

Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

Meeting Date
December 1, 2016

Agenda Item Number
A-2

Title
Cherokee County School District Teacher of the Year -- Brian Carnes, Sequoyah HS
Requested Action
Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District Teacher of the Year -- Brian Carnes, Sequoyah HS
Summary Explanation and Background
<p>Sequoyah HS teacher Brian Carnes has been named Cherokee County School District's Teacher of the Year.</p> <p>The District's Teacher of the Year is selected by a panel of community leaders, who evaluate applications from each school's Teacher of the Year. School winners are selected by their peers. Mr. Carnes will be honored later this month at the District's annual Teacher of the Year Banquet sponsored by Northside Hospital-Cherokee and Credit Union of Georgia. He also will be entered as the District's nominee for 2018 Georgia Teacher of the Year.</p> <p>Mr. Carnes, who attended Buffington Elementary School and graduated from Cherokee High School where he was active in FFA, began his career in the poultry industry. With degrees in agriculture (bachelor's from University of Georgia) and quality systems technology (master's from Southern Polytechnic State University), Mr. Carnes succeeded in the industry for 15 years. But his heart began to whisper of another plan for him: teaching children to love science. He was hired as a special education teacher at Sequoyah HS in 2004, then moved into science and then took on AP Chemistry. Along the way, Mr. Carnes earned certifications, endorsements and awards... like the Delta Kappa Gamma International Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching, STAR Teacher and, last year, the valedictorian picked him as her "outstanding teacher" for CCSD recognition. Mr. Carnes and his wife, Pam, President & CEO of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, have two daughters, Sarah, a Sequoyah HS and University of Georgia graduate now studying for a master's at Georgia Tech, and Rebekah, a Sequoyah HS junior. In addition to his many roles at school, Mr. Carnes also has coached his daughters' softball teams and volunteers with his church, Canton First United Methodist.</p>
Major System Priority
Attracting and Retaining the Best Teachers and Support Staff
Financial Impact
N/A
Exhibits: (List)
N/A

Board Action
<i>(For Official School Board Records Only)</i>

Source of Additional Information	
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Approved in Open Board Meeting on: _____ (Date)

By: _____ (School Board Chairman)