



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Draft EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Monday, June 13, 2016

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Thornton gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

Absent 2 - Janees Taylor and Wanda Hatfield

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the May 16th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Jordan moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution regarding the immersion school charter application. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley commented on the success story in the report. She announced they have a new testing assistant in Pryor. She provided an update on the testing services provided. An update was provided on the grants they have applied for and those they are going to submit. A job fair will be held this Wednesday in Jay at the clinic. She provided an update on the upcoming meetings with different chambers and businesses for more economic development. Ms. Kelley gave an update on the Day Training program and the Summer Youth program. Chair Walkingstick inquired about the Day Workers at the Cherokee Springs Golf Course. Ms. Kelley announced they have placed some work experience participants at the Housing Authority to help them in the backlog of the rehab applications.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge gave an update on the Remember the Removal bike riders. Appreciation was given to Councilor Baker for his history lesson for the bike riders while in Cherokee, South Carolina. Councilor Byrd suggested Councilor Baker provide his history lesson to the Council sometime. A reminder the scholarship deadline is this Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Councilor Byrd inquired about the number of applications submitted to date. Chair Walkingstick inquired about the process for late scholarship submittals. He also inquired about the immersion school charter application in regard to the responsibility for submittal and the term.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson offered to answer questions from the report submitted. She reminded everyone the Head Start school year starts on the 8th of August. Chair Walkingstick inquired about the storm shelter grant. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the placement of the storm shelters. Chair Walkingstick commented on their efforts for safe schools with the suggestion for the installation of security cameras.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls provided an update of activities since the end of the school year. He gave a list of camps being held at the campus this summer. He was the keynote speaker at the recently held Native Games. They are taking applications for the fall. He provided statistics for the number of applicants and the requirements for acceptance. They will host an open house for the dorms before the beginning of the school year. Mr. Qualls provided an update on the College and Career Tech program. Ms. Holly Davis the Principal of the Immersion school gave a report for the elementary school. Chair Walkingstick inquired about the number of students allowed under the charter at the Immersion school. He also inquired about the status of impact aide.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [16-076](#) A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH 24 CFR Ch. IX (4-1-03 Edition) 1003.604 Citizen Participation

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Mr. Shannon Buhl gave an overview of the proposed resolution to provide safe rooms for several Head Start facilities. After several questions all Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with a request to move forward to Council this evening.

2. [16-077](#) A LEGISLATIVE ACT ENTITLED "THE CHEROKEE NATION MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING AND TAX CODE MODIFICATION OF 2016"

Councilor Jordan withdrew this item.

3. [TMP-343](#) DISCUSSION ONLY - EDUCATION FOR INCARCERATED CHEROKEES

Chair Walkingstick introduced Dan Hattaway as the Senior Principal for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. Mr. Hattaway provided some documentation pertaining to Cherokee's who are incarcerated and in need of educational scholarships. He also provided a chart and gave an overview of the contents. Councilor Byrd suggested getting with Education and their budget team and determine a cost.

Presented

4. [16-080](#) A RESOLUTION RENEWING THE CHARTER OF THE TSUNADELOQUASDI CHEROKEE IMMERSION SCHOOL AND APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH THE TSUNADELOQUASDI CHEROKEE IMMERSION SCHOOL BOARD

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Ms. Jennifer Pigeon gave an overview of the resolution and charter application. Ms. Holly Davis answered several questions in regard to what the charter does for our immersion school as far as pros and cons. Following numerous questions the motion to approve carried with a request to forward to the Council meeting this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:21 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

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| <i>Christina Carroll</i> | <i>Canaan Duncan</i> | <i>Diane Kelley</i> |
| <i>Jennifer Pigeon</i> | <i>Holly Davis</i> | <i>Ron Etheridge</i> |
| <i>Leroy Qualls</i> | <i>Verna Thompson</i> | <i>Shannon Buhl</i> |
| <i>Tom Elkins</i> | <i>Andy Quetone</i> | <i>Bruce Davis</i> |
| <i>David Cornsilk</i> | <i>David Comingdeer</i> | <i>George Roach</i> |

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell

Dianne Barker Harrold

Dan Hattway

CN Youth Leadership Council