (3,509,279)**	**$ (972,012)**

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
FEDERAL FUNDS AND SCHOOL NUTRITION COMPARISON OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL
JULY 1, 2023 - DECEMBER 31, 2023

	2023-2024 BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET
REVENUE				
Local Revenue	$ 7,897,437	$ 2,421,768		$ 5,475,669
State Revenue	1,666,380	830,407		835,973
Federal Revenue	45,207,663	23,758,232		21,449,431
Investment Earnings	25,000	417,845		(392,845)
TOTAL REVENUE	**54,796,480**	**27,428,252**		**27,368,228**
EXPENDITURES				
Instructional Services	23,040,667	11,192,155	$ 55,929	11,792,583
Pupil Services	8,911,315	4,107,823	129,373	4,674,119
Improvement of Instructional Services	1,219,313	600,490	-	618,823
Instructional Staff Training	2,358,070	1,016,784	359,189	982,097
School Administration	13,209	-	-	13,209
Maintenance & Operation of Plant Services	593,502	134,457	-	459,045
Student Transportation Services	592,591	203,840	-	388,751
Support Services-Central	187,212	77,696	-	109,516
School Nutrition Program	21,593,231	10,894,176	377,097	10,321,958
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**58,509,110**	**28,227,421**	**921,588**	**29,360,101**
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Accounts Transfers In	1,265,587	-		1,265,587
TOTAL OTHER FIN SOURCES (USES)	**1,265,587**	**-**		**1,265,587**
NET CHANGE FUND BALANCES	**$ (2,447,043)**	**$ (799,169)**	**$ (921,588)**	**$ (726,286)**

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (2022-2027)
COMPARISON OF COLLECTIONS
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

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
December 2022	**November 2022**	**2**	4,807,242	5,405,654	598,412
January 2023	**December 2022**	**3**	5,104,524	6,617,076	1,512,552
February 2023	**January 2023**	**4**	4,824,820	4,852,679	27,859
March 2023	**February 2023**	**5**	4,062,238	4,697,475	635,237
April 2023	**March 2023**	**6**	4,325,376	5,419,587	1,094,211
May 2023	**April 2023**	**7**	4,448,443	5,296,122	847,679
June 2023	**May 2023**	**8**	4,604,100	5,494,145	890,045
July 2023	**June 2023**	**9**	4,818,522	5,509,360	690,838
August 2023	**July 2023**	**10**	4,787,586	5,922,789	1,135,203
September 2023	**August 2023**	**11**	4,848,609	5,339,709	491,100
October 2023	**September 2023**	**12**	4,619,404	5,276,069	656,665
November 2023	**October 2023**	**13**	4,766,013	5,652,592	886,579
December 2023	**November 2023**	**14**	4,899,541	5,628,151	728,610
			$ 65,552,427	$ 76,440,194	$ 10,887,767

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

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Title

Out of State Travel Request

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel

Summary Explanation and Background

See attachment for out of state travel requests to attend professional conferences.

Priority Area

Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

See Legend on Attached Out of State Travel Requests

Exhibits: (List)

Attached Out of State Travel Requests

Source of Additional Information

Dr. Nicole H. Holmes	770.479.1871
Dr. Keith A. Bryant	770.479.1871
Dr. Julie Dutko	770.479.1871

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUESTS

Name	School	Dates	Reason	Place	Cost
Joy Silk, Supervisor	Division of Curriculum and Instruction	07.09.24 – 07.11.24	*To attend InstructureCon 2024*	Las Vegas, NV	$2,322 ●
Morgan Hudson, Teacher	Creekview HS	02.14.24 – 02.18.24	*To attend Double Bus Training Tour for Student Oversea Travel*	Munich, Germany	$485 ●

Legend

● – District Local Funds, FY2023-24

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

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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. Student Activities/Athletic-Based Trips

School	Grade	Date	Destination	Reason/Nature
Cherokee HS	10-12	02.08.24 - 02.10.24	Anniston, AL	The Air Force ROTC Riflery Team is traveling to Anniston, AL to compete in the National Championship.
Woodstock HS	8 – 12	04.06.24 – 04.07.24	Chattanooga, TN	The Woodstock HS Winter Guard team is traveling to McKenzie Arena to compete in Circuit Championships.

Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

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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

Trey Moores	770.479.1871
Ken Godfrey	770.479.1871

Cherokee County School District

DATE: 09 January 2024

TO: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Trey Moores
Chief Support Services Officer

SUBJECT: Construction Status Reports

The Office of Capital Improvements (OCI) 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:

Cherokee HS Replacement ~ Site Package

- Substantial completion has been reached and the site has been turned over to the General Contractor (GC) for the building package.

Cherokee HS Replacement ~ Building Package

- Slab placement for the academic building and the CTAE wing is complete.
- Structural steel for the middle section of the main academic building has been completed. The structural steel for the cross hallways is underway.
- Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing in the main academic building, CTAE wing, and main gym continue and the underground rough-in for the site has begun.
- Foundation wall footings in the main gym continue.
- Footings and the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-ins are underway at the auxiliary gym and auditorium.

Creekland MS ~ Classroom Addition

- Construction fencing, temporary partitions, and directional signage installation are complete.
- Building demolition is underway.
- Initial erosion control has begun.
- Electrical has started.

Creekview HS ~ Classroom Addition ~ Auxiliary Gym

- Temporary parking was completed on December 8th.
- Construction fencing, temporary partitions, and directional signage installation are complete.
- Initial erosion control has begun.

