



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

David Walkingstick, Chair

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Monday, January 14, 2019

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor 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 Anglen moved to approve the December 17th regular session minutes. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley announced they received a new program, The National Dislocated Worker Trade and Economic Transition Grant, with Josh Drywater as the Program Manager, Katherine Boynton as a Special Assistant, and Heather McGinnis as a Counselor. She also introduced Taryn Taylor in Special Projects, Christy Mackey and Austin Patton both Budget Analyst. Hunter Palmer will be taking over the Economic Development in Daryl Legg's position. Matt Lamont will be doing the Re-entry program. They received a three-month extension on the start of their fiscal year at the Job Corp. She reported on their performance standards and the outreach at the Job Corp. She gave highlights from the vocational training program. Councilor Crittenden asked for additional clarification on the new grant. Councilor Dobbins inquired if our Job Corp practices native preference and the coverage area.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge announced they have hired Sherman Nofire as a counselor at the Immersion school. He gave an update on the Charter school status and the funding. Chair Walkingstick requested clarification on the charter status, penalties and funding received. Mr. Etheridge gave information on concurrent enrollment students receiving late ACT scores as well as the applications received and the status of those applications. Councilor Crittenden requested the deadlines be when school is in session. Mr. Mark Vance announced the Bilby Act passed.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced the safe rooms are under construction at Cherry Tree and Redbird with Pryor and Nowata scheduled next. She reported on the credentials now available for the family advocates. There is a lead teacher position open in Salina. Pre-enrollment begins soon in all facilities. Councilor Shaw inquired about the capacity for the safe rooms.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls gave highlights from the report. He reported they have completed the BIE testing. Athletic highlights were given. Councilor Shaw inquired about the State Tournament dates. Councilor Byrd commented on the fundraiser held for, Steve Jones, a facility member who had a burnout. Chair Walkingstick requested an update on the BIA meetings in regard to restructuring of the accreditation standards. Mr. Qualls commented on the effects of the federal government shutdown at the school.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Shaw moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 3:58 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Paiten Qualls</i>	<i>Verna Thompson</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>
<i>Mark Vance</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Roy Boney</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Hunter Palmer</i>
<i>Leroy Qualls</i>	<i>Heather McGinnis</i>	<i>Katherine Boynton</i>
<i>Taryn Taylor</i>	<i>Christy Mackey</i>	<i>Austin Patton</i>
<i>Holly Davis</i>	<i>Christa Marsh</i>	<i>Taylor Edwards</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddye Snell

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad