



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, September 10, 2018

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Smith gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Rex Jordan; 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

Late Arrival 1 - Wanda Hatfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shaw moved to approve the August 13th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Mr. Legg presented each member of the Council with the new Re-entry Program shirt. Ms. Kelley reported they are diligently working on several Job Corp projects. She announced the Department of Labor will be at the Job Corp campus all week. They will be doing an outreach campaign for the State on the 3rd and 4th of October. She provided an update on the TANIF program. They have been asked by CNB for assistance in filling all of their open positions. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the medical and dental for the Job Corp students. Councilor Crittenden inquired if you already have a trade could you still go to Job Corp. She announced Job Corp is now at full capacity. The GED Graduation will be held on September 20th.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Mr. Etheridge offered to answer questions for Ms. Thompson. He stated she is in federal review at this time.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the upcoming initiatives in the report. Chair Walkingstick inquired about disbursing with the charter status at the Immersion school and becoming a private school. He inquired if it would come before this committee for approval to terminate the charter. Councilor Byrd requested Council Attorney Blakestad review the charter.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls gave an update on the dorm count. They are gearing up for count week in the dorms. He provided current enrollment numbers and stated they have already had parent/teacher conferences. They hosted ACT testing last Saturday. He provided highlights from the fall sports. He reported on the school lockdown from a couple of weeks ago. He offered to answer questions. Councilor Dobbins inquired what the softball team gains by going to Colorado. Councilor Austin stated the written report was not received and requested it be sent after the fact.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge provided an update on Councilor Taylor's question earlier. He also commented on the Colorado trip Councilor Dobbins referred to. Chair Walkingstick requested the Camp Cherokee numbers. Mr. Mark Vance provided an update on the camps held over the summer. Chair Walkingstick inquired about the cost of the Heart of the Hill Camp. It was suggested to look for a camp to purchase. Councilor Smith inquired if all of the camps are at full capacity each year.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:35 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Courtney Jordan
Ron Etheridge
Chrissy Marsh

Mark Vance
Canaan Duncan

Daryl Legg
Leroy Qualls

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad

Cheryl Parrish