



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

David Walkingstick, Chair

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Monday, May 16, 2016

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the April 11th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley gave special thanks to those who participated in the Strawberry Festival events. She reported Job Corp is hiring two new Outreach Counselors. She provided an update on the re-entry program. They are working on a vacant building list in the fourteen counties. They are anxiously waiting on the announcements for the two grants awards. She commented on providing Day Training and/or the Work Experience Program for the Housing Authority to assist in some of their back log. She commented on the One Fire Golf tournament. She announced a job fair

tomorrow at the Hard Rock. A job fair will be held June 15th at the new Sam Hider Clinic.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge offered to answer questions from the report provided. Ms. Pigeon reminded everyone the scholarship deadline is June 15th. Councilor Garvin inquired about being able to assist Cherokee's who are incarcerated with their education. Mr. Etheridge gave an update of information he had gathered at this point in regard to incarcerated Cherokees and announced it was his understanding this would be an agenda item next month.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Mr. Etheridge offered to answer questions for Ms. Thompson. He announced a grant is being written for storm shelters at the Head Start facilities. Chair Walkingstick announced at the Leadership banquet held recently a group of the graduating class did a project for safe schools with part of their project including cameras on campus and a gate. He suggested checking with CNB to see if they have a surplus of cameras that could possibly be donated.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls introduced Jolyn Choate as the Sequoyah High School Principal. He reported on the BIE inspection held last week. He gave an overview of the issues on the properties and grounds to the BIE during the inspection. He provided an overview of the report provided. Councilor Byrd inquired if they worked with Ms. Randall at the Foundation in regard to ACT preparation and scholarships. Chair Walkingstick inquired about looking into a computer system for Sequoyah to cut back on energy costs. Ms. Choate gave appreciation to the Council for the recently passed trespassing resolution.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 3:57 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>JR Claphan</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>John Young</i>
<i>Nikki Limore</i>	<i>Sally Wilson</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Leroy Qualls</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>
<i>Jolyn Rose</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>G. V. Gulager</i>

Bruce Davis

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddye Snell

Dianne Barker Harrold