



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Keith Austin, Chair

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Monday, December 16, 2019

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Legg gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan ; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Dora Patzkowski; Daryl Legg; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden and Wes Nofire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the November 12th regular session minutes. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley announced they had a ribbon cutting last Friday in Muskogee for their new offices. The Job Corp students will travel home for the holidays this Wednesday and return on January 6th. The Department of Labor has changed our service area for job corp which we are appealing. She showed the new service area map and gave an explanation of the changes. Chair Austin inquired if a resolution from the Council would help with the appeal process. Ms. Kelley provided an update on the Career Readiness Act including the medical programs starting in January and the lineman training starting in February. Her department providing volunteers for the Wayfinder Program at the new outpatient clinic will end with the calendar year. They provided an in department training day at the Chota Ballroom for the Career Services in house programs. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Deere inquired about purchasing tools for citizens. Councilor Legg inquired if the Oklahoma City office has been closed.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Ms. Jennifer Pigeon reported in the absence of Mr. Etheridge. She announced the scholarship deadline is December 30th at midnight. The concurrent enrollment applicants need to apply online. The students currently funded through graduate and under graduate need to email their documents to their advisors. The Immersion Christmas Program is Friday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m. followed by Christmas lunch at the Sequoyah cafeteria.

She announced Verna isn't able to attend today but has provided the Council with backpacks from their conference. Councilor Deere gave appreciation for the books he received for the Tulsa Public Schools. Councilor Shaw inquired how many JOM programs in Oklahoma and how many in jurisdiction. Councilor Dobbins bragged on Warner Public Schools performance ratings. Councilor Nofire inquired if the referees are paid at our Immersion school basketball games.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson was unable to attend. Ms. Pigeon offered to answer questions on her behalf.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls announced it is finals week. Varsity basketball plays at home tonight. The Speech and Drama Department is putting on a "What Christmas Means to Me" variety show Friday evening. Christmas dinner at Sequoyah is this Friday from 11:00 to 1:00. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Byrd inquired about paying the referees for the immersion school games.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-099](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST FROM CHEROKEE NATION EDUCATION SERVICES TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT VENTURE FOR STAFFING, OPERATIONAL, RENOVATION, AND CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FOR SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPANSIONS BY PARTICIPATING IN JOINT VENTURE PROGRAMS

Councilor Byrd gave some background information on the resolution up for consideration. He announced the school board passed the same resolution, which is attached. Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. Chief Hoskin stated the administration is in support and are talking to lobbyist. Mr. Qualls gave some background on the school along with some current issues. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Byrd moved to adjourn. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:43 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>
<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>	<i>Leroy Qualls</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Bryan Warner</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Tim Brown</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>
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