



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, February 16, 2010

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Hoskin Jr. gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 3 - Bill John Baker; Cara Cowan Watts and Janelle Fullbright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the January 11th regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley offered to answer questions from her written report. She announced they would begin taking the Summer Youth Employment applications the first part of March. They will be reducing the total number of hours that can be worked to 20 hours per week. Some students are not able to work the 40 hour week for the 8 week program due to camps and so forth. By reducing the hours per student they will be able to serve more students. Ms. Kelley stated they have approximately \$79,000 of the \$100,000 from the Summer Youth tribal funds, approximately \$200,000 in economic stimulus funds and won't know the amount of 102-477 funds until they are received. She offered to provide funding comparisons to prior years for the next meeting. The tribal dollars are the only funds that can be used for over income students. They are considering using these funds for the internship program

with George Roach. Councilor Thornton inquired as to the status of the Day Work program in regard to funding. Ms. Kelley commented it has slowed down some more than likely due to people receiving their income taxes. She commented it is hard to determine how long the funds will last as it is based on need.

2. Executive Director's Report - Melanie Knight

Dr. Morton offered to answer questions from his written reports. He commented they have received inquiries as to if the Salutatorian and Valedictorian awards are going to be given this year. He has recommended they be awarded this year if the funds are available. He provided a handout of past awards given. He commented a list of recipients would be provided to allow the Council members to attend the presentation. Councilor Cobb inquired as to when the former Chief grave markers referred to in the report would be placed. Dr. Morton stated he would obtain the information and report back. Councilor Thornton commented the tag tax funds to the schools could be earmarked for the Salutatorian and Valedictorian scholarships. Councilor Fullbright gave appreciation to Dr. Morton and commented she was sad to see him transitioning out. Dr. Morton gave appreciation to the Council for the professional manner in which he has been treated. Dr. Morton provided a handout regarding the car tag school funding history. He announced an increase in applications by 976 from the spring of 2009 to fall of 2009. There are also 174 new applications for spring. He announced if the spring 2010 funding includes all applications they will expend 55% of their fiscal year budget. At the present rate 45% will not cover the fall semester if the enrollment remains the same. Councilor Fishinghawk requested a list of the Cherokee Nation Education Corporation scholarships awarded since inception. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the recipient name also be included. Dr. Morton commented he would pass the request along as they are not part of Higher Education.

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

No one present to report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NAMING OF A BUILDING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AFTER PROMINENT CITIZEN OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS HENRY OWL
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve and forward to the Council meeting tonight. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried at 3:40 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Diane Kelley
Melanie Knight

Dr. Neil Morton
Gregg Simmons

Jennifer Pigeon

VISITORS PRESENT: