



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, July 12, 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

Present 15 - 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 and Wes Nofire

Late Arrival 2 - Canaan Duncan and Shawn Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve the June minutes as submitted.
Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley reported on the Summer Youth Program, the child care training at Rogers State University and Carl Albert State College, the ribbon cutting at their Pryor office, their two new digital displays and the meat processing plant. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd inquired about the possibility of having our own camp facility.

Executive Director's Report - Corey Bunch

Mr. Bunch reported on the Remember the Removal Bike Riders exit interviews, the upcoming Camp Cherokee, and the number of scholarship applications. Chair Austin inquired about a wait list for scholarships. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the status of the directed studies program. Councilor Shaw inquired if the students are

required to be vaccinated and to wear a mask, if the educators are required to do the same, and athletes. Councilor Shambaugh requested clarification on concurrent enrollment for high school students.

Sequoyah High School - Corey Bunch

Mr. Bunch reported Sequoyah High School starts on August 12th with 335 students. Councilor Byrd inquired as to the number of students and the end of the school year, May 2021. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the number of football players returning. Councilor Nofire commented on the fishing team winning state. Councilor Smith inquired about OSSAA.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson gave exciting news that their contract has been renewed with Belfonte. She reported on the Retention Incentive Plan, the "waiting room", and Chad Cochran leaving. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shaw inquired about standardized testing on the children.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:45 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley
Todd Enlow
Corey Bunch*

*Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Joe Crittenden*

*Verna Thompson
Taralee Montgomery*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell

*Remote:
Tim Brown*