Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
October 17, 2024	Action Item 2

Title

Partnership Agreement Renewal - American Legion

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Renewal of the Partnership Agreement with American Legion

Summary Explanation and Background

The School Board is requested to consider the Superintendent's recommendation to approve renewal of the partnership agreement with American Legion.

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Partnership Agreement Attached

Source of Additional Information

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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

AMERICAN LEGION POSTS 45 AND 316

AND

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNITS 45 AND 316

This agreement entered into on this 1~~6~~7th day of ~~August~~ October, 20~~18~~24 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and the American Legion Posts 45 and 316 and American Legion Auxiliary Units 45 and 316, hereinafter referred to as "American Legion."

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, and~~

WHEREAS, the American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual-help, war-time veterans organization, and

WHEREAS, the American Legion is a community service organization which now numbers nearly 2 million members in nearly 13,000 Posts worldwide (over 500 members in Posts 45 and 316).

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 school system facilities for American Legion functions/programs/contests as available, waiving the rental fee as per the Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG).
2. Promote American Legion programs through existing communication channels, including nominating students for various American Legion awards, scholarships and contests. The American Legion each spring will provide CCSD with a calendar of its student awards, scholarships and contests for the upcoming school year.
3. Provide the opportunity for each of the high school JROTC programs to present the colors or conduct a drill and ceremony display at American Legion's monthly meeting.
4. Permit graduating high school seniors who have made a pre-commitment to military service (and provide the American Legion with verification of this commitment) to wear special graduation cords purchased by the American Legion at commencement.
5. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests.

ARTICLE III

American Legion will:

1. Provide scholarship opportunities (including cost of program and transportation) for Cherokee County students to attend the annual Boys and Girls State program.
2. Provide JROTC awards for a student at each of the high school JROTC programs on Honors Day/Night at their respective schools.
3. Conduct a middle school essay contest. Local winners receive a $50 United States Savings Bond.
4. Provide assistance and participation in school Veterans Day programs, as well as a United States flag to each school, (with the size to be determined by the American Legion), as requested.
5. Conduct the American Legion School Awards program, honoring two students from each school with the American Legion School Medals Award. Each student is selected based on their patriotism, honor, service, courage, leadership and scholarship.

6. Conduct the American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest at a no more than two Cherokee County school sites during the upcoming school year. Winners at the local level can advance through district, area, department and national competitions.

7. 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), including custodial and supervisory fees when applicable.

8. Provide a list of each Post's veteran classroom speakers, activities to foster patriotic activities, and information relative to Flag Education and other American Legion educational activities/programs.

9. Provide information regarding American Legion scholarships to the counseling departments of each high school in a timely manner so that eligible students have adequate time to prepare and submit completed scholarship forms.

10. Provide information to elementary and middle school counselors regarding the American Legion Operation Comfort Warrior Program, through which the Posts and Auxiliary Units would provide food, clothing and other support, as needed, to low-income veteran families.

11. Provide special cords purchased by the Posts and Auxiliary Units to high school graduating seniors who have made a pre-commitment to military service (and provide the American Legion with verification of this commitment) to wear at commencement.

12. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interests.

13. 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, American Legion must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this agreement is ~~August~~ October 1~~6~~7, 20~~18~~24 through ~~August~~ October 1~~6~~7, 20~~19~~24. This agreement 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 agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this agreement shall be given to the Superintendent, Cherokee County School District at PO Box 769, Canton, Georgia 301~~14~~69, and to the Post Commander, American Legion, Post 45, P.O. Box 982, Canton, Georgia 30169.

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

AMERICAN LEGION POST 45

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By: Raymond Rollins, Post Commander

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

AMERICAN LEGION POST 316

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By: Irma M. Martin, Post Commander

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By: Mary Elizabeth Davis, PhD.

Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

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Abby Roach, Esquire