

Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

Meeting Date
April 18, 2019

Agenda Item Number
A-13

Title
Approval of Partnership Agreement with East West Bank
Requested Action
School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Partnership Agreement with East West Bank
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 a Partnership Agreement with East West Bank.</p>
Major System Priority
Increasing parental and community involvement
Financial Impact
N/A
Exhibits: (List)
Draft Agreement Attached

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

Source of Additional Information				
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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
EAST WEST BANK

This agreement entered into on this 18th Day of April, 2019, by and between The Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the “School Board” and East West Bank.

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, for over 40 years, East West Bank has proven to be the premier financial institution assisting governments in meeting their financial goals; and,

WHEREAS, since 2017, East West Bank has provided exceptional financial services to the Cherokee County School District; and,

WHEREAS, East West Bank is dedicated to further assisting CCSD through sponsoring positive programs for students, teachers and staff.

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. Promote applicable East West Bank programs, such as special discounts and programs for CCSD staff, students and families using existing communication channels, such as the Virtual Community Bulletin Board, as School Board Policy permits.
2. Coordinate an open application process to provide one qualified candidate to receive a \$2,500 annual college scholarship presented by East West Bank.
3. Form a committee of retired educators and East West Bank representatives to select this recipient from the pool of applicants.
4. Arrange for the presentation by East West Bank of its annual scholarship to the recipient at a School Board meeting.
4. Explore/pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interest.

ARTICLE III

East West Bank will:

1. Provide an annual scholarship to one Cherokee County School District graduating high school senior (the opportunity will rotate in alphabetical order to a different high school each year, beginning in 2019 with Cherokee High School) in the amount of \$2,500 for the recipient.
2. Work with CCSD and a committee of retired educators and East West Bank representatives to award this scholarship.
3. Present this scholarship at a School Board meeting.
4. Explore/pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties' best interest.
5. Support the Cherokee County Educational Foundation through event sponsorships whenever possible, including the Celebration of Education Gala.
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 Agreement, East West Bank must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.
7. Agree to hold harmless and indemnify the School Board against any claims, demands, losses or damages, including reasonable attorney's fees, which may arise as a result of this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this Agreement is April 18, 2019 through April 18, 2021. 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 of Cherokee County Schools at PO Box 769, Canton, Georgia, 30169, and to Jim Browning, Assistant Vice President, Business Development Officer, Specialty Deposit Account Officer, East West Bank, 2727 Paces Ferry Road, Suite 1-150, Atlanta, Georgia, 30339.

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

EAST WEST BANK

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION

By: Jim Browning, Assistant Vice
President, Business Development
Officer, Specialty Deposit Account
Officer

By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

Tom Roach, Esquire