

Action Sheet

MEETING DATE: April 22, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss and Consider approval of the Ball High SKILLS USA students to attend trip in Atlanta, Georgia to compete at the SKILLS USA National Competition

Destination: Atlanta, Georgia

Time: June 1-6, 2026

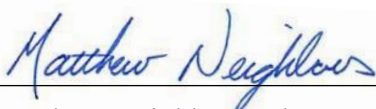
Estimated Cost: The cost of the trip is approximately \$10,000.00 and will be covered by the Career and Technical Education (CTE) department. The total cost includes all necessary items for the 3 students and 2 Advisors. Students did not qualify until April 11, 2026 so travel accommodations are still being assessed.

Advisor: Michael Merritte + a female chaperone

Purpose of Trip: Each year, SKILLS USA hosts a national conference to convene our network of CTE students from a variety of programs. It's a unique opportunity for students and their teacher leaders to:

- Connect and learn from each other through more than 40 breakout sessions;
- Network with other members from across the country;
- Compete for national titles in competitive events designed to allow students to develop and showcase their speaking skills; and
- Be inspired by keynote presentations from national education leaders

RECOMMENDATION: I move that the Board of Trustees approve the out-of-state trip to Atlanta, Georgia for June 16, 2026 for GISD CTE SKILLS USA students to compete at the National Conference Competition.



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Superintendent



Jeff Martello
Chief Financial Officer