

Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

Meeting Date
October 13, 2016

Agenda Item Number
A-9

Title
Approval of Partnership Agreements
Requested Action
Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Renewal of Partnership Agreements with the American Cancer Society, Cherokee County 4-H and Reinhardt University and Approval of New Partnership Agreement with Georgia Ensemble Theatre
Summary Explanation and Background
<p>One of the School Board's Major System Priorities is increasing 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.</p> <p>The School Board is requested to consider the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the renewal of Partnership Agreements with the American Cancer Society, Cherokee County 4-H and Reinhardt University and a new Partnership Agreement with Georgia Ensemble Theatre.</p>
Major System Priority
Increasing parental and community involvement
Financial Impact
N/A
Exhibits: (List)
Draft Agreements Attached

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

Source of Additional Information
Dr. Brian V. Hightower 770.704.4202 Barbara Jacoby 770.704.4228

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Approved in Open Board Meeting on: _____ (Date)

By: _____ (School Board Chairman)

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

This agreement entered into on this ~~21st day of October, 2010~~ 13th day of October, 2016 by and between The Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" And American Cancer Society hereinafter referred to as "ACS."

WHEREAS, the School Board's mission is to ~~enable all students to become contributing citizens who can communicate effectively, gather and use information, make responsible decisions, utilize technology effectively and adapt to the challenges of the future~~ 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 Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

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 use of a high school track and football field, including restroom facilities and lighting, for the Annual Cherokee County Relay for Life event, waiving the rental fee as per the Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG).
2. Promote the opportunity for school system teams to participate in the annual Relay for Life.
3. Promote and disseminate American Cancer Society materials through existing communication channels.

ARTICLE III

ACS 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), including custodial, utility and supervisory fees when applicable.
3. Provide information regarding ACS programs to the School Board for dissemination to school facilities.
4. Not discriminate against any partnership participant because of race, national origin, age or disability.
5. Provide a certificate of insurance naming the Cherokee County School Board as an additional insured on the liability insurance policy.
6. 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, ACS must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is ~~October 21, 2010 through October 20, 2011~~ October 13, 2016 through October 13, 2017. 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, Canton, Georgia 30114, and to the Community Income Manager, American Cancer Society, 1825 Barrett Lakes Boulevard, Suite 280, Kennesaw, Georgia, 30144.

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

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD
OF EDUCATION

Aires Williams, Community Income Manager

By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

Tom Roach, Esquire

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

CHEROKEE COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

This agreement entered into on this ~~21st day of October 2010~~ 13th day of October, 2016 by and between The Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" And The Cherokee County 4-H Program, hereinafter referred to as "4-H."

WHEREAS, the School Board's mission is to ~~enable all students to become contributing citizens who can communicate effectively, gather and use information, make responsible decisions, utilize technology effectively and adapt to the challenges of the future~~ 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, Georgia 4-H's mission is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. This mission is accomplished, through "hands on" learning experiences, focused on agricultural and environmental issues, agriculture awareness, leadership, communication skills, foods and nutrition, health, energy conservation and citizenship.

WHEREAS, the objective of Cherokee 4-H is that youth development educational program supplements the training young people receive in the home, church and school. The objectives are to help boys and girls develop a desire to gain new knowledge, skills and attitudes through real life experiences; recognize the value of research and learn the

decision-making processes; gain an appreciation for the contributions that agriculture, environmental sciences, family and consumer sciences make to the economy and human welfare; practice healthful resources and apply conservation principles; strengthen personal standards and citizenship ideals; strengthen abilities to make intelligent decisions, solve problems, and manage their own resources and affairs in a fast changing world; develop their potential by seeking and acquiring educational and vocational experiences; improve skills in leadership, communication and self-expression; develop effective interpersonal relationships with adults and other youth and develop concern for involvement in community and public affairs, and

WHEREAS, Cherokee 4-H's Code of Ethics states that honesty, fairness, and consistency are learned, not inherited traits. The most important role an Extension Agent can play in a young person's development is acting as a role model by exhibiting these characteristics.

