



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes Education and Culture Committee

Monday, July 13, 2009

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Coates called the meeting to order at 3:10p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

Absent 2 - David Thornton Sr. and Bradley Cobb

Late Arrival 2 - Meredith Frailey and Janelle Fullbright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker made a motion to approve the June 15, 2009 regular session minutes. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Buzzard made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution regarding a block grant appropriation of american recovery and reinvestment act funds. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

2. Executive Director's Report - Dr. Neil Morton

Dr. Morton offered to answer questions from the reports provided by the various education departments. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired how much it would cost to put in the budget for hiring councilors for high school in higher education. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about playground equipment in the Immersion Program. Mr. Morton stated as soon as they get the modular unit in, a traditional play ground will be placed. It should be in place by mid August.

Mr. Morton stated they are at the end of their approval time for the scholarships. The applicants that turned in completed applications were mailed a certified letter on July 2nd. Councilor Glory Jordan questioned if the education department was going to do away with a deadline. Mr. Morton stated as long as there is funding, they will be taking applications. Councilor Glory Jordan requested the statistics from the last two years broke down by district.

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

See the Executive Directors report (See item #2)

4. JOM - Dr. Shelley Butler-Allen

See the Executive Directors report (See item #2)

5. Sequoyah High School - Gina Stanley

See the Executive Directors report (See item #2)

6. Director's Report - Dr. Gloria Sly

See the Executive Directors report (See item #2)

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

Ms. Carroll offered to answer any questions from her report. Councilor Soap thanked the department for what they have done for his constituents.

OLD BUSINESS

None Pending

NEW BUSINESS

1. CHEROKEE ARTS AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL FUNDING REQUEST

Mr. Hamilton stated the program has started in 2006. The largest project was funded by the Kenwood Project. They do cultural demonstrations throughout the United States. Councilor Coates inquired about the budget. Mr. Hamilton stated the program does not have salaries and is volunteer based. Councilor Glory Jordan stated the program would be more appropriate to go through the COTTA program.

Councilor Watts made a motion to table to allow time for the COTTA program to assist. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded. Motion carried with Councilor Soap opposed.

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY SERVICES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT APPROPRIATION OF AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDS

Ms. Scott stated the funding from the 1st year there is only 2 months left of the money. Councilor Watts inquired if this will help with students in school. Ms. Scott stated the education would provide the training Bridges Out Of Poverty.

Councilor Buzzard made a motion to approve and move to Full Council tonight. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Gregg Simmons</i>	<i>Rita Bunch</i>
<i>Nancy Scott</i>	<i>Vickie Hanvey</i>	<i>Neil Morton</i>
<i>Kim Carroll</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Adam Daniels</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Jim Ketcher</i>	<i>Roy Hamilton</i>	<i>Kinsey Shade</i>
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APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Robbi Mouse, Clerk

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____