



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

## Meeting Minutes

### Education and Culture Committee

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Tuesday, May 13, 2008

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Coates called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

#### INVOCATION

Councilor Hoskin gave the invocation.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Bill John Baker; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

**Absent** 1 - S. Joe Crittenden

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Anglen moved for the approval of the April 15th regular session.  
Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### REPORTS:

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

**Attachments:** [Career Services Ed May 08.pdf](#)

*Ms. Kim Carroll reported in the absence of Diane Kelley. Councilor Hoskin inquired when the deadline is for the Summer Youth Job Program. Ms. Carroll stated she didn't know, but they would still continue to take applications.*

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

**Attachments:** [Public School Outreach May 08](#)  
[Curriculum Instruction May 08](#)  
[Higher Education May 08](#)  
[Immersion May 08](#)  
[Arts May 08.pdf](#)

*Dr. Neil Morton announced written reports have been provided and offered to answer any questions. He stated they are increasing their contacts with Public Schools, especially those in Cherokee Communities due to Legislative Funding. They are continuing their efforts in making contact and establishing open lines where they can help where they can. Councilor Buzzard questioned if he's heard any discussion about the bus routes. Mr. Morton stated some bus routes may be reduced. It is a critical factor due to isolation. In the rural areas, there might be a problem.*

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

**Attachments:** [Early Childhood Unit May 08](#)

*Ms. Verna Thompson stated their review has come and gone. They won't know the outcome for about 3 months. Ms. Rita Bunch stated it was an outstanding program.*

4. JOM - Dr. Shelley Butler-Allen

*Dr. Shelley Butler-Allen provided copies of their written report. Councilor Thornton questioned how the Federal Aide stands on the JOM. Ms. Butler-Allen stated they have strong lobbying efforts with the National JOM committee and schools. They are doing a survey at each school. Councilor Thornton questioned if the Tribal Council could do anything to help. Ms. Butler-Allen stated a letter writing campaign would be helpful. Councilor Thornton questioned if they should write the letters as individuals. Ms. Butler-Allen stated yes. Councilor Buzzard questioned about the JOM program in the school system. He questioned how effective is it with the parent community vs. the school JOM. Dr. Butler-Allen stated it works better in schools. It is a community based and is actively engaged. Councilor Hoskin inquired about the JOM being zeroed out in June as a markup. Dr. Butler-Allen stated she needs to do more research. Councilor Thornton inquired about the funding amount per school. Dr. Butler-Allen stated they do a tracking sheet allocated to each school. Councilor Thornton stated he would like a copy. Councilor Hoskin questioned who from Oklahoma is on the JOM Committee. Councilor Thornton questioned what is going to take to keep this program alive. He inquired if the Nation helps substitute the funding. Dr. Butler-Allen stated it is reducing 40% total elimination. The JOM allocation is 1.63 million dollars and it happens in different part of the Nation. Some schools supplement some money for Indian Education Programs.*

5. Sequoyah High School - Gina Stanley

*Ms. Gina Stanley announced written reports have been provided. She stated they are in the process of interviewing a coach's position to the coach the girls' basketball. Also, she stated they have a Jr. name, Shane Boyd, to attend the U.S. Naval AC Program. She announced the Graduation on Friday night. She requests the Tribal Council to email if they are unable to attend. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the 3 proposals for the SBC Proposal. Ms. Stanley stated it is a facilities type, robotics program with NSU. It is the ¼ of the teacher's salary and offering an upper level Science. The 3rd one is a funding technology and public relations. Councilor Thornton commended on the 8 Gates Scholarship Award. Ms. Stanley stated it is highly known for academic.*

6. Director's Report - Dr. Gloria Sly

*Dr. Sly stated she would be happy to answer any questions.*

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Amendments to the School MVT Apportionment Boundaries

**Sponsors:** Councilor Baker And Councilor Buzzard

**Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to withdraw at this time. Motion carried.**

- 2. Former Chief's Gravesite Monuments (Discussion)

*This item was considered during the Director's Report.*

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIVE AMERICANS GRAVES AND REPATRIATION ACT (NAGPRA) PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKLEY

**Sponsors:** Councilor Cowan Watts

*Councilor Cowan Watts stated this is a move in the affirmative to acknowledge the work of the other tribes and how NAGPRA is being implemented nationally. She stated it would be a big statement for the second largest tribe to acknowledge the work of the smaller tribes in a positive way. She stated this is an affirmation of an NCAI resolution already passed.*

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved for the approval. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Dr. Neil Morton stated the deadline for the Higher Education Application will be June 13, 2008.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved for adjournment. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried at 1:37 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>	<i>Dr. Gloria Sly</i>	<i>Rita Bunch</i>
<i>Kim Carroll</i>	<i>Shelley Butler-Allen</i>	<i>Robert Girty</i>
<i>Jeff Ketcher</i>	<i>Nita Wilson</i>	<i>Jennifer Piegon</i>
<i>Gina Stanley</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Jim Ketcher                      Paul Pinkerton*

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

**Minutes submitted by: Robbi Girdner, Legislative Clerk and Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator**

**Motion to approve minutes made by: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Minutes attested and concurred by: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_**