



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, January 11, 2021

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Patzkowski gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilors Coates, Deere and Shaw attended remotely.

Present 16 - Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Dora Patzkowski; Daryl Legg; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden and Wes Nofire

Absent 1 - Canaan Duncan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the December 2020 regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Debra Lack reported for Ms. Kelley. She reported the Department of Labor has authorized approval for the students to start returning to the Job Corp site in small class sizes. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Austin inquired if there is assistance to get a Job Corp student to campus. Councilor Legg gave appreciation to Mr. Crittenden in the utility assistance program.

Executive Director's Report - Corey Bunch

Mr. Bunch reported they hosted the Education Committee meeting for Inter-Tribal this

last week. He announced a member of our Youth Tribal Council has been named to the 2021 Oklahoma State Advisory Council for Students. On January 28th another virtual college night will be held. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the next deadline for scholarships.

Sequoyah High School - Corey Bunch

Mr. Bunch announced the students are back on campus. The students and staff are being COVID tested weekly. A list pertaining the number of student lost has been provided. Councilor Byrd inquired about the current enrollment and the capacity. He inquired about the possibility of athletic minded students who transferred out due to our not participating if they are able to return back to Sequoyah. Councilor Taylor inquired if the tribe would be getting some of the latest stimulus package from the BIE.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson reported they mail packets to the children at home each week. They continue to provide breakfast, lunch and a snack to the children at home. The children are missing out on eight to ten months of developmental gain. The staff is certified to administer testing and should be able to start next week. Chair Austin inquired if all of the children are virtual.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:24 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Taralee Montgomery Todd Enlow Tina Glory Jordan
Joe Rainwater

Remote:
Debra Lack Corey Bunch Verna Thompson

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown Teddy Snell