We realize, as youth educators, the only way a child truly learns and expands their horizons is by making their own decisions. "Decisions" might include preparing their own portfolio, or training and grooming a show animal themselves. 4-H Leader's responsibility is teaching the child the process by which they can make a decision, present a demonstration, or train an animal using the resources available to them. Realizing that one 4-H'er may not have the experience or intellectual development that another may have indicates to the agent or leader that this child may require more help on their project than others. The 4-H'er's lack of experience or education should not mean that posters and speeches be automatically written for the child. Doing the work for the child totally circumvents the learning progression which is inherent in the framework of 4-H, and

WHEREAS, the process in 4-H work from Cloverleaf to Senior levels was created to challenge the child's intellectual, creative, and emotional capacities. Our role is to help the young person achieve this goal;

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 students to attend public speaking competitions held at 4-H Centers, summer camps and classes, leadership forums and State 4-H events held at the University of Georgia campus as specified by both parties (day trips and overnights).
2. Provide the use of and access to the Teacher Work Center at ~~CrossRoads Alternative School~~ ACE Academy.
3. Provide the use of school parking lots annually for the Cherokee County 4-H Rabies Clinics, an annual community service project.
4. Provide a school sponsor at each facility and the location/schedule adapted to fit the needs of each school.
5. Promote 4-H programs through the Virtual Community Bulletin Board located on the School District Web site and other existing communication channels, including inter-office mail provided there is no expense to the School Board.
6. Provide an appropriate location/facility to conduct the 4-H Annual Awards Program and possible evening meetings.
7. Provide the opportunity for make-up work for students who attend 4-H events.

ARTICLE III

4-H will:

1. Provide a monthly educational program to fifth and sixth grade students from October through April that is supplemental to classroom curriculum. Presently, 38 programs are conducted in the school system.

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), including custodial and supervisory fees when applicable.

3. Provide a middle school program after school at ~~Dean Rusk and~~ Teasley Middle, Freedom Middle School, Mill Creek Middle and Woodstock Middle Schools with sponsors.

4. Provide a monthly night county council 4-H meeting for students who are currently not accommodated by the aforementioned programs, also a monthly 4-H horse club and a weekly 4-H project SAFE team and the opportunity for all students to participate.

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

6. Provide an informational packet to administrators, including course offerings, field trip opportunities and the Environmental Education Program. All programs meet the Georgia Performance Standards.

7. 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, 4-H must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is ~~October 21, 2010 through October 20, 2011~~ October 13, 2016 through October 13, 2017. 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, Canton, Georgia 30114, and to the Cherokee County Cooperative Extension Service, ~~100 North Main Street, Suite G21,~~ 1130 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, GA 30114.

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

CHEROKEE COUNTY 4-H

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD
OF EDUCATION

Ashley Witcher, County Extension
Coordinator

By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

Tom Roach, Esquire

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

~~REINHARDT COLLEGE~~ REINHARDT UNIVERSITY

This agreement entered into on this ~~23rd day of April, 2009~~ 13th day of October, 2016 by and between The Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" And Reinhardt ~~College~~ University.

WHEREAS, the School Board's mission is to ~~enable all students to become contributing citizens who can communicate effectively, gather and use information, make responsible decisions and adapt to the challenges of the future~~ 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, Reinhardt ~~College~~ University is an academic, spiritual and social community of teachers, learners and supporters who exist within an environment of Christian caring to educate students as whole persons; and,

WHEREAS, Reinhardt ~~College~~ University contributes to the larger community as a vital and responsible member by offering community services that further learning and contribute to the greater good; and,

WHEREAS, Reinhardt ~~College~~ University strives to develop a sense of community through individual service and cooperative efforts which develop and exemplify the values of honesty, integrity, personal responsibility, civic responsibility and service.

