

SUPERINTENDENT MEMORANDUM

DATE: 1/5/2024
TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: DAVID REID
RE: WEEKLY MEMO

Reminder: The Next Board Meeting will be Monday, January 8th at the Central Office @ 6 PM.

General Update

The winter break was a great time for everyone to relax and recharge for the second semester. It will be good to get back in session and witness the great teaching that occurs during the 3rd quarter of the year. This quarter dives deep into each subject area's content and prepares student for state mandated testing in late March through April.

Teachers will return on Monday, January 8th with a professional development (PD) day. This is a three-hour required PD Day which allows the other half of the day to be used by teachers preparing for the 2nd semester.

Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 9th.

Athletics have already begun for the 2nd semester. Boys' basketball is at the McGuinness Tournament, Girls' basketball is at the Weatherford tournament, and wrestling hosted Broken Arrow Thursday night.

Choctaw High School Beam Signing and Setting

The header beam for Choctaw High School will be set around 12:00 PM on Friday, January 12th. Board members are asked to sign the beam before it is hung. CNP central office administration and Choctaw High School administration will sign the beam as well. It is painted blue and the signing is made with a gold paint pen.

Construction Updates

(Manhattan) CHS main building, Little Theatre renovation, band room, and AFJROTC/Tennis Locker Rooms – the main building continues to make progress. Most of the steel beams have been set with the final header piece being set on Friday, January 12th around noon. The kitchen area foundation is being poured this week and will finalize all of the foundation. Work continues on the second-floor portion of the saferoom. Work on the Little Theatre renovation began over the break as well. The band room and AFJROTC/Tennis locker rooms will begin later with the goal of all projects being completed by May of 2025.

(AC Owen) CNP West – We met with the City of MWC on Dec. 27th to discuss sewage options. MWC has placed a moratorium on adding to their sewage system while they are doing a study on their capacity limits. This is preventing us from being able to begin the project. We held a meeting on January 2nd with CNP, CWA, Wallace Engineering, and AC Owen to work on the sewage issue. We signed a GMAX with AC Owen contingent on sewage and water has accepted plans through MWC and the DEQ. Wallace Engineering is working on possible alternative solutions while we wait on MWC. The goal was to begin actual work on the site on February 1st, but that could be delayed until sewage approval is completed.

(Ross Group) GME – The parent loop asphalt laying was completed this week. We were also able to get the new prefabs setup and fully inspected on Tuesday of this week. In order to allow the four teachers in those prefabs to begin setting up their rooms, Kevin Berry, Todd Dilbeck, JJ Venzor, Steve Keiffer, Josh Durant, Mike Hessman and myself spent Wednesday moving the contents of the four existing prefabs to the new ones. Fencing has been placed between the prefabs and the playground as well as taller fencing surrounding the prefabs for security. The walkways, skirting, and porch/ramps have been installed as well. The two existing (double) prefabs will be moved to behind the GME (old IME) gym. They will be needed for the expansion of PreK to full day beginning in the 2024-25 school year. The two old singles will have to be demoed and removed as well for Phase II construction to begin. The current target date for Phase II to begin would be late February to March.

(QUAD) Softball/baseball – the turf field have been completed and released for use. The fencing on softball is complete. The fencing for baseball is waiting on pieces to be delivered to finish from centerfield to right field. They will also be installing the foul poles as well as flag poles. The steel for the softball locker room/dugout is going up and will take a week to two weeks. Once it is completed, they will move to the steel for the baseball locker room/dug out.

(QUAD) Multipurpose Building – This will go to bid in early January with a bid opening in late January/early February.

(Pope) McCharen Center Renovation – the south restrooms and entry are completed, inspected, and released for usage. Work has begun on the north restrooms and entry. The terrazzo flooring around the renovated concession stand did not get completed over the break. There is still a bit of renovation inside the concession stand as well to be completed. The flooring will be completed as quickly as the construction allows.

CE – CWA continues to work on the architectural documents. The goal is to have it bid and ready for construction to begin this summer.

Band Storage Building – (This is not the band room – it is still a part of the GMAX on the CHS main building projects.) This is a storage facility south of the home bleachers for band to be able to store props, equipment, etc. close to the Jensen Field. The dirt work for the foundation has been completed.

(Quad) Jensen Field – Phase I is the sewage connection to pipe down stream which will divert the pump station requirement. It began over the break. Phase II is renovation of the concession/restrooms. That is still in design phase.

Board Agenda Items

4.B. We will be honoring and providing certificates to the band/color guard officers in recognition of being named Bands of America Indianapolis Super Regional Class Champion and Finalist Band as well as Oklahoma Bandmasters Association 6A2 State Champions.

9.B. These are logs used to remove old books/equipment from site media centers. These lists are long and a copy is provided at the board meeting for anyone interested in looking through them.

Dates of Note:

- Monday, January 8th – Bd Mtg @ C.O. 6 PM
- Monday, January 8th – Teacher PD Day (No school for students)

- Tuesday, January 9th – the 2nd semester begins
- Monday, January 15th – No School in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Monday, February 12th – Bd Mtg @ NPMS 6 PM