



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes

Education and Culture Committee

Monday, August 10, 2009

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Coates called the meeting to order at 3:10p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 6 - Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk and Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker made a motion to approve the July 13, 2009 regular session minutes. Councilor Soap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Jack Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to consider a funding request to the State of Georgia. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services/Voc. Ed - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley stated they had their Talking Leaves Job Corps graduation. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the dislocated work day program and the payback program. Ms. Kelley stated they have ordered the vaults for the work cards. They will be starting in Delaware and Adair County. The program has not been advertised. The payback program will start around September. There will be about 25 workers a month. Councilor Buzzard inquired how long the day work program is. Ms. Kelley stated it is an 8 hour work day or a 4 hour work day. They Summer Youth also received the work cards for their pay.

2. Executive Director's Report - Dr. Neil Morton

Councilor Buzzard requested a status report on the directive studies. Mr. Morton stated they haven't added any new studies. Councilor Glory Jordan requested Ms. Stanley attend next month's meeting. Mr. Morton stated they are in the process of hiring a new school principal. Last year they funded 2,133 applicants. This year they had 2,548 applications turned in with 297 applications incomplete. When everybody is funded, he will get an updated report for each district and the at large districts. The applications were pulled on July 31. Councilor Glory Jordan questioned if the deadline was done away with. Mr. Morton stated they have a deadline to start processing applications. Councilor Soap inquired about the Vocational Rehab Scholarships. Ms. Kelley stated they are processing them now. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired how much money is needed to fund the 297 incomplete applications. Mr. Morton stated \$335,000 is needed.

Councilor Glory Jordan made a motion to approve \$335,000 to higher education from the gen fund for tonight's full council meeting. Councilor Thornton seconded. Motion carried.

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

See the Executive Directors report (See item #2)

4. JOM - Dr. Shelley Butler-Allen

See the Executive Directors report (See item #2)

5. Sequoyah High School - Gina Stanley

See the Executive Directors report (See item #2)

6. Director's Report - Dr. Gloria Sly

See the Executive Directors report (See item #2)

OLD BUSINESS

1. CHEROKEE ARTS AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL FUNDING REQUEST

Sponsors: Councilor Julia Coates

Councilor Coates withdrew the Art & Humanities Council. They are working on an initiative to handle it in a different way.

NEW BUSINESS

1. FUNDING REQUEST FOR STATE OF GEORGIA FOR THE NEW ECHOTA HISTORIC SITE AND THE CHIEF VANN HISTORIC SITE

Councilor Jack Baker made a motion to fund the State of Georgia for \$80,000 and to go to full council tonight to be included in the budget mod. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Ms. Knight stated they will enter a MOA with the

State of Georgia to ensure they will restore the hourly employees and the site remains open.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Knight introduced Blair Huffman. She is a student at Jenks High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Neil Morton
Melanie Knight*

*S. Diane Kelley
Angela Drewes*

Jennifer Pigeon

VISITORS PRESENT:

Blair Huffman

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Robbi Mouse, Clerk

Motion to approve minutes made by: Jack Baker

Minutes attested and concurred by: Julia Coates

Date: 8-10-09