



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

David Walkingstick, Chair

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Monday, September 14, 2015

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

Absent 1 - David Thornton, Sr.

Present 16 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the August 10th minutes as submitted.
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley reported they recently held the graduation ceremonies for Talking Leaves Job Corp. She also commented the job corp. would be receiving two new buses. The Vocational Rehab funding has been obligated and spent. Training will begin tomorrow on the Sector Partnership grant. The proceed from the TERO golf tournament being held this Friday will go to One Fire Domestic Violence Task Force

and the Angel Tree. The GED graduation is next Thursday. The welding class graduation is next Friday. She reported they are in the pre-planning stages for NCAI in October. Ms. Kelley announced they have some area tours lined up for those Councilors interested on the morning of the September Rules and Executive & Finance committee meetings. She provided a schedule of the upcoming GED class schedule. Councilor Buzzard voiced concern for the funding for vocational rehab already being obligated for the year. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the voting days during the NCAI conference.

Executive Director's Report - Bruce Davis

Dr. Neil Morton introduced our new Deputy Director of Education Services, Ron Etheridge. Dr. Morton's retirement was announced and everyone was invited to his retirement reception. Mr. Davis offered to answer questions from the report provided. Mr. Davis was given appreciation for time given while in his dual role as Deputy Director of Education Services and Director of Management Resources. Councilor Buzzard inquired if they are able to track the scholarship recipients. Chair Walkingstick inquired about the October Resource meeting being held in Bull Hollow.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson introduced the key staff at Head Start. She announced they have several staff openings. They have implemented a foot patrol in the Children's Village to slow the vehicle traffic and keep the children safe. She announced they look forward to providing Thanksgiving lunch for the Council at the November meeting.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls gave an update of the report provided. He provided a handout of the past eight years of ACT scores. He stated they are going to do a workshop to help increase the ACT scores in the future. Chair Walkingstick inquired about the application for a new school. Councilor Taylor inquired about the curriculum for the ACT workshop. She also inquired about the percentage of parents who attended the parent/teacher conferences.

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis gave an overview of the report provided. Councilor Byrd commented on the good turnaround of items at the gift shop.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 4:39 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Leroy Qualls</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>John Paden</i>	<i>Verna Thompson</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Molly Jarvis</i>	<i>Cheryl Trask</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Teddy Snell</i>		