



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, August 15, 2017

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Council members who were newly elected or re-elected in the 2017 election confirmed their membership to the committee.

Present 15 - Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Frankie Hargis ; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Wanda Hatfield

Late Arrival 1 - Keith Austin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the July 10th minutes as submitted.

Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley announced Mr. Lucas at the Job Corp has retired and now is on contract with the three centers within the State of Oklahoma. Chair Walkingstick inquired as to the number of tribally ran job corp centers. Ms. Kelley gave an update on the NAVTEC program. She updated everyone on some of the programs, within her department, moving office locations. She commented on the upcoming orientation she has been working on with the Executive Branch for the newly elected Councilors. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge provided an update on the Promise Scholarship situation. He introduced Charles Gourd the new Director of the Heritage Center. He announced Roy Boney is one of the Native American 40 under 40. To date they have 5,185 scholarship applications. Councilor Taylor inquired about the software demonstration and presentations referred to in the report. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the concurrent enrollment as to if it is 6 or 9 hours maximum. Councilor Warner commented on the effects of concurrent enrollment and funding cuts at Carl Albert. Councilor Lay requested the formation of a work group to work on the issues within concurrent enrollment. Chair Walkingstick suggested the work group meeting be held between 5-6p.m. on Council meeting days. Work group members are Councilors Warner, Crittenden, Hatfield, Lay, Shaw and Walkingstick.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson reported through the federal government in the name of Cherokee Nation they serve almost 1,000 children from birth to four years. A child who stays in early head start from birth to three years will have been given \$40,500 in services. She introduced Barbara Littledave and Sandra Turner. Ms. Thompson reported they are preparing for their federal review. She commented on Councilor Jordan serving on the policy council. She provided copies of their policy guidelines. They have received 100% on their last five reviews. Their program along with one other program has been selected out of all of the nationwide programs to participate in a video campaign to depict what a typical head start day and program look like. Councilor Hatfield inquired about visiting the program.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls gave an overview of the report provided along with a supplemental. He welcomed the Council at any time to come tour the school. They have two new teachers this year. He provided both student and dorm counts. An update was given on upcoming athletic events. There are 66 students on concurrent enrollment. He provided an update on the ACT numbers. Councilor Byrd inquired about the process for reimbursement when departments use the charter buses for events. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the capacity of the dorms.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. TMP-356 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CHEROKEE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

Chair Walkingstick gave a brief overview of the situation and where we are now. Councilor Taylor provided a handout of information she gathered pertaining to the Promise Scholarship. She gave an overview of the handouts and an explanation of the funding located which will be included in the budget modification up for approval at the Council meeting this evening. Lengthy discussion was held and clarification given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Baker Shaw made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:30 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Leroy Qualls</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>	<i>Verna Thompson</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Jan Grogan</i>	<i>Linda O'Leary</i>
<i>Justin Godwin</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Barbara Littledave</i>
<i>Sandra Turner</i>	<i>Alayna Farris</i>	<i>Courtney Jordan</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Charles Gourd</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>		