



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 14, 2018

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Frankie Hargis ; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the April 16th regular session minutes.
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Vocational Programs/Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave highlights on their new grants and the staffing. She reported on the GED graduates and those statistics.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge commended Dr. Morton. He also recognized Roy Boney who is receiving his second Achievers Under 40 Award. Over the last month they have visited all of the schools within our ten counties to discuss compliance of Indian Education and Title VI. He provided updates on the National Robotics meet. He provided the number of participants at the various upcoming camps along with the dates of the camps. The new ten Remember the Removal Bike Riders will be sent off on May 29th. The TOSS, STEM and the Reading Workshop will be held June 6th and 7th at Northeastern. Brian Jackson just returned from a National Archery meet in Kentucky. He offered to

answer questions from the Head Start report. Councilor Byrd requested research on policy in regard to regalia at graduations such as eagle feathers and beaded caps. Chair Walkingstick suggested a letter from the Nation to all of the schools requesting the Cherokee students be allowed to wear their regalia. Councilor Shaw requested clarification on the stoal given to the scholarship participants and if it could be purchased. She also inquired if the Arts could be included in STEM. Councilor Lay inquired about the number of Salutatorian/Valedictorian scholarships and how those were split. He also requested clarification on how those checks are presented to the students. Councilor Lay inquired if the check presentation at Sequoyah is different than at other schools in regard to Councilor member presenting. Councilor Crittenden suggested all Cherokee graduates get a stoal not just those who are on the scholarship program. Councilor Lay inquired about the difference in allocation of funds for schools to receive one check for each valedictorian and salutatorian versus the schools receiving checks for each valedictorian and salutatorian. Chair Walkingstick inquired about the process for a fluent Cherokee speaker with a GED to obtain a state teaching certification to teach the Cherokee language. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the Immersion staff situation.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Mr. Etheridge offered to answer questions from the Head Start report.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls gave an overview of the report provided. Both the high school and the immersion school were fully accredited by the State with no deficiencies. There are ninety-eight seniors for 2018. He commented on the stoal discussion. He referred to the ACT scores mentioned in the report. They now have fourteen college signees. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the number of students who took the ACT and what the average school was.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 4:04 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Bill John Baker
Ron Etheridge
Nason Morton*

*Diane Kelley
Leroy Qualls
Canaan Duncan*

*Roy Boney
Alayna Farris
Marsha Lamb*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad

Phyllis Lay