

BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/10/2025
TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: DAVID REID
RE: WEEKLY MEMO

Reminder: The next Regular Board Meeting will be Monday, July 14 @ 6 PM. at the Central Office.

General Update

Lego Camp began on Monday and runs through Friday of this week.

Extended School Year for our special education students in need of additional assistance began Tuesday. It will be held Tuesday – Thursday for three weeks.

Dr. James has support negotiations set for Monday, July 28th at 10 AM and certified negotiations set for Wednesday, July 30 at 10 AM.

Site administrators and site secretaries report back to work officially on August 1st.

Update on Calendar

We spoke with the attorney's at OSSBA about our calendar and whether we needed to add an instructional day. The attorneys said we are covered because professional development days count which means we go 170 (166 is what will be required). Where we will be out of compliance is at CHS as they would not attend the required 1086 hours – they are one hour short. The proposal in lieu of adding an additional work day will be to add one minute to the first hour at CHS. This would provide an additional 2.72 hours to their calendar and thus make everyone in the district in compliance. This would mean the first hour would officially begin at 7:49 and not at 7:50 AM. The proposal was agreed to by both the CHS administration and the ACT leadership. Changing the school bell schedule does not require a board action.

Construction Updates

GME – They will pour the driveway in front of the building (lower area and curbing) on Thursday and Friday. All of the millwork in the classrooms has been installed. They are working on the millwork in the office areas. Floor tile will begin tomorrow. Ceiling tile grids are being installed.

CHS – The main building has been released and teachers are currently moving in their classroom belongings. Exterior work on the sidewalks and landscaping continues. The demolition of the old building is making good progress. Sidewalks connecting the sophomore parking lot to the south wing doors will be completed before school begins. This will be the main entrance for students before the new parking lot is available around January of 2026.

Band Room Addition – The exterior lighting has been installed. They are currently painting the design on the interior walls. The water line is also currently being installed to this area.

AFJROTC/Tennis Locker Rooms – The AC units were delivered today. The electricians are working hard to get these installed. Manhattan has all hands-on deck to get this project completed by the first day of class. Currently, the ceiling grids are being installed.

Indoor Multipurpose Facility – They have three lifts left (18 inches of dirt) across the west side retaining wall. This will be the final dirt required before preparing for the pad.

CE – They are finishing the painting in the interior areas. They are waiting on the washroom equipment to be delivered. The new flagpole was set today. The interior ceiling and tile in the hallways have been completed. The double doors going into the south wing of the old school have been installed.

CNP Heartland – The steel continues to be erected. The topping out ceremony will be next Tuesday – from 10:30 to 12:00. BBQ will be served after the ceremony. Anyone attending will need to wear closed toe shoes. The saferoom roof will be pour tomorrow.

Jensen Field Concession Stand/Restroom Renovation – They submitted the request for plumbing and HVAC inspection today. The final inspection has been asked for this Friday.

VoAg – They accepted the bid for the PEBM after vetting it thoroughly. The other portions of the project will still need to go through the bidding process before the work begins. The pens for inside the barn have been ordered. These will be made offsite and then delivered.

July Agenda Items

5.D. This is the annual requirement to allow the district to comply with the hour's requirement. The requirement ups to 166 days (we are at 170) and 1086 hours.

5.E. This is the policy for the ban on cell phones "bell to bell." It is required by law and the one recommended by OSSBA.

6.C. The needs for Jim's Maintenance Cleaning Service continues to grow. Typically, this has been as a result of a site losing a custodian and unable to find a replacement so they chose to utilize the service in lieu of a custodian. This has caused the amount to exceed the state's threshold and requires a bid. We will do an RFP for November 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to complete this fiscal year. As we approach July 1, 2026, we will do a separate RFP for a new five-year contract for the services.

6.D. This is one of our approved communication devices that meets the requirements set forth by state law. It is an annual approval.

6.E. This is a company that uses software that allows sites to use TVs in their hallways as bulletin boards. They can cast messages or videos to them similar to a marque. Each site was able to decide how many they wanted to purchase and will pay for the license with site funds.

8.B. This is a contract with a company that provides speech/language therapists to our district when we are unable to find full-time employees for these positions.

9.B. This allows high school students who attend classes at EOC to receive credits required for graduation.

9.C. These are Chromebooks whose lifespan has expired and the maker no longer provides updates for the operating system. Essentially, they are Chromebooks that have worn out and replacement parts are no longer available for them to be fixed.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to stop by, call, email or text me.

Attached:

➤ NA

Dates of Note:

➤ Monday, July 14 th	Board Meeting
➤ July 15 th	CNP Heartland Elementary Topping Off Ceremony
➤ July 30 th	ACT Negotiations 10 AM
➤ Monday, August 11 th	Board Meeting
➤ Tuesday, August 12 th	New Teachers Report
➤ Wednesday, August 13 th	All Staff Reports
➤ Tuesday, August 19 th	First Day of School