



Communication Committee Meeting
Friday, October 2, 2026
9:00 AM
Zoom Webinar

- I. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum
- II. Approval of minutes: September 4, 2026 Communication Committee Meeting.
- III. Discussion on Bricks and Mortar Newsletter: Tri-Board Meeting
- IV. The next scheduled meeting of the Communication Committee: November 6, 2026, 9:00 AM, via Zoom.
- V. Adjournment



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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 9:03 AM

II. Approval of minutes: June 26, 2026 Communication Committee Meeting

Move that the minutes of the 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 Ferraro, Sharon.

David Felton: Yea, Sharon Ferraro: Yea, Nicole Wallach: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0

III. Board of Education Meetings

The next meeting at which a facilities-related discussion is expected is the Tri-Board meeting on September 24, 2026, which will be held remotely and is expected to begin at approximately 6:00 PM.

IV. Weston Middle School Project Communication Outreach

The Committee resumed discussion of community outreach efforts, which had paused over the summer. Members reviewed the community groups previously identified for outreach: the Senior Center, the Weston Women's League, the Weston League of Women Voters, PTOs and Kiwanis.

V. Bricks and Mortar Updates

The Committee had no updates to report. One facilities working-committee meeting occurred over the summer but did not produce material for broad public interest. The Committee agreed that future Bricks and Mortar updates will continue to follow the prior approach: summarizing developments from the Board of Education's perspective rather than recapping the full underlying meeting.

VI. Website

The website has been functioning well, with strong traffic and no complaints received.

**VII. The next scheduled meeting of the Communication Committee:
October 2, 2026, 9:00 AM, via Zoom.**

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Move that the September 4, 2026 Communication Committee meeting be adjourned. Carried with a motion by Ferraro, Sharon and a second by Wallach, Nicole.

David Felton: Yea, Sharon Ferraro: Yea, Nicole Wallach: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0

Respectfully submitted by:



Jodi Sacchetta, Board Clerk

Bricks and Mortar Update: Tri-Board Meeting, September 24, 2026

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

Background

On September 24, 2026, the Board of Selectmen (BOS) held a Tri-Board meeting with the Board of Finance (BOF) and the BOE to continue discussing the BOE's recommendation to build a new middle school. To learn more, you can view meeting materials [here](#).

Where We've Been So Far

The BOE held special monthly meetings from December 2025 until May 2026 to plan how to update Weston Public Schools' campus. At the March 30, 2026 meeting, the BOE voted to recommend that the BOS and BOF consider building a new Weston Middle School.

The Tri-Board first met on June 17, 2026. At the meeting, the BOE summarized their recommendation to build a new middle school (total estimated project cost: \$121.3 – \$127.6 million), including the design, state funding, and the Town's role. The Board of Finance presented their financial analysis that compared the tax impact of building a new middle school versus a "Little r" renovation of the existing middle school (total estimated project cost: \$100.4 million).

During the summer, an advisory group consisting of Tri-Board members met to consider next steps such as funding, timeline, and community engagement to build a new middle school.

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

What We Learned at the Meeting

The BOF revisited the findings they presented at the June 17, 2026 Tri-Board meeting and analysed their modeling assumptions in greater detail.

First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor summarized what the Tri-Board advisory discussed during the summer and presented a draft project schedule that anticipates a November 2027 referendum vote.

School construction experts Colliers shared details about grant application deadlines and project timing, assuming a November 2027 referendum vote. Colliers also shared pricing and considerations for a proceeding with a three-school campus.

- Total current estimated project cost: \$115 million
- Colliers' conceptual budget is based on Silver Petrucelli's 2017 [Facility Condition Assessment \(FCA\)](#) and 2019 renovation scope and design.
- This option would place grades pre-K to 5 at Hurlbutt, grades 6-8 at WIS, and grades 9-12 at WHS
- Hurlbutt would have more than 1,000 students.

- WIS would need to be structurally converted into a middle school because it was designed as an elementary school and middle school buildings have different requirements.
- The estimate included the most urgent improvements only and did not include certain additional but necessary costs.
- The State will not reimburse this option.

The BOE chair recommended that the BOF authorize funds for the Town to hire a consultant to help the Town get the highest possible state reimbursement for the project, which would reduce the cost to Town residents.

What's Next?

First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor recommended holding further Tri-Board meetings and developing a communications plan to share details about the project with Town residents.