



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*David Walkingstick, Chair*

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Tuesday, February 16, 2016

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 13 - Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Curtis Snell; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the January 11th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

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

*Ms. Kelley reported our Talking Leaves Job Corp is ranked 38th in the nation. A ribbon cutting and open house is scheduled next Tuesday in conjunction with Legislative Day at their Oklahoma City offices. She talked about the new behavioral management system the job corp will soon implement. She provided an update on the testing techs. An update was provided on the culinary, electrical, heavy equipment, HVAC, masonry, trucking and welding classes and trainings. They are considering applying for two Department of Labor Grants. A diversified job fair will be held tomorrow in Siloam Springs. Councilor Baker inquired about the date in which the Job Corp will be recognized in Washington D. C. Councilor Taylor inquired where*

*the trainings will be located.*

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

*Mr. Etheridge commented on the resolution up for consideration later on the agenda regarding dependent schools. He provided an update on the scholarships awarded, the promise scholars and the concurrent enrollment. They will have a college and career night in the northern counties soon. Meetings will be held in Claremore and Sallisaw for TOSH. Mark Vance was named to the National Board of Directors at the National JOM meeting recently held. Councilor Byrd inquired about the funding the Cherokee Nation gives to the JOM National conference. Chair Walkingstick gave an update on the education bills at the State Capitol. He requested the dates for the college and career days be sent to the Council office staff for distribution. Mr. Etheridge gave an update on the 2016 Remember the Removal bike ride.*

Head Start - Verna Thompson

*He offered to answer questions for Ms. Thompson in her absence.*

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

*Mr. Qualls gave appreciation for the recently received tag funding. He gave an update from the report provided. Reported 8th grade day was a success. An update was given on the concurrent enrollment students. The students just completed the BIE testing. He commented on the senior night activities held at the last home game. They have activated a power hour in the immersion school as part of a grant received. The applications for attendance at the high school are available. Mr. Qualls gave an update on the athletic programs as well as robotics. Councilor Hargis inquired about the process for obtaining an application. Chair Walkingstick commended them on their \$200,000 less spent this year. He also inquired about a MOU or MOA with either the BIE or the BIA pertaining to Sequoyah. He requested it be disbursed to the Council.*

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Janice Randall

*Ms. Randall stated this isn't her regular quarterly meeting time. She announced the board requested she appear today and let everyone know during their recent board meeting they passed a resolution to create a matching endowment fund of \$100,000. She gave some details of the endowment and provided a handout of information.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [16-018](#) A RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE DEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOCATED WITHIN THE CHEROKEE NATION'S JURISDICTIONAL AREA  
**Councilor Byrd moved to approve the amended version provided and requested these additional changes. He requested to strike the territorial and former reservation boundaries where stated in the resolution. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Baker requested clarification on how**

it would read with the changes requested. Councilor Crittenden requested in the 7th whereas where it is stated the closure that or consolidation be added. The amendment was not accepted as a friendly. Councilor Crittenden withdrew. All Councilors requested being added as sponsors. The motion to approve and forward to Council this evening carried.

2. TMP-341

DISCUSSION ONLY - STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN OUR FOURTEEN (14) COUNTY JURISDICTION

*Discussion and suggestions were given regarding strategies of support. Councilor Byrd requested our legal draft a form letter to give to the superintendents. Discussion was held regarding Impact Aide, visiting the superintendent meetings, school and being transferred to the tribe or housing authority, the A-F grading system, and competitive grants. Councilor Buzzard requested an opinion on school land being transferred to the housing authority. Discussion was also held regarding the importance of ensuring our Cherokee students are registered and documented with the schools.*

**Presented**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:24 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Ron Etheridge</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Janice Randall</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Alayna Farris</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>		