BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/06/2026
TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: DAVID REID
RE: WEEKLY MEMO

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

General Update

Students and teachers are engaged in meaningful learning opportunities as we move through the three weeks leading up to Thanksgiving Break. Classrooms are filled with rigorous instruction focused on higher-level curriculum standards, challenging students to think critically, deepen their understanding, and apply their learning.

We also share in the excitement surrounding Oklahoma's newly elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Robert Franklin. A career educator and an inductee into the Educators Hall of Fame, Franklin brings practical leadership experience in both career technology education and public school central office administration. We look forward to his leadership and support for Oklahoma's students and educators.

Our drama department will present four performances of "Frankenstein" this weekend:

- Friday: 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

We look forward to celebrating the talent and hard work of our students and drama staff.

Congratulations to the Following State Champs:

The Pride of Choctaw earned a 2026 6A-2 State Championship at the OBA State Championships at Broken Arrow High School on October 31, 2026! They also took home hardware for Outstanding Music, Outstanding Visual and Outstanding Effect.

The Drama and Stagecraft group won the 6A One Act State Championship with their rendition of *"Frankenstein"* on Saturday, October 31, 2026!

The CHS Fast Pitch Softball team won the 6A State Championship on Monday, October 19, 2026! The softball team also won the 6A State Academic Championship.

Construction Updates

Manhattan: Little Theater:

Prime Eclectic was on site Thursday to replace the light pole at the southeast corner of the parking lot. Additional work includes replacing lights in the cafeteria and light cords in the Little Theater.

High School:

- Todd met with Grooms on Tuesday, November 3, at 11:30 a.m. to identify trees for replacement. Replacement work is being scheduled as soon as possible.
- Work is underway to pour the threshold at the west AFJROTC door.
- Manhattan continues to address outstanding warranty items in the building.
- Drainage issues along the main road and in the parking lot are being addressed to prevent water from backing up.
- PAC lettering has been approved for the west side of the building.

Quad: Multipurpose:

- Concrete filler work around the lights in the north stairwell is complete.
- The north-side drain needs to be lowered below the concrete landing.
- Roof leaks are being addressed.

AC Owen: Heartland Elementary:

Green Shade has evaluated trees and shrubs for replacement. Installation is tentatively scheduled for November 9, 2026. Punch list items have been identified and are being scheduled for correction as soon as possible.

Quad: Vo Ag Buildings:

- The bond plaque has been ordered.
- The drainage system was received Wednesday. Work is awaiting Cantera Concrete's start.
- Todd met with County District 1 representatives to request assistance placing asphalt millings around the area with excess dirt to provide additional parking.
- ONG will lower the gas line in front of the north gravel parking lot.
- Work continues to finalize surface water rights.
- Replacement of exterior metal is scheduled to arrive November 16, with installation beginning November 17.

Tentative November Board Agenda

4.B. We will honor the CHS Band for winning 6A-2 OBA State Competition.

5.E. Matt McFarland will give about a 5–7-minute update to the Board about all that's going on in the transportation department – simply a yearly update – no issues to report.

5.F. This is to set the dates for school board meetings during the 2027 calendar year.

5.G. This is the annual resolution we are legally required to pass in order to run the upcoming school board election for Office # 2.

5.H. Request for an out of state trip by the Pom squad to attend a national competition in March 2027.

5.I. This request is listed separately because they seek permission to use school facilities on three Sundays. All use of school facilities from outside groups has to have board approval if they are used on Sundays.

5.J. Request for an out of state trip to a national competition for the Winer Guard in April 2027.

5.K. FFG is the mandated abuse reporting policy – the highlighted areas are additional recommendations from OSSBA. CVFA-P is a policy we created in order to get a handle on compensatory time. Federal law allows a maximum of 240 hours at any point time and we are not in compliance. The last section of the proposed policy has a glidepath to get everyone into compliance but still allow them to use time earned. CVFA-R is our current policy. Our old policy had number 4 listed to clarify who can claim compensatory time and who cannot; but when we updated to OSSBA's version, number four was left off. We are proposing to add it back for clarification purposes.

6.C. CHS Soccer Booster Club seeking sanctioning from the Board.

6.D. This is a request for a three-year software licensing agreement with Transfinder. This is a software company that will be used to assist drivers to ensure students are only let off at the correct stops. The old system is no longer available – they went out of business. We will be able to utilize are old cameras with this new system, and it is compatible with our student accountability software. The purchase would be made with district wide bond technology funds.

7.B. This allows us to contract with a virtual speech language therapist to work with students when a paraprofessional is present. We would much prefer an actual in-person speech language therapist, but we haven't been able to find any. At least by having it completed virtually, we will be in compliance with IEPs and the law.

8.A. Requests for approval of adjunct certifications.

Dates of Note:

➢ Monday, November 9th	Board Meeting 6 PM
➢ Nov. 16th	BioMed Blood Drive at the PAC
➢ Nov. 16 – 20	Support Staff Week
➢ Nov. 23 – 27	Thanksgiving Break