



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

David Walkingstick, Chair

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Monday, March 12, 2018

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Frankie Hargis ; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 2 - Rex Jordan and Wanda Hatfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the February 12th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley reported they are purchasing a revolving billboard in the Tulsa area. They have purchased sacks with the Job Corp logo to be used at the clinic Pharmacies and are ordering T-shirts for the Job Corp to help advertise. They will have tours scheduled on Thursdays at the Job Corp. They will have recruiters in both the Tulsa and Oklahoma City offices on a full time basis. The Apprenticeship Program is moving to the Southgate campus. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Baker Shaw inquired about Hastings hiring the Surgery Tech Program graduates. Councilor Buzzard inquired about their involvement in the Directed Studies Program.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge reported on his attendance at the State Basketball Tournament. Councilor Baker Shaw inquired about the cost of the tickets at the State Tournament. Councilor Buzzard inquired how to go about getting someone in the Directed Studies Program. Councilor Buzzard inquired about feedback on the changes with the salutatorian and valedictorian scholarship changes. Chair Walkingstick requested an update on the recently held car tag funding check distribution to the schools. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the possibility of teacher raises to be considered in an amendment to the budget modification. Chair Walkingstick inquired about the teachers also receiving the 3% annual increase the Cherokee Nation employees receive. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the percentage of responsibility for Cherokee Nation and the Bureau of Education at Sequoyah High School. Councilor Lay is thankful for the teacher pay increases but requested clarification on where the funds were located when several programs have made changes in policy due to the lack of funding.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls brought in the 2018 Girls Basketball Class 3A State Championship gold ball. He commented the proposed raises for the Sequoyah and Immersion teachers is a homerun. He provided highlights from the State Tournaments. Prom is March 30th. He touched on school consolidations.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson announced their federal review is April 16th through the 20th at Nationals. She requested Chad Cochran their enrollment and recruitment leader go over the enrollment packet and information provided. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the age requirements. Ms. Sandra Turner provided a handout showing the children's developmental gain. She provided an overview of the handout and touched on some of their teaching strategies.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Buzzard commented on Actor Wes Studie speaking Cherokee at the Oscars.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:11 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Verna Thompson
Alayna Farris
Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Chad Cochran

Mark Vance
Canaan Duncan
Leroy Qualls
Sandra Turner

Ron Etheridge
Diane Kelley
Rob Daugherty

VISITORS PRESENT:

Ollie Starr
Teddy Snell

Ruth Ann Weaver

Billy Heath