

BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4/10/2026
TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: DAVID REID
RE: WEEKLY MEMO

Reminder: The next Regular Board Meeting will be Monday, April 13th @ 6 PM at the Central Office.

General Update It's been a productive—though very busy—week! State testing is in full swing across all grade levels. On Wednesday, our junior class completed the ACT, while freshmen, sophomores, and seniors participated virtually from home.

District Teacher of the Year Ceremony – Tuesday, April 14

Please mark your calendars for our annual CNP District Teacher of the Year Ceremony on Tuesday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the PAC. This wonderful event honors our eight site-level Teachers of the Year and concludes with the announcement of the 2026 District Teacher of the Year. Board members are always invited to attend but no expectation that you must attend.

Congratulations to the CHS Vocal Music Program

Choctaw Choirs fared extremely well at state contest on Wednesday, April 8th.

Ratings:

Mixed choir - all superior ratings

Treble choir - all superior ratings

Mixed choir in sight reading - all superior ratings

Treble choir in sight reading - all excellent ratings

In addition, because both choirs received superiors in their stage performances, CHS received an outstanding achievement award!

Policy Manual

We will request that the board collectively adopt the recommended Policies and Procedures Book, excluding the policies listed under agenda item 6.F. These specific policies were adopted by the board after the book was submitted to OSSBA in early August for finalization and are therefore newer than the ones originally included in that submission.

Construction Updates

Manhattan: High School

The south parking lot gates have been installed and are complete. Additional dirt and new sod are needed in the area south of the main building. The area adjacent to the AFJROTC marching pad will also receive new sod. Sodding between the PAC and the Freshman Center has been completed.

Manhattan: Little Theater

Installation of interior sheetrock along with plumbing and HVAC lines continues. All sidewalks surrounding the facility are complete. The AC units have been installed, and the seating, stage lights, and curtains have been ordered.

Quad: Multipurpose Building

Sheetrock installation is complete in all areas except the coaching offices. Painting has been finished in the film room and locker rooms, and logos are scheduled to be added next week. Concrete sidewalks on the west and north sides of the building are complete. Turf installation has begun, and dirt work along with the retaining wall on the west side will start next week.

AC Owen: Heartland Elementary

The marquee and front signage have been installed. The east playground is complete, and tile installation in the south wing hallway is finished. Final electrical work has begun in that wing. The south retaining wall is complete, and trees and sod are being installed in front of the school. All millwork has been delivered and is currently being installed.

Quad: Vocational Agriculture (Vo-Ag) Buildings

Both building pads have been poured. Steel erection for the north building is nearly complete. Excavation for the south

building overhang is underway in preparation for concrete work. A slate gray powder coat has been selected for the pen color.

Pope: Practice Gym and Museum

Water service has been connected from the well to the domestic system. The building pad has been poured and is curing. Steel erection is tentatively scheduled to begin on April 20.

Board Agenda for April

- 2. Election of board officers happens during the April board meeting each year.
- 5.B. Mrs. Bynum from SEARCH will recognize the chess team for their many accomplishments.
- 5.C. The Alumni association will be at the board meeting to award scholarship recipients their checks.
- 6.E. This is the annual membership dues to be a part of OSSBA.
- 6.F. This is a motion to adopt the OSSBA policy manual collectively – with the listed exemptions. Exemptions are necessary because we have adopted some policies after we submitted the final version to OSSBA. The policies listed here are all of those policies. (All of these policies are up-to-date in the shared drive as of 9:00 AM 9-10-2026 – with the exception of the ones listed as exceptions – Anita has to reformat these to match the current format, and she has been busy working to finalize TOY activities and donations. We will have them added before we send them out to have them published online.)
- 6.G. This is an out of state trip request from the boys' basketball team at no cost to the district.
- 9.B. This is a yearly renewal with the DRS for our special needs students to do work studies.
- 13. This will be a student appeal over a denied transfer. The board will receive the parents appeal in writing as well as the reasons why the district denied. The board will meet alone in executive session to discuss and render a decision. Item 13 is where the decision will be announced.
- 18. This is to approve the recommendation of Katrina Coulson as the new assistant principal at CHS.
- 19. April is the month we rehire all of our teachers on a continuing contract.

Dates of Note:

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| ➤ Monday, April 13 th | School Board Meeting |
| ➤ Tuesday, April 14 th @ 6 PM | TOY Celebration @ PAC |
| ➤ Monday, May 11 th @ 6 PM | School Board Meeting |
| ➤ Monday, May 18 th | Graduation |
| ➤ Thursday, May 21 st | Last Day of School |