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. Actively recruit/hire Reinhardt students who are interested in working for one of the school system's Afterschool Programs and will provide an advertisement for distribution to Reinhardt ~~College~~ University.
2. Offer school-site opportunities for Reinhardt students to fulfill site-based community service requirements.
3. The Office of Educational Programs, Student Support, Accountability and Professional Development will place Reinhardt ~~College~~ University student teachers in classrooms for the Candidate Teaching Experience with teachers who have a foundation in differentiation of instruction and successfully practice the skills and strategies of differentiated instruction (as available).
4. Offer use of the Cherokee County Teacher Center to Reinhardt students.
5. Cherokee County Schools District's three-year Technical/Career initiative will continue to include opportunities for collaboration with Reinhardt ~~College~~ University. These will include but not be limited to inclusion on district-wide and school-based advisory committees, career pathways and program of study development, work-based learning experiences and Career Fair participation.
6. Continue joint enrollment programs for Cherokee County students, as provided through previous agreements.
7. Implement Junior Achievement programs that will utilize Reinhardt students.

8. Waive facility use rental fees based on Reinhardt's request to use school system facilities.

9. Provide continued support of "A Day for Reinhardt" by school system employees.

10. Participate in a Cherokee County School District/Reinhardt ~~College~~ University Forum, involving

at least two meetings annually designed for the express purpose of planning, developing and implementing programs beneficial to students attending both institutions.

11. Agree to establish a representative Advisory Council (composed of School District employees) to assist in the improvement of teaching and learning as it relates to both parties.

12. Consider the potential/feasibility of establishment of a future laboratory school that would serve Cherokee County students and provide for research/training/education opportunities for Reinhardt students.

13. Provide continued support of continuing education initiatives and associated alumni functions as it pertains to the Price School of Education.

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

ARTICLE III

Reinhardt ~~College~~ University will:

1. Provide access to the Funk Heritage Center and Bennett History Museum to school system employees/students: The area will consist of a natural history museum, nature trails and a natural village. The concept will encourage active, integrated participation; special programs; music seminars; history programs; art and ancient skills.

A. Conduct an open house (possibly one on a staff development day) for school employees at each level.

B. Establish a Student Advisory Panel to develop programming within the museum.

C. Provide the opportunity for field trips, as well as special events and shows, for Cherokee County students for a nominal fee.

D. Provide the opportunity for interested high school students to work in the museum.

2. Provide use of the Reinhardt Broadcast Center by the high school Video Production Classes, as college university schedule permits.

3. Provide use of the Reinhardt Instructional Resource Center to employees of the Cherokee County School System. Scheduling not to interfere with student use.

4. Consider providing opportunities for Cherokee County students to fulfill a future community service graduation requirement.

5. Continue joint enrollment programs for Cherokee County students, as provided through previous agreements.

6. Provide judges for the School System Science Fair, Young Authors Fair, Governors Honors, Speech Contests and other related functions.

7. Provide continued assistance in the areas of technology, curriculum development and textbook adoption.

8. Provide the opportunity for reciprocal use of facilities, as scheduled and limited to four times per year, including but not limited to: use of the Fine Arts Center for art exhibits, future band/choral festivals in the Performing Arts Center, use of facility for testing of students, etc.

9. Abide by the rules and regulations contained in the facility use contract at each school facility that Reinhardt ~~College~~ University may use and those contained in the Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG). All other fees associated with the use of facilities will apply (supervisory, custodial, security, etc.).

~~10. Consider providing future assistance in establishing the following initiatives as detailed in the School Board's Educational Accountability and School Improvement Policy:~~

~~A. A Curriculum Development and Instructional Management (CDIM) System, including an Electronic Planning Tool for use by classroom teachers that links critical content (what students need to know) with essential knowledge (what teachers need to know).~~

~~B. A Data Warehouse which enables teachers and principals to access data that enables them to focus and report on students' individual needs and competencies in a timely manner.~~

~~C. A Clearinghouse (virtual) Information Center for use by classroom teachers, principals and other appropriate staff which includes a continuously updated database of available trainers, staff development resource materials, training facilities and research on effective teaching and learning practices.~~

10. Reinhardt College University will offer scholarships to students residing in Cherokee County in the amount of \$500 for any Cherokee County student who meets the entry requirements, \$1,000 for students with a 2.8 (or above) GPA and \$2,000 if students have a 2.8 (or above) GPA and live in the dormitory. These scholarships shall further apply to Cherokee County School District paraprofessional employees who are part-time students in the transitional paraprofessional four-year degree program for teacher preparation. All appropriate financial aid opportunities shall apply to these students.

