



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, July 10, 2017

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Late Arrival 2 - Don Garvin and Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the June 19th regular session 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 our job corp facility is still among the top five in the region. She announced Career Services will be in attendance at the upcoming Inter-Tribal conference. The Summer Youth awards luncheon and the Summer Intern banquet will be held at the end of this month. They had 725 Summer Youth applications this year. She reminded everyone of the Cherokee National Holiday parade on September 2nd. Chair Walkingstick inquired as to the percentage of those who attend job corp that obtain a certification. Ms. Kelley provided an update on the Re-entry Program. Councilor Lay inquired if there is a job fair coming up this week in Nowata County. Ms. Kelley announced there is also a job fair in Vinita this week. Councilor Warner commended Mr. Daryl Legg as he is a true champion of change. He inquired about staffing for the Re-entry program. Councilor Crittenden requested further clarification on the pipeline.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd commented he has received a few calls regarding late scholarship submittals. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the 5% motor fuels tax to competitive grants for schools. He also inquired about the success of the TOSS program. Councilor Anglen inquired if the 5% went to all schools within our jurisdiction. Councilor Crittenden requested Camp Cherokee in Bell.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Mr. Etheridge offered to answer questions for Ms. Thompson. Councilor Buzzard inquired why they don't accept three-year olds at the Jay Head Start Program.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls reported on the upcoming teacher trainings. They will have BIE testing for the incoming freshmen the first week of school. He provided updates on the upcoming athletic year. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the teaching vacancies at the immersion school. He requested additional information on the career tech programs.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Janice Randall

Chair Walkingstick inquired if there is a cap on the matching funds. Ms. Randall provided highlights of the college prep programs held in the past as well as the upcoming event scheduled this year at Carl Albert. She provided updates on the recently held camps. Scholarships will open November 1st.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:52 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley
Leroy Qualls*

*Ron Etheridge
Canaan Duncan*

Jennifer Pigeon

VISITORS PRESENT:

Mary Baker Shaw

Janice Randall

Dianne Barker Harrold