

**OKLAHOMA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION**  
**Agenda - Regular Meeting**  
**Sapulpa Public Schools Indian Education Program**  
**3 South Mission, Sapulpa, Oklahoma 74066**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 2017**  
**10:00 a.m.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call Lucyann Harjo  
Greg Anderson, Esther Bell, Judy Davis, Becki Foster, Lucyann Harjo, Lori Hamilton, Rhonda Hayworth, Matt Higdon, Lisa John, Jim Parrish, Dwight Pickering, Paul Pinkerton, Jana Roth – Present. Robert Bible, Mary McCormick, David Walkingstick, Shoshona Wasserman - Absent
  
2. Establish a Quorum Lucyann Harjo
  - A. Acknowledgment and Recognition of Host Dwight Pickering  
Welcome by Jana Roth, Sapulpa Public Schools Indian Education Director, and Robert Armstrong, Sapulpa Public Schools Superintendent.
  - B. Introduction of Guests  
Brian Hendricks, representing Secretary of State Bengge; Robert Armstrong, Sapulpa Public Schools Superintendent; Debbie Hogue-Downing, retired educator; Robin Miller, OSDE; Travis Wolf, Cherokee Nation JOM; Kendra , Johnny Bilby, Sapulpa Public Schools Assistant Superintendent, Seth, and Silas Wolf, Norman Public Schools.
  
3. (Action Item) Discussion and possible action to approve or disapprove the OACIE minutes for the October 12, 2016 Regular Council Meeting  
Motion to approve the minutes made by Rhonda Hayworth, seconded by Matt Higdon. Motion carried 10-0-3
  
4. Oklahoma State Department of Education Presentation on ESSA Law and Title VI Programs Dwight Pickering

Not much change in the law. OSDE is compiling an information packet to be distributed to school superintendents and tribal leaders of all 39 tribes. 173 school districts will be involved in the tribal consultation process. He anticipates that packets will be sent the first of March with contact information. The consultation involves several Title programs that will give an overview of their program. He stated that he has received requests for information. Mr. Higdon asked if the Council could receive a list of school districts. Ms. Hayworth asked if there were any concerns with funding in the new administration. Mr. Pickering responded that he didn't see any issues right now. Mr. Higdon asked what the timeframe would be. Mr. Pickering responded that, for Title VI, July 2017 would be the target date. Chair Harjo stated that this would not be enough time to get it done. Mr. Pickering stated that the Title VI would be for the 2017-18 funding cycle. He said the other Title programs would be sooner. Chair Harjo asked if any tribes or schools had held tribal consultations. Mr. Pickering said that he believed Mustang schools had held a tribal consultation with the Chickasaw Nation. Mr. Tsothigh stated that he thought Union Public Schools held a tribal consultation this week. Mr. Pickering responded that the district did hold a consultation on Tuesday. Mr. Anderson stated that he attended the consultation. Ms. John stated that the Chickasaw Nation was attending some school districts' meetings. She stated that care should be taken in what is labeled as tribal consultation. Mr. Walkingstick asked what the definition of tribal consultation was. Ms. John responded that it is a protocol that needs to be followed with adequate notification so that preparations can be made by the tribe to respond to the purpose of the consultation.

Mr. Walkingstick said his district had concerns with staffing. He stated that the Nation did not have the manpower to meet with all 88 districts within their jurisdiction. He stated that the Cherokee Nation was considering developing a waiver for districts. Ms. John stated that these should be issued on a case by case basis. She said if they had complaints from parents about a district, then they would not grant waivers. Mr. Anderson said Union's meeting was a review of documents that reflected the work of the school. He also stated that if districts do what they say they are doing then there is no problem. Mr. Pickering said OSDE will have a document for tribes to sign. He stated that this is the first time consultation has been required in Oklahoma with the Department of Education. He stated that the experience has been with the BIA in the past but not with ED. Mr. Anderson said discussion has been occurring in

Washington about this process and what will be required. Ms. John said the process is not very timely often times with responses to questions raised by a tribe. Mr. Anderson stated that considerations had to be made for additional questions to be submitted by tribes.

Ms. Harjo said plans were being made for an Oklahoma City metro area tribal consultation among several school districts. She stated that Norman Public Schools had over 2,000 Indian students and that with all the districts involved in the metro area there were over 14,000 students. Ms. John said they had a school near Tulsa invite the tribe. Mr. Walkingstick stated that the Cherokee Nation looks at jurisdictional areas as they take self-governance into consideration. Mr. Anderson stated that his tribe is trusting the schools within its boundaries to be informed. Ms. John asked if tribal jurisdiction would be explained to schools. Mr. Pickering said that this would be included in the tribal packet. Mr. Tsoitigh asked Mr. Pickering what would be the response of OSDE to the issue of tribal consultation in the state plan. Ms. Miller stated that OSDE is using the Consolidated School Plan format and will issue a guidance packet. She said the final regulations have been paused for a period of time and that ESSA state plans were continuing to be developed. She stated that CCSSO will provide guidance about the future of state plans and OSDE will move forward with the September deadline. Mr. Pickering said that the process of consultation would continue. Mr. Walkingstick asked how the Council would participate in the process and Mr. Pickering responded that recommendations are given to the Oklahoma State Board of Education for them to respond. Ms. Harjo asked what role the Advisory Council plays under ESSA. Mr. RomanNose stated that any recommendations should have a response from OSDE. He stated that tribes should not wait to ask what they feel is needed in the federal programs for their students. Mr. Walkingstick stated that his Chief said you are either sitting on sovereignty or exercising your sovereignty.

