



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Monday, October 23, 2017

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Smith gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent 1 - Wanda Hatfield

Late Arrival 1 - Mike Shambaugh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley congratulated Speaker Byrd for being re-elected as the NCAI Area Vice President. She provided updates on the various grants within her department. Councilor Vazquez gave appreciation for the diversified job fair in Vinita. She reminded everyone about the upcoming TERO Banquet.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge announced the little ambassadors would be attending the Council meeting this evening. He provided an update on the language classes. An update was given on the JOM program. Heritage Days will be held in November.

Mr. Etheridge provided a flyer for the Veteran's Day activities. He provided a preliminary count of the motor vehicle tax funding to the schools. The check presentations to the schools will be held on March 2nd. The deadline to apply for the Remember the Removal bike ride is October 31st. He provided a flyer for college & career night here in Tahlequah and stated they are working to schedule a date in the northern area. Concurrent enrollment applications are available with a deadline of the 28th of December. He commented on his experience at NCAL. Councilor Byrd inquired about Sequoyah High School having signature authority for incidentals such as chalk for the ball fields. Councilor Crittenden gave a brief update on the first concurrent work group meeting held.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Taylor inquired if they were fully staffed. Ms. Thompson requested confirmation for Thanksgiving lunch at the Children's village. She provided an update on their upcoming annual review.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls announced they held their FAFSA night during the first week of October. A pre-ACT testing will be held this Wednesday at Sequoyah. Their Veteran's assembly will be held November 10th. They are celebrating red ribbon week now. Sequoyah students participated in literacy night by reading to the immersion students. He provided updates from the leadership conference. October is National Bullying Prevention month as well as Domestic Violence Awareness month. The Immersion School held an open house last week. He provided updates on the academic and athletic teams.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Janice Randall

Ms. Randall announced they are preparing to open scholarships on November 1st and close January 31st. She provided a list of scholarships available. All scholarships are donations. Locations were given for this year's ACT prep courses. They will also have ACT prep camp in June. She provided an update on the Cherokee Scholars program. The college prep institute will be in July. Ms. Randall provided an update on the Junior Achievement and gave a brief overview of the report provided. Councilor Hargis inquired if the scholarships were only open to incoming freshmen. Councilor Lay inquired if the schools on the flyer are given information about the new grant.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 4:26 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Ron Etheridge</i>	<i>Leroy Qualls</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Daryl Legg</i>	<i>Verna Thompson</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>
<i>Brenda Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Alayna Farris</i>
<i>Courtney Jordan</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Nikki Limore</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Janice Randall</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>
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