

Agenda Request Form

Cherokee County School District

Meeting Date
July 18, 2019

Agenda Item Number
A-3

Title
Approval of Renewal of Partnership Agreement with Kennesaw State University
Requested Action
School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the Renewal of the Partnership Agreement with Kennesaw State University
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 the Partnership Agreement with Kennesaw State University.</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

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

This agreement entered into on this ~~13th day of June, 2013~~ 18th day of July, 2019 by and between the Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and Kennesaw State 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, 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, Kennesaw State University is committed to providing a challenging and facilitative collegial environment that fosters high-quality academic preparation, critical thinking, global and multicultural perspectives, effective communication and interpersonal skills, leadership development, social responsibility, and lifelong learning (KSU Catalog, 2002-03); and,

WHEREAS, the Professional Teacher Education Unit at Kennesaw State University embraces the commitment of developing educational professionals who, as collaborative partners, engaged in local, national, and international endeavors in teaching, research, and service, become subject matter experts capable of facilitating high levels of learning within diverse student populations; and,

WHEREAS, the Professional Teacher Education Unit at Kennesaw State University, is committed to building a community of learners, who in turn will enfold, nurture, and engender in the Pre-K through grade 12 students a "shared vision of

intellectual and social possibilities” (Boyer, 1990) as they prepare to live productively within a global society.

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 Kennesaw State University (KSU) students who are interested in working for one of the school system’s Afterschool Programs and will provide an advertisement for distribution to KSU.
2. Continue placement of Kennesaw State University students for practicum observation and student teaching throughout the School System by the Office of Educational Programs, Student Support and Professional Development Human Resources. Offer KSU students a screening interview opportunity following the conclusion of student’s field placement activities.
3. Offer school-site opportunities for Kennesaw State University students to fulfill site-based community service requirements.
4. Offer use of the Cherokee County Teacher Resource Center to KSU students.
5. Continue joint enrollment programs for Cherokee County students, as provided through previous agreements.
6. Waive facility use rental fees based on KSU’s request to use school system facilities.
7. Assign designees and provide administrative leave time to same to serve on the KSU Bagwell College of Education and Professional Teacher Education Unit Advisory Boards and/or planning committees for educational endeavors.
8. Pursue joint grant opportunities in both parties’ best interests.
9. ~~Permit Seoul Women’s University (SWU) students participating in KSU’s Global Learning program to visit River Ridge HS for a one-day visit between Oct. 27 and Nov. 2, 2012 for classroom observation. The SWU students will be~~

supervised by SWU and KSU staff and undergo background checks as part of the visa process.

- ~~10. Permit Seoul Women's University students participating in KSU's Global Learning program to visit River Ridge HS in January 2014 for a month-long observation project. Three bilingual SWU students will observe and assist in classrooms and each will serve as guest speakers for at least two classes in art, health, homeroom or English, with the lesson topics to be specified by River Ridge HS. The SWU students will be supervised by SWU and KSU staff and undergo background checks as part of the visa process.~~
- ~~11. Work in conjunction with KSU's Department of Museums, Archives and Rare Books to develop grade- and curriculum-appropriate experiences to include, but not be limited to, opportunities for: field trips by CCSD students to KSU Museums; virtual field trips to KSU Museums and talks with KSU Museums staff and partner artists, authors, historians and other experts using video-conferencing technology; in-school presentations by KSU Museums staff and partner artists, authors, historians and other experts; and in-school displays of KSU Traveling Exhibits and Traveling Trunks.~~
12. Explore professional development opportunities in both parties' best interests.
- ~~13. Promote KSU's Department of Museums, Archives and Rare Books programs and events through existing communication channels, as permitted by School Board policy.~~

ARTICLE III

Kennesaw State University will:

1. Promote job openings in the Cherokee County School System to the KSU population (teaching positions as well as support positions)
2. Provide use of Kennesaw State University's Teacher Education Resource Center to employees of the Cherokee County School System.
3. Continue joint enrollment programs for Cherokee County students, as provided through previous agreements.
4. Recommend judges for the School System Science Fair, Social Studies Fair, Young Authors Fair, Governor's Honors, Speech Contests, and other related functions.
5. Continue to provide assistance and representatives to provide input in the areas of technology, curriculum development and textbook adoption.

6. Provide the opportunity for reciprocal use of facilities, (primarily located in Kennesaw Hall Education wing), as scheduled and available, for opportunities such as student testing and meetings.
7. Abide by the rules and regulations contained in the facility use contract at each school facility that KSU may use and those contained in the Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG), ~~excluding indemnity or Release of Liability/Insurance Requirement~~ and 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. All other fees associated with the use of facilities will apply (supervisory, custodial, security, etc.)
8. Work collaboratively with the School Board's Office of Academic Standards, Professional Development and Grants Management on joint grant opportunities.
9. Work collaboratively on ongoing initiatives as described in the School Board's Educational Accountability and School Improvement Policy. Examples include:
 - 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).
 - 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.
 - 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. KSU's Department of Museums, Archives and Rare Books will work in conjunction with the School District to develop grade and curriculum-appropriate experiences to include, but not be limited to, opportunities for: field trips by CCSD students to KSU Museums; virtual field trips to KSU Museums and talks with KSU Museums staff and partner artists, authors, historians and other experts using video-conferencing technology; in-school presentations by KSU Museums staff and partner artists, authors, historians and other experts; and in-school displays of KSU Traveling Exhibits and Traveling Trunks.~~
11. Explore professional development opportunities in both parties' best interests.

ARTICLE IV

The District and KSU will be mutually responsible for the following:

Neither party will discriminate against any District or KSU employee or applicant for employment, or against any application for enrollment for a course of study at KSU, or against any KSU student in his or her course of study or training under this Agreement solely on the basis of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, age, handicap or any other discrimination recognized and prohibited by State or Federal Law; provided with reasonable accommodations such handicaps do nothing to preclude each person's physical and mental ability to participate therein.

ARTICLE V

The term of this contract is for ~~June 13, 2013 through June 13, 2014~~ July 18, 2019 through July 18, 2020. This contract shall automatically renew for additional terms not to exceed three years unless either party notifies the other at least 60 days prior to renewal date.

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 P.O. Box 769, Canton, Georgia 30169, and to the President of Kennesaw State University, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw, Georgia 30144-5591.

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

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD
OF EDUCATION

Cindy Reed
Dean, Bagwell College of Education
Kennesaw State University

By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

Tom Roach, Esquire