



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Keith Austin, Chair

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Monday, September 14, 2020

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Legg gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 11 - Harley Buzzard; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan ; Keith Austin; Dora Patzkowski; Daryl Legg and Shawn Crittenden

Late Arrival 6 - Joe Byrd; Mike Shambaugh; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Rex Jordan and Wes Nofire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley gave an update on all of the training programs and business classes. The Adult Education Graduation has been cancelled due to COVID. She gave an overview of how those graduates will be honored. They will be ramping up slowly to bring students back to the Job Corp starting in October. They will be moving office spaces in Vinita. She reported on their efforts for the upcoming Disability Awareness Month and Manufacturing Awareness Month. An update was given on the Veterans Plaza opening in Sallisaw.

Executive Director's Report - Corey Bunch

Mr. Bunch announced the scholarship funds have been going out to the universities and colleges. Eighty-three public schools have applied for the competitive grant. Mr. Bunch reported on the correspondence the Education staff has taken in regard to the Cares money and scholarships. They are sending out COVID payments twice a week. Councilor Duncan requested a possible automated response to the applicants who send emails as a confirmation of information received. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on which of the Cares funding programs are through Education. Chief of Staff Enlow gave some clarification on the funding disbursements and applications. Councilor Shaw inquired if the information gathered for the COVID funding is being used to update registration information. Councilor Byrd requested a list of students who have transferred to other schools due to no athletics at Sequoyah High School. He stated the parents are asking about spring sports. The safety precautions implemented at Sequoyah aren't keeping some of the student athletes' safe, or their grandparents, due to them transferring to schools who are playing sports. Chief of Staff Enlow gave the background for the decisions made pertaining to Sequoyah classes and athletics. He also spoke of the spring sports and the possibility of allowing them. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on an issue where the grandparents have guardianship but haven't received the Cares funds. Councilor Nofire inquired about a plan being in place for the students at Sequoyah to go back to classes that virtual isn't for everyone. Chair Austin requested a report showing the top twenty schools who receive funding from our Cherokee Nation scholarship.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Mr. Bunch offered to answer questions on Ms. Thompson's behalf.

Sequoyah High School - Corey Bunch

Mr. Bunch announced Principal Natalie Cloud is doing a great job. Councilor Shaw gave appreciation to Mr. Bunch for all of his assistance.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Jordan moved to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 3:54 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

Todd Enlow

Taralee Montgomery

Remote:

Diane Kelley
Chuck Hoskin Jr.

Corey Bunch

Chrissi Nimmo

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown

Teddy Snell