5. Report from the State Department of Education as it relates to American Indian Students - 2016 Native American assessment data Dwight Pickering
  
6. Presentation by the National Indian Education Association Ahniwake Rose  
Executive Director  
N/A
  
7. Updates and reports on the following items related to Indian Education  
  - A. Higher Education Matt Higdon  
Mr. Higdon reported that the Board of Regents is trying to partner with tribes and have engaged them in the REACH Program. He stated that he wanted tribes to share information about Regents activities to get more Indian students involved in their programs. He stated that he is trying to work with TEDNA to create more opportunities for partnerships. He said the Regents will begin working with the Muscogee Nation College in the very near future. He asked the Council members for any ideas they might have about potential partnerships to let him know. He mentioned that the Indian participants in the Education Retreats were eligible for the Summer Counselor Institute. Mr. Parrish asked if Mr. Higdon had a dollar figure on what tribes contribute to higher education. Mr. Higdon thought it was \$39 million but he would get specific information for the next meeting. Mr. Parrish asked about Oklahoma's Promise funding. Mr. Higdon said that the Regents had to follow the legislature to ensure funding is still intact. He stated that Bryce Fair thought the eligibility criteria would be raised so that more students would qualify.
  
  - B. Tribal Colleges Robert Bible  
Chair Harjo stated that Mr. Bible submitted information on the status of tribal colleges in Oklahoma. She stated that there are currently three colleges – Comanche Nation College, Pawnee Nation College, and Muscogee Nation College.
  
  - C. Career-Tech Becki Foster  
Ms. Foster reported that she would have some data at the next meeting. She stated that her agency continues to look for partners at the local level and was working to partner with TEDNA. She said they fund STEM education through Career Tech. Ms. John asked if tribes were eligible. Ms. Foster stated that she thought it was for public schools but would check about the eligibility of tribes.

D. Oklahoma Council for Indian Education

Lucyann Harjo

Chair Harjo reported that OCIE was hosting the Oklahoma Indian Challenge Bowl on March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Sulphur, OK. She stated that they are also sponsoring the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society and the deadline to submit nominations is March 10<sup>th</sup>.

E. National Johnson O'Malley Association

Greg Anderson

Mr. Anderson reported that JOM is on a holding pattern. The BIE testified before Sen. Tester's committee recently about the new student count. He stated that a meeting was to be held next week with BIE Director Tony Dearman about the potential for keeping the national JOM office in Oklahoma.

F. Tribal Education Departments National Assembly

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Mr. RomanNose reported that Mr. Phil Gover was scheduled to report on his Sovereign School Project about the status of tribal charter schools. He stated that tribal consultations were included in Executive Orders previously. He stated that funding could be an issue in this administration but that a wait and see approach was needed. He said that TEDNA now has an office in Oklahoma City and are functioning as a non-profit separate from the Native American Rights Fund. He stated that TEDNA was in partnership with the Board of Regents. He said that tribes needed to establish their own ACT or SAT codes so that they could receive information from these testing groups.

8. Discussion on planning agenda items pertinent to the needs of Native American students in our schools

Chair Harjo explained that this item was necessary to formulate plans and items needed to be addressed by the Council. She reported that in the process of creating the Annual Report she wondered what was really accomplished by the Council. She wondered about the World Language Department and initiatives undertaken by that department. She stated that the issue of culturally responsive teaching was a very important initiative of this Council. She stated that Online Curriculum Resource was an important element in addressing this need. Ms. John asked if this resource could be reported on at the Council's next meeting. She asked about career tech opportunities so that tribes could share with their students for those students who don't go to college. Mr. Higdon asked if school districts or teachers could be identified who are using those lessons on the Curriculum Resource. Ms. Roth asked if there were Indian teacher members of the state Social Studies Association. Mr. Pickering stated that he sets up a booth at the Social Studies Conference along with three tribal museum representatives. He said OSDE has a new Social Studies Director, Brenda Chapman, and that he is working with her to get resources out. Ms. John said that that was the reason they reported to the Education Committee in the legislature and had developed resources to make them available. Mr. Pickering said that the Oklahoma Indian Education Summit will be held on July 25-26 in Oklahoma City. He said that he is working with Career Tech and the Board of Regents to get more information to Indian education staff members.

9. (Action Item) Discussion on the 2016 Annual Report to be presented to the State Board of Education

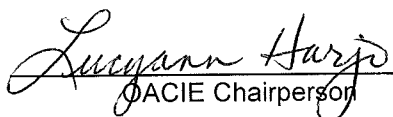
Chair Harjo informed the Council that the 2016 OACIE Annual Report has not been presented to the State Board of Education. She is waiting to learn if the annual report will be presented in this month's State Board of Education meeting.

11. Public Comment

12. Closing remarks and announcements.

13. (Action Item) Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes were provided by Jacob Tsothigh, Recording Secretary for the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education, on April 12, 2017 and were approved on 4-12-17.

  
Lucyann Harjo  
OACIE Chairperson