



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Monday, June 10, 2019

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Warner gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez and Canaan Duncan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Duncan moved to approve the May 13th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Vocational Programs/Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced the report submitted summarizes the Disability Initiative Program. She gave an update from the NACTEP meeting recently held in Washington DC. Our Job Corp Program remains ranked in the top percentile of the region. The regions Job Corp Conservation centers will be closing over the next several years, once this happens we will be the only non-profit Job Corp Center. We are collaborating with the State Workforce in holding two youth leadership events this summer. They will be hosting a cultural event at the Heritage Center next Friday. There are 586 Summer Youth Participants this year. Councilor Byrd inquired about the job rate versus the employment rate. Councilor Shaw inquired about the summer youth interns.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge introduced Dylan Nicely the Director of Native Law at the University of Idaho. Mr. Nicely is here visiting Sequoyah High School and our Youth Council recruiting respective law students. He also recognized the Youth Council in attendance and stated they would be in attendance at the Council Meeting this evening. He provided an update on the Remember the Removal Riders. Mr. Etheridge gave an update on the Camp Cherokee numbers for the locations already held and gave dates for the upcoming locations. The College Scholarships deadline is June 17th at midnight. The Ignite Language Conference starts next Monday and runs through Thursday. Mr. Etheridge put to rest any rumors that he may be retiring soon.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson reported on the Webber Falls Head Start site by stating they do not own the facility that was flooded but do have insurance on all contents. Six staff members will be traveling to Oklahoma City for training to be certified on infant massages. Ms. Thompson reported sixteen of her staff participated in family development certification training through the University of Connecticut. The second phase of the review from September of last year came back with zero deficiencies. Councilor Taylor inquired who owned the facility in Salina and how to go about updates and or maintenance. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the ownership of the facility in Jay. He also inquired about it being available at night to the public as a storm shelter.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls reported on the acceptance letters that have been sent out to the incoming freshmen. They are in the process of update the campus with handicapped accessibility. The school year was fully accredited with no deficiencies. Most of the staff is coming back with the exception Coach Callison who has retired. The new coach is already off and running for the summer. Mr. Qualls commented on the BIE report submitted as requested. Councilor Byrd commented a copy of the BIE report from their review showing the areas of noncompliance concerning safety will be sent out to the Council. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if the school has electronic doors. Chair Walkingstick requested a cost analysis be provided for consideration during the budget hearings. Councilor Dobbins inquired about football and basketball dead time over the summer.

Councilor Byrd requested Mr. Dylan Haden Nicely speak a few moments about the Indian Law Program at the University of Idaho. Following Mr. Nicely's background and program information the Council had a few comments and questions.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Byrd made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution authorizing the Cherokee Nation to apply for Tribal Heritage Grants. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

19-036

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION CLMAP PROGRAM, TO APPLY FOR TRIBAL HERITAGE GRANTS ON BEHALF OF CHEROKEE NATION TO DOCUMENT ORAL HISTORY AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS

Councilor Duncan made a motion to approve with the request it be sent to Full Council this evening. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be included as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:42 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taryn King</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>
<i>Ron Etheridge</i>	<i>Leroy Qualls</i>	<i>John Young</i>
<i>Verna Thompson</i>	<i>Lisa Trice Turtle</i>	<i>The CN Youth Council</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dylan Hayden Nicely</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>
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