



Communication Committee Meeting
Friday, September 4, 2026
9:00 AM
Zoom Webinar

- I. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum
- II. Approval of minutes: June 26, 2026 Communication Committee Meeting
- III. Board of Education Meetings
- IV. Weston Middle School Project Communication Outreach
- V. Bricks and Mortar Updates
- VI. Website
- VII. The next scheduled meeting of the Communication Committee: October 2, 2026, 9:00 AM, via Zoom.
- VIII. Adjournment



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Absent: Sharon Ferraro, **Present:** David Felton, Nicole Wallach. Present: 2, Absent: 1. **Present:** Sharon Ferraro. Present: 3. **Absent:** Sharon Ferraro. Present: 2, Absent: 1.

I. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 AM

Additional Attendees:

None

Move that the June 5, 2026 Communication Committee meeting is hereby called to order. Unseconded with a motion by Felton, David.

Sharon Ferraro joined the meeting at 9:28 AM.

II. Approval of minutes from the June 18, 2026 Communication Committee Meeting.

The minutes were approved as presented.

Move that the minutes of the June 18, 2026 meeting were presented for review. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented Carried with a motion by Wallach, Nicole and a second by Felton, David.

David Felton: Yea, Nicole Wallach: Yea

Yea: 2, Nay: 0

III. Discussion: Bricks and Mortar communication

The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft Bricks and Mortar communication following recent facilities-related meetings, including the June 17 Tri-Board meeting.

Discussion included whether to add more detail on state reimbursement for school construction projects. A discussion took place regarding automatic reimbursement, and that the

District may need to make an argument or seek special consideration for a higher reimbursement rate. Nicole Wallach explained that prior Bricks and Mortar communications had described reimbursement as estimated or "up to" certain amounts, rather than presenting reimbursement percentages as guaranteed. The Committee agreed to avoid adding overly technical or potentially uncertain information about reimbursement, particularly where the details had come from Board of Finance discussion rather than a formal Board of Education presentation.

The Committee also discussed how to describe the "little r" renovation option, meaning a traditional renovation rather than a "renovate as new" project. Sharon Ferraro suggested defining "little r" earlier in the document so that readers encountering the term for the first time would understand it. The Committee also discussed revising language regarding reimbursement for "little r" projects to avoid giving the impression that 30-40% of the total project cost would necessarily be reimbursed by the state. The Committee generally agreed that broader language would be clearer, for example, by noting that most projects under a traditional renovation approach would not be reimbursable by the state.

The Committee discussed whether to include additional context regarding the Board of Education's prior consideration of three-school versus four-school configurations. Sharon Ferraro suggested referencing the Board's prior vote in December 2024 to move forward with a four-building configuration so that community members would have a timeframe for additional research. David Felton expressed concern about including too much detail or appearing to cherry-pick one portion of the Tri-Board discussion. The Committee discussed whether to keep the reference general or include the December 2024 context. The Committee ultimately agreed to flag the question for review by Erica Forti and Deb, including whether the December 2024 reference should remain in the final version.

The Committee also discussed the "What's Next" section of the draft communication. Members discussed whether to include language indicating that work would continue over the summer, including the possibility of forming an advisory or working group. Nicole Wallach expressed concern about including details that could be interpreted as speaking for the Board of Finance or committing another board to a timeline. The Committee discussed keeping the language broad while still communicating that work would continue.

The Committee agreed that the draft was well-prepared and that the revised version should be shared with Erica Forti and Debbie Low for review before publication.

IV. **The next scheduled meeting of the Communication Committee is September 4, 2026.**

V. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM.

Move that the June 18, 2026 Communication Committee meeting be adjourned. Unseconded with a motion by Felton, David.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodi Sacchetta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jodi Sacchetta