

West Valley School District #208
Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee
Tues, June 9, 2025
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm and Dr. Finch welcomed the committee members.

Dr. Finch reviewed progress to date with the identification of priorities by the committee for Ahtanum Valley, Mountainview and the Mid-Level Campus, as well as the charge from the School Board to consider elements of the plan that could be met with funds remaining from the existing Capital Projects bond and matching funds.

Phil Crocker from Teater-Crocker and David Beaudine from Turner and Townsend Heery walked the committee through a package of the elements that the committee had identified as priorities in the previous meetings.

The committee asked questions and discussed aspects of the defined projects, the timeline, the costs and the anticipated board presentation.

Discussion of state match funding included a unique situation where for three days in November 2025 the district would be eligible for up to an additional \$11 million if the total project cost could support that amount of match. After those dates, the district's eligibility for K-8 schools state match would be up to \$56 million at the current match rate, depending on total project costs.

The committee agreed in a consensus vote that the projects described should be brought forward to the school board as a recommendation for a bond request, along with relevant information related to state match eligibility and timing opportunities.

The committee asked for several clarifications and descriptive items be included in the board presentation including:

- Addressing updating the bathrooms at the Jr. High as it would still be used by students for 3-4 years during construction.
- For project elements that could be addressed with current bond funds, note which ones on the list have already been approved by the School Board.
- Clarify that the \$6 million demolition and parking lot construction at the existing administration site is new construction, will be completed at the end of the projects, and is dependent on the other projects being completed. Also clarify what existing buildings at the admin site will be demolished and where the functions that are currently housed in those locations will be relocated.
- Include a timeline showing all projects and their place on the timeline as well as any dependencies and each projects cost identified by local funds and matching funds.
- Include a graphic demonstrating how the tax rate will be maintained even with the addition of the new bond. Include indications of local funds and match funds. Include 20 year and 25 year options.
- Rename the Middle School Addition as something more descriptive of the actual project.

The committee also requested that the School Board be presented with multiple options related to the use of existing bond funds for items prioritized by the committee in the long-range facility plan.

Phil and David thanked the committee for their time and shared that they were impressed with the careful use of data and program information to define priorities and make facility recommendations.

The following community members were identified to present to the School Board on Tues, July 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the HS Library: Tara Cobia and Tony Farina.

Peter thanked the volunteer presenters for offering to present to the School Board and he encouraged all committee members to attend the School Board meeting if they were available.

Phil and David said that they would be able to have a draft completed of the updated Long-Range Facilities Plan prior to the School Board meeting so that committee members could review the plan and provide feedback.

Dr. Finch thanked the committee members and the consultants for their participation in the process throughout the school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.