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Free Home ES Replacement

- Block wall construction is ongoing and has progressed to the interior walls.
- Brickwork is progressing and has moved to the courtyards.
- Installation of the fire suppression system is underway.
- Framing for the corrugated metal panels has begun.
- HVAC ductwork and curb installation continue.
- Installation of the water line located on the shared access road is complete.
- Structural steel and roof decking is ongoing.
- Site work is nearing completion.

Woodstock HS ~ Classroom Addition.

- The Pre-Construction meeting was conducted on December 21st.
- The Payment and Performance Bonds and Contract for Construction have been secured.
- Capital Improvements staff anticipate issuing the Notice to Proceed by the end of the week.

Trey Mooney TM

TM/KG:mm
Attachments



Aerial ~
Front of
School



Aerial ~
Main Gym

Free Home Elementary School Replacement



Aerial ~ Front of School



Aerial ~ Rear of School



Interior ~ Main Hallway



Cafeteria

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 Resignations/Terminations of Employment
3. Classified Recommendations
4. Classified Transfers
5. 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
Rick Beaulieu	770.479.1871

Cherokee County School District

G1 Summary Report

BOE Meeting Date: 1/18/2024

Certified Recommendations

Name	Location	Position	Start Date
Kenney, Bethany	Arnold Mill Elem School	Sped IRR Teacher	1/8/2024
Hamilton, Kennedi	Avery Elem School	5th Grade Teacher	1/8/2024
Myers, Grant	Cherokee High School	PE Teacher	1/8/2024
Stone, Annelise	Creekland Mid School	Connections Teacher	1/8/2024
Wilson, Donna	Dean Rusk Mid School	Sped IRR Teacher	1/8/2024
Hartung, Lisa	Freedom Mid School	Sped IRR Teacher	1/8/2024
Easterling, Jacqueline	Hasty Elem School	1st Grade Teacher	1/8/2024
Nzamba, Mary	Hasty Elem School	5th Grade Teacher	1/8/2024
James, Brett	Mill Creek Mid School	6th Grade Teacher	1/8/2024
Armstrong, Taylor	Oak Grove Elem School	Sped IRR Teacher	12/18/2023
Powell, Mary	Sequoyah High School	Sped SID-PID Teacher	1/10/2024
Nguyen, Brandon	Woodstock High School	Math Teacher	1/8/2024

Certified Transfers

Name	Location	Position	Start Date
No records found			

Certified Resignations/Terminations

Name	Location	Position	End Date
Knight, Rex	Dean Rusk Mid School	7th Grade Teacher	12/22/2023
Sheuly, Fahmida	E.T. Booth Mid School	Sped IRR Teacher	12/12/2023
Ballew, Annabel	Freedom Mid School	Sped IRR Teacher	12/22/2023
Bruner, Kathryn	Hasty Elem School	5th Grade Teacher	12/22/2023
Faulkenberry, Emily	Mill Creek Mid School	8th Grade Teacher	1/26/2024
Kealhofer, Matthew	River Ridge High School	Sped IRR Teacher	1/12/2024
Parker, Samuel	Woodstock High School	Science Teacher	1/9/2024
Smith, Regina	Woodstock High School	Science Teacher	1/25/2024

Classified Recommendations

Name	Location	Position	Start Date
McCollum, Erin	Arnold Mill Elem School	AU ParaPro	1/8/2024
Jurgens, Cindy	Arnold Mill Elem School	SI ParaPro	1/8/2024
Bruggeman, Chance	Business Information Services	Support System Analyst	1/10/2024
Bahcetepe, Melahat	Dean Rusk Mid School	School Nutrition Worker	12/18/2023
Stephens, Simone	Hasty Elem School	T1 ParaPro	1/8/2024
Hrabe-Myers, Tiffanie	L.R. Tippens Center	Sped ParaPro	1/8/2024
MacCracken, Katelyn	Transportation	Bus Attendant	1/9/2024
Bright, Brittany	Transportation	Bus Driver Relief	1/9/2024
Douglas, Paul	Transportation	Bus Driver Relief	12/18/2023
Maiz Marin, Maria	Woodstock Elem School	School Nutrition Worker	1/9/2024
Neal, Kellen	Woodstock High School	IEP ParaPro	1/8/2024

Classified Transfers

Name	Location	Position	Start Date
Fremer, Haley	L.R. Tippens Center	RBT ParaPro	12/11/2023
Hyland, Sabrina	Liberty Elem School	School Nutrition Asst Manager	1/8/2024

Cherokee County School District

G1 Summary Report

BOE Meeting Date: 1/18/2024

Classified Transfers

Name	Location	Position	Start Date
Martinez, Jessica	Transportation	Transportation Specialist	1/8/2024

Classified Resignations/Terminations

Name	Location	Position	End Date
Lambert, Ilona	Boston Elem School	SI ParaPro	1/31/2024
OBrien, Leigh Anne	E.T. Booth Mid School	School Nutrition Worker	12/1/2023
MacIntyre, Amy	Liberty Elem School	MI-MOD ParaPro	12/21/2023
Fox, Amanda	Liberty Elem School	RN Nurse	1/12/2024
White, Andria	Little River Elem School	IEP ParaPro	1/12/2024
Pruitt, Jennifer	Transportation	Bus Attendant	1/19/2024
McMullen, Brittany	Transportation	Bus Attendant	1/8/2024
Holcomb, Wanda	Transportation	Bus Attendant	12/8/2023
Federman, Neil	Transportation	Bus Driver	2/29/2024
Russell, James	Transportation	Bus Driver	12/21/2023
Scales, Sklyar	Transportation	Bus Driver	12/21/2023
Mandorthupa, Juan	Transportation	Bus Driver Relief	12/11/2023