

CONFIDENTIAL BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/06/2026
TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: DAVID REID
RE: WEEKLY MEMO

Reminder: The next Regular Board Meeting will be Monday, March 9th @ 6 PM at the Central Office.

General Update

This week has been another strong one across Choctaw–Nicoma Park Schools. Classrooms are filled with energy and focused instruction as our teachers guide students through new and challenging state objectives. It's that time of year when rigorous learning truly takes center stage, and I'm proud to see our staff and students meeting those challenges with enthusiasm and determination. Everyone is working diligently to ensure our curriculum is on pace and that students are fully prepared for upcoming state testing. The positive momentum across our campuses is a great reflection of the commitment and teamwork that define our district.

Congratulations to Ryan Maloney and the girls' basketball team for qualifying for the state tournament, which begins next week. The boys' basketball team plays tonight and will need to win both tonight and Saturday to advance to the state tournament as well.

I'd also like to share a great example of the creativity and collaboration happening in our schools. Rebekah Newman, FACS teacher at NPMS, recently partnered with Pre-K students from NPE for a special project. The Pre-K students each drew a "monster," and Ms. Newman's 8th-grade FACS students brought those drawings to life by sewing monster pillows in the same colors and designs. When the pillows were finished, the 8th graders visited the Pre-K classroom to surprise the young artists with their personalized creations—a fun and heartwarming reminder of the good work happening in public education every day.

The OSDE will be on campus Monday to complete the Special Education Audit that Mrs. Hosford has previously mentioned. Speaking of special education, Tuesday, March 10th is wear green for special education day.

Our staff and students alike are looking forward to the upcoming spring break from March 16-20.

Capacity Numbers

This month, we will need to approve new capacity numbers. At the request of our elementary principals, I am recommending that we temporarily lower all elementary capacity levels during the redistricting process, with the intent to restore them to standard levels afterward. This adjustment will help us manage enrollment more effectively by limiting transfers and preventing potential classroom overcrowding while student numbers remain uncertain. The recommendation will be to drop all class size capacity limits for PreK – 5th to 15.

Construction Updates

Manhattan High School

Sidewalk installation is progressing well. The south sidewalks behind the Freshman Center are expected to be completed next week, at which point all sidewalks will be finished. Beginning Monday, seniors will be permitted to park with faculty in the new parking lot. The new irrigation system, along with trees, shrubs, and sod, is scheduled for installation by the end of spring break. Additionally, the Little Theater's "Charlie Comedy & Tragedy" installation is expected to be completed next week.

Quad: Multipurpose Building

Turf and flooring for the weight room are scheduled for delivery on April 6, with installation to begin immediately after delivery. Painting on the lower level is nearly complete, and the sewer line was successfully connected to the main city system yesterday.

AC Owen: Heartland Elementary

Final millwork installation is underway. Painting continues in the cafeteria, media center, rotunda, hallways, gym, and classrooms. Wall tile installation has been completed. The ONG meter was delivered, with connection anticipated next week. Once connected, the rooftop units will be installed and tied in, followed by the start of flooring installation.

Quad: Vo-Ag Buildings

Plumbing in the foundation has been installed and is awaiting inspection, which is scheduled for completion today. After inspection, gravel placement and foundation preparation will proceed in advance of the concrete pour.

Pope: Practice Gym and Museum

Footing excavation will begin as soon as weather conditions permit.

Board Packet

- 5.E. We have to approve capacity limits four times a year. As stated earlier in this email, we will be asking to temporarily lower capacity numbers PreK – 5th.
- 5.F. We need a formal board action to change the grade configuration of NPE beginning 2026-2027.
- 5.G. We need a formal board action to officially close Nicoma Park Intermediate.
- 5.H. A request for an out of state trip at no cost to the district.
- 6.C. This is required to set the sell of our annual bonds.
- 6.D. This is required annually to select a firm to assist with Bond Counsel Services (What Ron Fisher does for us).
- 6.E. It is required to hire a CPA Firm to conduct the annual audit each year. S & B BPA's and Associates are who we have been using with great success.
- 15. We will be recommending Shelby Vaughn as the Director of Special Education. The position will officially begin July 1, 2026, but Shelby will begin training with Kelli Hosford after board approval when her schedule allows.

Attached:

Dates of Note:

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| ➤ Saturday, March 7 th | AFJROTC Military Ball |
| ➤ Monday, March 9 th | March Board Meeting @ C.O. |
| ➤ March 16 – 20 th | Spring Break |