

Lori Blankenship

Shi-yo. I am seeking re-election as School Board Representative for the Big Cove Community. I have been honored to serve this term; the first year as Vice-Chairwoman and the last two years as Chairwoman. My three children are students at Cherokee Central Schools; two entering 11th grade and one entering 8th grade. I am also very proud to serve this community as a foster parent having one foster child entering kindergarten and another entering pre-k.



I have worked diligently as an advocate for our School System:

- Member of the Federal Relationship Network
- Member of the North Carolina School Board Association
- Education Committee member USET
- Member of Bureau of Indian Education Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Rulemaking Committee; introducing resolutions to end across-the-board cuts to Indian education and opposing the closure of the Indian Education Office

Other accomplishments of the School Board during my tenure include:

- Renaming the CHS arena, the Charles George Memorial Arena
- SACS Accreditation of the Cherokee Central Schools
- Being one of only 64 schools in North Carolina achieving District Accreditation
- Retiring the jersey of female Cherokee athlete Barbara Sequoyah
- Becoming members of the National Association of School Boards and North Carolina School Boards Association

Although, many great things have been accomplished, and we have brought greater recognition to our School System, there is still much work to be done. During my second term I will work to:

- Reinforce a healthy and safe learning environment for our children
- End furlough days and improve the working environment for our teachers, parents and students through improved communication and strategic planning
- Focus on retention, growth and development of our very best teachers & staff
- Work through tough budget issues minimizing the impact on our teachers and their ability to deliver quality education to our students
- Ensure that our delivery of education prepares our students for the future, for higher education and for professional careers

I greatly appreciate your support of the Cherokee Central School System for our students. My re-election as the Big Cove School Board Representative will allow me to continue to work for high quality education while instilling trust, values, leadership, self-discovery, and pride in our students on their important journey. An education is the greatest gift we can give our children.

S-gi, Lori Blankenship

Lisa Maney Frady

I, Lisa Maney Frady, want your vote to become Big Cove's School Board representative. I've grown up in Big Cove with my parents Harley and Eloise Maney. I have three children Jonathan, Adia, and Eloise. The two oldest attend Cherokee Elementary School. I graduated from Cherokee in 1995. In 2009, I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix. I have ten years of management experience where I performed accounting duties, human resource duties, policy development, and budgets. All are necessary for a person serving on School Board.

I'm asking for the chance to give our children the best education possible and present them with greater opportunities. I'll pay attention and especially put our children's education foremost. My plan for solving our school's weaknesses and failures requires a hard look and some hard decision-making regarding learning, curriculum, personnel, health, community, and communication. Any growing positive organization or business that has issues like we face always must make needed changes to be successful.

The Cherokee School Board's responsibility is to support and direct only the superintendent. From that top key position all else falls. We pay some of the highest salaries in the state and it appears there's a hiring problem in getting the best. I'll work to conduct appropriate vacancies, announcements, interview and selections. I'll always put the children first, improve the moral and working environment, support the staff, the culture department, and be open for communication.

The School Board has the most important responsibility in our society. Their decisions affect the lives of our students, their parents, the health of our community and tribe. Therefore, it's important that we realize the best and require the superintendent and all other personnel to require the best practices. Our Eastern Band children, families and community deserve the best. Until the election, I'll be out speaking and going into detail on my plan to solving our issues. Any questions, concerns, or comments, regarding my qualifications and or proposed remedies for our huge problems at Cherokee Schools, please feel free to contact me. You will not regret that you elected me as the Big Cove School Board representative. I thank you ahead of time for your support and vote.

Thank You,

Lisa Maney Frady for Big Cove School Board

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BIG COVE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE

Tammy Bradley

Current Position; Cherokee Boys Club, Child Care Dept. Manager for Agelink Child Care Center, Agelink School Age Program and The Snowbird Child Development Center in Robbinsville.

Date of Hire; October 1991

Education;

Proud Cherokee High School Graduate – I and my family have always supported Cherokee Schools

BBA from Montreat College December 2005

AAS in Early Childhood from Southwestern Community College in May 1999

NC Early Childhood Administrator level 3 on March, 2006

NC Early Childhood Administrator Level 2 July, 2000

NC Child Care Credential 1 & 2 March, 1993

Early Educators Certificate level 11 on July, 2010

Basic School Age Care Certification on March, 2004

February 2011 ServSafe certification

EXPERIENCE:

Part Time Instructor for Southwestern Community College for 2 years

Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) reporting for the federal office and the office of OMB

Familiar with the CACFP (USDA) DHHS Division of Public Health – Women’s & Children’s Health Section

guidelines for health and nutrition for institutions.

I have been involved in Early Education for 21 years.

I have reviewed some curriculum for the SCC, child care dept.

I do have experience as a teacher and administrator

Knowledgeable about how budgets work

Hobbies & Civic Duties;

Former National Indian Child Care Association Board Member for 21 states in the Eastern United States

Currently Chairman of the Cherokee Children’s Coalition for 7 years

Former Member of the Cherokee High Booster Club

Serves as the Qualla Boundary representative on Region-A Smart Start for kids

Served on a task force for child care and federal funding

Currently serve on Southwestern Community College Advisory Board

Currently serve on the Advisory Board for the EBCI Domestic Violence Shelter

Have always been involved with the children & youth concerning their education

GOALS AS A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER:

1. To support students and teachers for the betterment of our school’s education, by helping to make sure the students have what they need to help them excel in their studies.
2. To work together as students, parents, faculty, administration, and the school board to provide each student with opportunities to get a good education second to none.
3. To support and allow the staff to do their jobs within the confines of their jobs in accordance with school policy.
4. To ensure everything that is done by the school board enhances the educational experience for the students.