



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

David Walkingstick, Chair

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Monday, January 12, 2015

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Jodie Fishinghawk; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Julia Coates

Late Arrival 4 - Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; David Walkingstick and Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the December 15, 2014 regular session minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley provided a flyer for training regarding the JDNEG grant welding program. She gave updates on their department programs and upcoming trainings and job fairs. Talking Leaves Job Corp is currently at full capacity. The Day Training Program is on a rotation system at this time. They have a meeting with the OSU Degreed Culinary program. She reported they will be adding new students to their Business Technology Class, the Building Trades Program and Child Care Certification Program.

Executive Director's Report - Dr. Gloria Sly / Bruce Davis

Councilor Byrd inquired about the State average for the ACT. Chair Walkingstick stated there is discussion within the new State Superintendents offices to have the ACT be the EOI and a few other updates. Mr. Davis announced they are busy with the scholarships at this time. Councilor Cowan Watts gave appreciation for the handout regarding the structure of the Education Department but requested additional clarification. Chair Walkingstick requested an updated report to include the entire department with names and contact information. Discussion was held on the Concurrent Enrollment Program and possible funding changes. Chair Walkingstick requested the number of juniors and seniors and cost for each student be brought forward at the next meeting.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Dr. Sly offered to answer questions for Ms. Thompson. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the three-year-old program at Jay.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Chair Walkingstick requested Happy Birthday be sang to Speaker Jordan and Diane Kelley whose birthdays are both tomorrow.

Mr. Qualls gave an overview of his written report. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if the budget issues had been resolved. Councilor Lay inquired as to the number of students on concurrent enrollment. Councilor Byrd inquired about the dorm students. Councilor Garvin inquired if the Sequoyah teachers are paid at the State rate. Discussion was held regarding the Gates Millennium Scholarship and the possible need for a resolution in support.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Janice Randall

Ms. Randall gave an overview of the report provided at a previous meeting. She gave the deadline for scholarship submittal. Councilor Keener inquired as to the number of scholarships now available. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the endowments and their fundraising efforts. She also inquired about a change in requirements on the scholarship applications regarding the interviews. Chair Walkingstick requested clarification on the funding sources for some of the scholarships.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-001](#) A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHEROKEE NATION CITIZEN DONALD VANN

Councilor Lay moved to approve and requested it be forwarded to Council this evening. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. Chair Walkingstick gave an overview of the request. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 4:25 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Dr. Gloria Sly</i>	<i>Leroy Qualls</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>
<i>David Moore</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Ginger Reeves</i>
<i>G. V. Gulager</i>	<i>Taylor Alsney</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

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