

DATE: 11/08/2024  
TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FROM: DAVID REID  
RE: WEEKLY MEMO

Reminder: The next Regular Board Meeting will be Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Central Office @ 6 PM.

### **General Update**

This was a challenging week for many in our community; however, with challenges lies the opportunity for people to step up. We certainly saw that spirit of the #GOLDStandard rise again as members from the community jumped to action to help those affected by the storms. This included groups from many of our sites who assisted with clean up or whatever other needs the people had. I hesitate to name the ones I know contributed for fear of leaving others off, but needless to say, our students and staff did everything within their power to assist those in need.

Congratulations to the Drama Department for winning (their 18<sup>th</sup> I believe) OSSAA One Act Championship as well as the Tech Award. We had two actors named All-State Actors: Max Whitlock (Sr) and Abby Herrin (Jr).

### **Sharing a Great Story by Toni Dennis (special Education teacher at CMS)**

I want to brag about some of our CMS students. I was out last week and when we got back to school today, I was blessed to hear a wonderful story that one of my boys is talking about.

With the new Explore rotation, (a male student) is now weight lifting. Usually, he stays in the gym with his classmates. On this particular day, the weight lifting class was out on the football and he went with them. Well, they played football. The whole class started cheering for him to be on their team. They even managed to arrange for him to make a couple of touchdowns and made it look like he was a star player. They dove into tackles and missed him. They shoved each other out of the way to make a path for him. He loved it!!! My paras were in tears. The best part of all is that no one told any of these boys to do this. They did it all on their own. The football players truly lived up to the GOLD standard. I thank Matt Hawk and James Mangrum for setting such a great example for them.

### **Construction Updates**

GME – The structural steel is being set in both the saferoom and the office areas. OG&E has started on the loop for connecting the transformers. The transformers will be swapped out on November 25<sup>th</sup>. The exterior wall framing and sheathing are progressing. The interior framing should start next week.

CHS – Electrical wiring, Sheetrocking and tile work continues inside the main building.

Band Room Addition – The waterproofing is completed and work on the EFIS has started. The light concrete roof has been completed.

AFJROTC/Tennis Locker Rooms – The light concrete roof has been poured. Work continues on the demo inside the original building. The old garage doors have been removed and blocked in.

Indoor Multipurpose Facility – QUAD is currently working on the retaining wall of the south concrete wing. The north side retaining wall will start after football season. The SE light pole has to be removed before they can continue the earth work in this area.

CE – The saferoom footings are completed. The plumbing and electrical are also completed. The saferoom slab has been poured. The saferoom CMU walls are scheduled to in a week (tentatively). The Sheetrock has started in the remodeled areas. The brick work has started on the vestibule.

CNP West – AC Owen is working on the building pad and developing a schedule based on METCO recommendations. The job trailer is set and operational on a full-time basis.

Jensen Field Concession Stand – The anchor bolts and formed footings are scheduled to pour this week. The plumbing and electrical will begin after that. The concrete slab rebar, forming and vapor barriers are tentatively set to begin next week. The actual building erection is tentatively scheduled to begin November 25, 2024.

Projects completed: Softball/Baseball Complexes; McCharen Center lobby and restroom renovations; track, lighting, visitors' concessions and press box, band bleachers, retaining wall repairs at Jensen Field; Westfall parent pickup lane and additional parking; GME parent pickup loop

### **November Board Agenda Items**

- 5.B. We will recognize the girls' cross-country team for winning the 6A Academic State Championship as well as the varsity cheer for winning the Large Coed State Championship.
- 5.E. These are items purchased by the Choctaw Alumni Association and/or donated to them for the museum. They are getting their 501-3C status and this motion will allow them to be in charge of these items moving forward.
- 5.F. This approves all of the regularly scheduled school board meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year.
- 5.G. This is the annual resolution required by law that stipulates we are holding an open election for a school board seat. It spells out the specifics on how it will be handled depending on the number of candidates who file for the open seat.
- 5.H and 5.I. These are requests for out of state trips. These require board approval and are at no cost to the district.
- 5.J. We are members of the OK Public-School Investment Interlocal Cooperative, and as such get a vote for the cabinet. Kevin's recommendations based on his knowledge and working with three individuals are listed within this item.
- 6.C. Matt McFarland has asked that we declare this bus as surplus. It has lived its usefulness and been cannibalized to its fullest extent.
- 8.B. These are teachers needing an adjunct approval to teach and are outside of their certification.

Attached:

- NA

Dates of Note:

- Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – School Board Meeting at CO
- Nov. 25 – 29 – Thanksgiving Break
- Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – School Board Meeting at NPI
- Dec. 23 – Jan. 3 – Christmas Break