



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*David Walkingstick, Chair*

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Monday, December 17, 2018

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:24 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Former Council member Jack D. Baker gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shaw made a motion to approve the November 13th minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

*Mr. Etheridge offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw inquired about the ages and grades for the Immersion school and if they are prepared academically with public schools. She inquired if there are certified teachers at the Immersion center and the cost per child. Chair Walkingstick commented on a "Wave" database school administrators have access to enabling them to track students. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the master apprentice graduates getting jobs at the Nation. Councilor Hatfield requested an update on the Cherokee Nation graduation stoles.*

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

*Ms. Kelley provided the Council with hooded sweatshirts from Career Services. They received notification that their Job Corp. contract is going to be signed. They also*

*received their performance standards for the year. She reported they have installed security equipment on the entire Job Corp campus.*

Head Start - Verna Thompson

*Ms. Thompson announced the positions available at our various Head Start locations. She provided candy to all of the Council. Councilor Buzzard inquired about getting a new Head Start center in Jay.*

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

*Mr. Qualls gave some athletic highlights. The Immersion School Christmas program is this Friday. Currently there are 138 Immersion students with 17 confirmed to graduate mid-term. He reported on our student ACT scores in comparison with the State. Semester tests are this week. The Christmas lunch is this Thursday for both the Immersion and the high school. He offered to answer questions. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the math requirements at SHS for graduation.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Dr. Charles Gourd announced the USA Today named the Cherokee Heritage Center Genealogy Department as one of the top 10 genealogy research centers in the world.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

#### STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Holly Davis</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>
<i>Mark Vance</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Christa Marsh</i>
<i>Leroy Qualls</i>	<i>Verna Thompson</i>	<i>Roy Boney</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Paiten Qualls</i>

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

*Charles Gourd*                      *Cheryl Parrish*