



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #19-05
JANUARY 24, 2019

RESOLUTION

- Whereas,** The Pawnee Business Council is the supreme governing body of the Pawnee Nation and is authorized to conduct business on behalf of the Pawnee Nation in accordance with Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the Pawnee Nation Constitution and By-Laws; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council met in special session on January 24, 2019, at the Pawnee Nation Resource Center, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation has operated an education system within its territory since 1878 when most Pawnee school-age children were enrolled in the agency or off-reservation boarding schools; and
- Whereas,** over ninety-six (96) Pawnee Nation citizens attend public schools throughout the tribe's territory; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation supports public schools through education programming, such as Johnson O'Malley/Co-Partner programs and other Pawnee Nation Division of Education and Training initiatives; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation supports public schools through financial contributions from tribal revenue; and
- Whereas,** the mission of the Pawnee Nation Division of Education is to provide comprehensive employment, education and training services and a year round youth program for the Pawnee Nation and includes Early Childhood Education/Child Care, Youth Development, PreK-12, so that tribal members and other federally recognized tribal members residing in our jurisdiction obtain the skills needed to become productive individuals and contribute to their respective communities; and
- Whereas,** the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act, 70 O.S. § 3-132 (a) provides for the creation of charter schools, when sponsored "By a federally recognized Indian tribe, operating a high school under the authority of the Bureau of Indian Affairs as of November 1, 2010, if the charter school is for the purpose of demonstrating native language immersion instruction, and is located within its former reservation or treaty area boundaries. For purposes of this paragraph, native language immersion instruction shall require that education instruction and other activities conducted at the school site are primarily conducted in the native language," 70 O.S. § 3-132 (a)(6); and
- Whereas,** the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act, 70 O.S. § 3-132 (a) provides for the creation of charter schools, when sponsored "By a federally recognized Indian tribe only when the charter school is located within the former reservation or treaty area boundaries of the tribe on property held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the United States Department of the Interior for the benefit of the tribe," 70 O.S. § 3-132 (a)(8); and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation meets the requirements under State law to charter and operate a charter school.

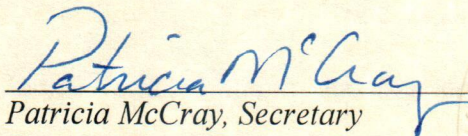
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Pawnee Business Council does hereby approve the application to charter submitted by the Pawnee Nation for the 2020 school year, a copy of which is attached hereto.

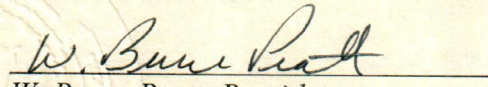
CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia McCray, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 24th day of January 2019 and that the Pawnee Business Council is composed of eight members, of whom 7 were present, 1 absent, compromising a quorum, and the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 not voting.

Signed this 24th day of January 2019

ATTEST:


Patricia McCray, Secretary
Pawnee Nation Business Council


W. Bruce Pratt, President
Pawnee Nation Business Council

