



Communication Committee Meeting
Friday, February 27, 2026
2:30 PM
Zoom Webinar

- I. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum
- II. Approval of minutes from the January 9, 2026 Communication Committee Meeting.
- III. Discussion regarding the Board of Education Special Meeting (School Facilities/Campus Revitalization) summary
- IV. Discussion on website updates/changes with regard to the school facilities/campus revitalization project
- V. The next scheduled meeting of the Communication Committee is April 2, 2026.
- VI. Adjournment



Communication Committee Meeting

Friday, January 9, 2026

9:00 AM

Zoom Webinar

Present: David Felton, Sharon Ferraro, Nicole Wallach. Present: 3.

- I. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum
Additional Attendees:
Erica Forti, Superintendent of Schools; Daniel DiVito, Director of Digital Learning and Technology

A quorum was met, and the meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM.

Move that the Communications Committee begin the January 9, 2026 meeting Unseconded with a motion by Felton, David.

- II. Approval of minutes from the December 5, 2025 Communication Committee Meeting.
Moved that the minutes of the December 5, 2025 meeting were presented for review. There being no corrections, the minutes are approved as presented. Carried with a motion by Wallach, Nicole and a second by Felton, David.
David Felton: Yea, Sharon Ferraro: Yea, Nicole Wallach: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0

- III. Discussion regarding the Board of Education Meeting (Facilities) summary for distribution
The committee discussed a written summary of recent Facilities Committee meetings, prepared by Nicole Wallach. The intent of the summary is to provide a high-level, accessible overview of facilities discussions and share accurate information with both the school community and the broader town (including non-parents).

- IV. Discussion on website updates/changes with regard to the facilities project
Significant time was devoted to how facilities-related information—especially the current large-scale project—should

be presented on the district website. The committee agreed to brand the overall effort as "Campus Revitalization." This term was chosen to signal a comprehensive, forward-looking effort and distinguish it from past feasibility or optimization studies. Design changes were discussed with regard to the website, with an emphasis on clarity and prominence of information relating to this project.

V. The next scheduled meeting of the Communication Committee: February 6, 2026, 9:00 AM, via Zoom.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Move that the Communications Committee adjourn the January 9, 2026 committee meeting Unseconded with a motion by Ferraro, Sharon.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jodi Sacchetta

Bricks and Mortar Update: Board of Education Special Meeting, February 23, 2026

A meeting summary for Weston residents prepared by the Board of Education Communications Committee.

Background

The Weston Board of Education (BOE) is holding special monthly meetings from December 2025 until June 2026 to plan how to update Weston Public Schools' (District) campus.

At the February 23, 2026 meeting, members of architecture firm SLAM Collaborative (SLAM) presented their Phase II investigation, which compared two options:

1. Renovate the existing middle school
2. Build a new middle school

To learn more, you can watch the meeting [here](#).

Where We've Been So Far

Education Specifications

In May 2024, the BOE developed and approved Educational Specifications (Ed Specs), which is a written plan for what the renovated or new middle school should include.

Grade Configurations

At the January 7, 2026 special meeting, BOE members asked the District administration to consider the educational impact of various grade configurations housed within a school. District administration presented a comparative analysis of grade configuration models at the February 2, 2026 general meeting.

Previous Bricks and Mortar Summary

Read the [summary](#) of the December 1, 2025 and January 7, 2026 meetings.

All Campus Revitalization Information Gathered to Date

Visit the [Campus Revitalization](#) section of the District website to see all prior studies, meetings, presentations, and newsletters.

What We Learned at the Meeting

Educational Specifications

SLAM used the Ed Specs to guide the Phase II investigation and confirmed:

- The number and size of rooms seem appropriate.
- The plan reflects a modern, 21st-century middle school design.

Option 1: Renovate as New

- How Would Renovation Work?
 - Students would stay in the building during three phases of construction.
 - During each phase, certain classrooms would relocate to portable classrooms that remain onsite during the entire project while a part of the building is renovated.
- Renovation Timeline
 - Active construction lasts at least three years.
- Estimated Renovation Cost
 - Total project cost: \$134.5 – \$141.4 million
 - Estimated cost to Weston after state reimbursement: \$118.8 – \$124.5 million

Option 2: Build a New School

- How Would Construction Work?
 - Students stay in the current building during construction.
 - After completion, students move into the new school.
 - The old building is then demolished.
- Construction Timeline
 - Active construction lasts about twenty-two months.
- Estimated New Build Cost
 - Total project cost: \$136.1 – \$143.0 million
 - Estimated cost to Weston after state reimbursement: \$128.0 – \$134.2 million

Additional Notes

- Estimated project costs assume eligibility factor of 0.8049.
 - Eligibility factor determines how much money the state will reimburse.
 - The closer the eligibility factor is to 1.0, the higher the state reimbursement.
 - 0.80 is typical for a school of our size.
- Project costs depend on the schedule. If the project is delayed, construction costs increase over time.

What's Next?

- BOE members should confirm they want to proceed with the Ed Specs.
- BOE members need to share perspectives and recommendations to determine the best path forward for the District and Town.

The BOE Communications Committee will continue to issue summaries of the special meetings on this topic. You can also watch our next special meeting on March 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm [here](#) or find the link in the District Calendar at www.westonps.org.