

FEBRUARY BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2/9/2024
TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: DAVID REID
RE: WEEKLY MEMO

Reminder: The Next Board Meeting will be Monday, February 12th at Nicoma Park Middle School @ 6 PM.

General Update

We had another good week of uninterrupted instruction this week. Our schools are earnestly working with students to cover vital portions of the yearly curriculum. The third quarter is one of the more difficult times of the year as many of the more robust standards are covered during this time. The uninterrupted instruction is important as students prepare for state testing which will happen in April. I am hoping the weather predicted for Sunday does not necessitate school being out on Monday. Even if school has to be out Monday, I will plan to still have the board meeting Monday night because roads should be clear with Monday's predicted temperatures above freezing.

Preparation for PreK Classes

Dr. Gaona continues to work with a team of teachers and administrators in preparation of transitioning to full time PreK next school year. In addition, Kevin is looking to purchase four double classroom prefabs to accommodate the additional classrooms needed. Double classroom prefabs will be needed at the following sites: two at Westfall Elementary, one to Nicoma Park Elementary and one to Choctaw Elementary. The quote he received for all four is \$835,000. The delivery date for all four would be around June 1st. Griffith Meridian Elementary will move the two existing double classrooms to west of the old Indian Meridian Elementary gym. Mr. Cannon is working with a company who will prepare footings and move these to their new location. Mr. James will work with site administrators in preparing to post the new PreK teaching positions by the end of February.

Site Staffing and School Improvement Meetings

We will conduct the annual staffing and site improvement meetings with each of our schools next week. Each site's improvement plan will be included in your summer retreat packets.

Construction Updates

CHS main building continues to make progress. The two-story safe room walls are nearly complete. Several areas of the second story flooring were poured this week. The exterior gypsum sheathing began going up this week as well. (Manhattan is the CM.)

BA/SB Locker Room/Dugouts are progressing nicely. All the steel has been erected and metal roofing installed. (QUAD is the CM.)

The Multipurpose Indoor Facility bid opening was last week. The architects and CM are working on final "VE" options to get the project into the designed budget. The hope is they should be able to mobilize on the project by mid to late March. (QUAD is the CM.)

CNP West – The MWC Council met Thursday to discuss their sewer moratorium. We are waiting on word from them to determine the next steps moving forward on this project. (A.C. Owen is the CM.)

GME – The bid opening for phase II is February 14th. The hope would be mobilizing and beginning this project mid to late March as well. (Ross Group is the CM.)

McCharen Center Renovation – Flooring and south restrooms are completed. Work is being done to complete restoration on north restrooms, trophy cases, NE entry and exterior renovation to east. (Pope is the CM.)

CE – The project will bid in the spring with hopes of mobilization on the project this summer. (Goldsby is the CM.)

NAFIS Conference March 9-13

The annual NAFIS Conference I attend as a board member is typically during spring break; however, this year it is the week before. We also have a board meeting during this time. Since I will be in Washington, DC, I will work with Dr. Gaona on all agenda items and how to present them during the meeting.

Athletic/Activities Director's Position

We interviewed seven candidates for the Athletic/Activities Director position on January 31st and February 1st. The committee decision is to recommend Todd Goolsby. If approved by the board, Todd would officially begin on July 1, 2024.

STEM Events & Activities

February is an exciting month for STEM education in the CNP school district. We are gearing up for our district-wide Family STEM Night on Tuesday, February 27th. This event will be come-and-go from 5:30-7:30 at Choctaw Middle School and will feature over 50 stations for discovery, challenge, and fun for students of all ages. We are expecting guests from OU, OSU, Metropolitan Library, Engage Learning, NASA OKSG, Lego Learning Camp, Camp Invention, and many more. Please plan now to attend this fun event, it is FREE!!

We are also hosting the annual CNP LEGO Build but are expanding it to include all grade levels and even an adult category. Entries for the LEGO build are due by Friday, February 23rd. Get creative and start building now if you want to participate. For more information, click on this link: [2024 LEGO Build](#)

Board Agenda Items

5.D. All out of state trips have to be approved. They are always at no cost to the district.

5.E. The instructional calendar for 2024-25 is very similar to the current school year. Fall Break was aligned as close as possible with all the EOC schools. Spring break is aligned with all OK school districts. Winter break is still wrapped around three weekends providing 16 continuous days of vacation. Six inclement weather days are built into the calendar. The first day of school will be August 13, 2024, and the last day of school will be May 15, 2025. Input was solicited from site administrators and ACT leadership team.

6.C. This is approval of the annual financial audit by S&B Accounting. There was one adverse finding in it as we did not follow Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures (GAAP). Like many other school districts, we are not under the School District Budget Act but under the Estimate of Needs basis of accounting, which is not GAAP. The auditor must note that we don't follow GAAP and thus the finding. Other than this, everything else was great.

9.B. Megan needs this certification to allow her to teach 6th grade English classes per the accreditation report.

9.C. This would add a ½ point to the weighted GPS for CHS students who take college level concurrent enrollment classes.

As always, if you have any questions or comments feel free to visit, call or text.

Dates of Note:

- Monday, February 12th – Bd Mtg @ NPMS 6 PM
- Tuesday, February 13th – Primary Election Date
- Monday, February 19th – No School – PD Day
- Tuesday, February 27th – Family STEM Night @ CMS 5:30 – 7:30
- Wednesday, February 28th 4:30 – 5:30 CNP Job Fair
- Monday, March 11th – Bd Mtg @ C.O. 6 PM
- Saturday, March 9 – Wednesday, March 13 – Reid at NAFIS Conference in Washington, D.C.
- March 18 – 22 – Spring Break