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

12. Participate, where feasible, in academic enhancement programs and other appropriate opportunities with students, teachers and staff at R.M. Moore Elementary School.

13. Reinhardt College University shall inform students of System's requirement that, prior to commencement of an applied learning experience, they must complete a criminal background check, and provide clean results indicating no crimes of moral turpitude. Students shall be responsible for completing, and paying for, such

background checks as may be required by the System. The System reserves the right to reject any participant who does not meet its minimum background requirements.

15. 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, Reinhardt must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is ~~April 23, 2009 through April 22, 2010~~ October 13, 2016 through Oct. 13, 2017. 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, Canton, Georgia 30114, and to the President of Reinhardt ~~College~~ University, 7300 Reinhardt ~~College~~ Circle, Waleska, Georgia 30183.

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

REINHARDT UNIVERSITY

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD
OF EDUCATION

Dr. Kina Mallard, President

By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

Tom Roach, Esquire

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

GEORGIA ENSEMBLE THEATRE AND CONSERVATORY

This agreement entered into on this 13th day of October 2016, by and between The Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" And Georgia Ensemble Theatre and Conservatory, hereinafter referred to as "GET."

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, GET's mission is to provide excellent professional theatre experiences to captivate the current generation of theatre-goers and to nurture future generations; and,

WHEREAS, GET fulfills this mission through the selfless ensemble collaboration of our artists, audiences, and students; and,

WHEREAS, GET believes that partnering with schools in its community is an important piece of the educational puzzle and that arts education is vitally important in developing well-rounded learners.

Now, therefore in consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

The parties agree to the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE II

The School Board will:

1. Work in conjunction with GET staff to develop grade- and curriculum-appropriate theater experiences to include, but not be limited to, opportunities for: field trips by CCSD students to GET and related educator preview workshops; in-school presentations by GET staff and other experts; and opportunities for “virtual field trips” to GET and talks with GET staff and other experts.
2. Promote GET programs and events through existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board policy.
3. Explore/pursue joint professional development opportunities in both parties’ best interest.
4. Explore/pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties’ best interest.
5. Individual schools are encouraged to provide time for at least one GET presentation to staff and one GET presentation to PTA members.

ARTICLE III

GET will:

1. Work in conjunction with CCSD staff to develop grade- and curriculum-appropriate experiences to include, but not be limited to, opportunities for: field trips by CCSD students to GET and related educator preview workshops; virtual field trips to the GET and talks with GET staff and other experts using video-conferencing technology; and in-school presentations by GET staff and other experts.
2. Explore/pursue joint professional development opportunities in both parties' best interest.
3. Explore/pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interest.
4. Provide opportunities for Senior Projects for high school students including service as project mentors when staff members and/or volunteers are available.
5. Participate in various school functions (Fine Arts Days, Cultural Arts Fairs, Career Days/Fairs).
6. Provide judges for Young Authors Fair, Governors Honors, Speech Contests, One-Act Play competitions and other arts-related activities.
7. Provide internship opportunities to qualified high school seniors.
8. Provide schools that schedule one GET presentation to staff and one GET presentation to PTA members with three pairs of gift certificates to Main Stage Productions and three family packs (4 tickets each) of gift certificates for Theatre for Young Audiences public performances.
9. Provide schools discounts on multiple performances of Theatre for Young Audiences productions; and provide schools with PTA member discounts on camps and classes (excluding Improvisation and Performance Camp) for PTAs that coordinate with GET.

10. 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 included within the activities of the partnering organization and must be provided all necessary levels of supervision by the School District. As a result of this partnership agreement, GET must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is October 13, 2016 through October 13, 2017. 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 has no monetary value and its dual execution shall not in any way be construed or interpreted to commit one party to the other for any compensation or fees or services equitable to any certain monetary amount. Participation in programs is subject to applicable fees as per standard practice of GET.

ARTICLE VI

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, Canton, Georgia 30114, and Education Director, Georgia Ensemble Theatre and Conservatory, 950 Forrest St, Roswell, GA 30075.

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

GEORGIA ENSEMBLE THEATRE AND
CONSERVATORY

Laurel Crowe, Education Director

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD
OF EDUCATION

By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

Tom Roach, Esquire