



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Monday, April 10, 2017

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - 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 ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the March 20th 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 an update on the Job Corp center and their national rankings. She announced April 26th is Administrative Professionals Day. She reported on various conferences and speaking engagements the staff would be participating in over the month. They will be submitting another re-entry grant for the youth. A proclamation signing will be held May 10th in conjunction with Economic Development week. On May 10th they will assist CNB with a job fair. Deputy Chief Crittenden will be honored at this year's Stilwell Strawberry Festival as an outstanding alumnus. Councilor Taylor commented the students that assisted with the Hastings ground breaking events did wonderfully.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge announced the JOM conference is currently underway at the Hard Rock in Tulsa. The Five Tribes Language meeting is Wednesday and Thursday at

NSU. TOSS meetings have been held over the last two weeks. Mr. Etheridge gave an update on the Remember the Removal Bike Ride preparations. Ms. Pigeon announced April 12th is the deadline for new Promise Scholars. The concurrent applications open online May first. The deadline for the undergrad and graduate scholarships is the 15th of June. She touched on some possible concurrent enrollment changes. Mr. Etheridge commented a short list will be available May first for a new director at the Heritage Center.

He announced Ms. Thompson isn't here today for questions regarding Head Start. He offered to field any questions.

Councilor Byrd commented they are looking at the carry over funding for concurrent enrollment. Ms. Pigeon provided a handout of information regarding the breakdown of concurrent enrollment. Councilor Baker inquired how many of the spring 2017 scholarships are At Large.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls touched on the busy calendars for both the high school and the immersion school. He provided an update on the academic and athletic accomplishments. Graduation for the high school will be on May 19th and on May 11th for the Immersion.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Janice Randall

Ms. Randall gave appreciation for everyone promoting our scholarships. She announced there have been more scholarship applications this year than any other. She provided a list of Cherokee Scholars by district and commented packets have been provided containing their certificate. She gave an update on the upcoming camps. Their new web page designed by CNB won an award. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd inquired about the number of staff at CNF.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [17-042](#) A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH 24 CFR Ch. IX (4-1-03 Edition) 1003.604 Citizen Participation

Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Clarification was provided for the resolution proposal. Ms. Carroll commented they are also applying for an infrastructure grant. Following additional questions all Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried and forwarded to Council that evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 3:51 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Courtney Jordan
Diane Kelley
Christina Carroll*

*Jennifer Pigeon
Canaan Duncan
Warren Hawk*

*Ron Etheridge
Leroy Qualls*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Janice Randall

Teddye Snell

Dianne Barker Harrold