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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Working Meeting - Monday, August 25, 2025 - 4:05 PM
Creekside
16000 41st Ave N.
Plymouth, MN 55446

Minutes of Work Session Meeting

A Work Session Meeting of the Board of Education of Wayzata Public Schools was held Monday, August 25, 2025, beginning at 4:05 PM in the Creekside 16000 41st Ave N. Plymouth, MN 55446.

1. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

A. Finance and Operation Reports

1. Update on Facilities (75 minutes)

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B. School Board Reports

1. Community Relations Committee Report (30 minutes)

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Facilities Update

School Board Work Session
August 25, 2025

Facilities Update - Overview of Summer

SLT has been having focused meetings over the course of summer 2025 to study enrollment projections, review available building capacity, and evaluate needs across all of the facilities of Wayzata Public Schools. Wold and Kraus-Anderson have been attending as resources to inform building solutions and recommended budgets / timelines.

Meeting Dates & Focused Agenda Items

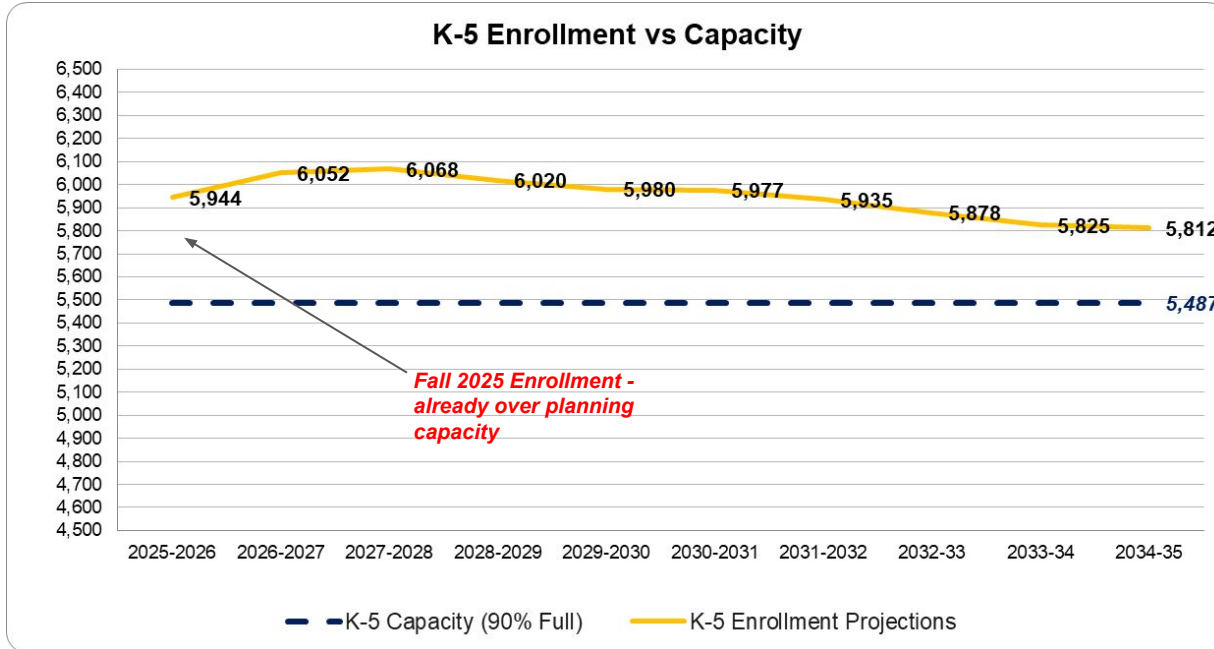
- June 24, 2025 - Review enrollment projections and determine planning targets, recap Community Survey from Spring 2025
- July 15, 2025 - Discuss solutions to address capacity challenges based on enrollment projections and create decision-making model
- July 29, 2025 - Review of solutions ideas to address capacity challenges, consideration of other educational adequacy topics that have been identified
- August 14, 2025 - Evaluation of solutions ideas against decision-making model, early cost estimates review, preparation of Board update & Task Force
- August 26, 2025 - Debrief Board Worksession and preparation for Task Force & upcoming community survey

Capacity and Enrollment

WPS is projected to
exceed available
building capacity at
all grade levels by
2027-2028 school year

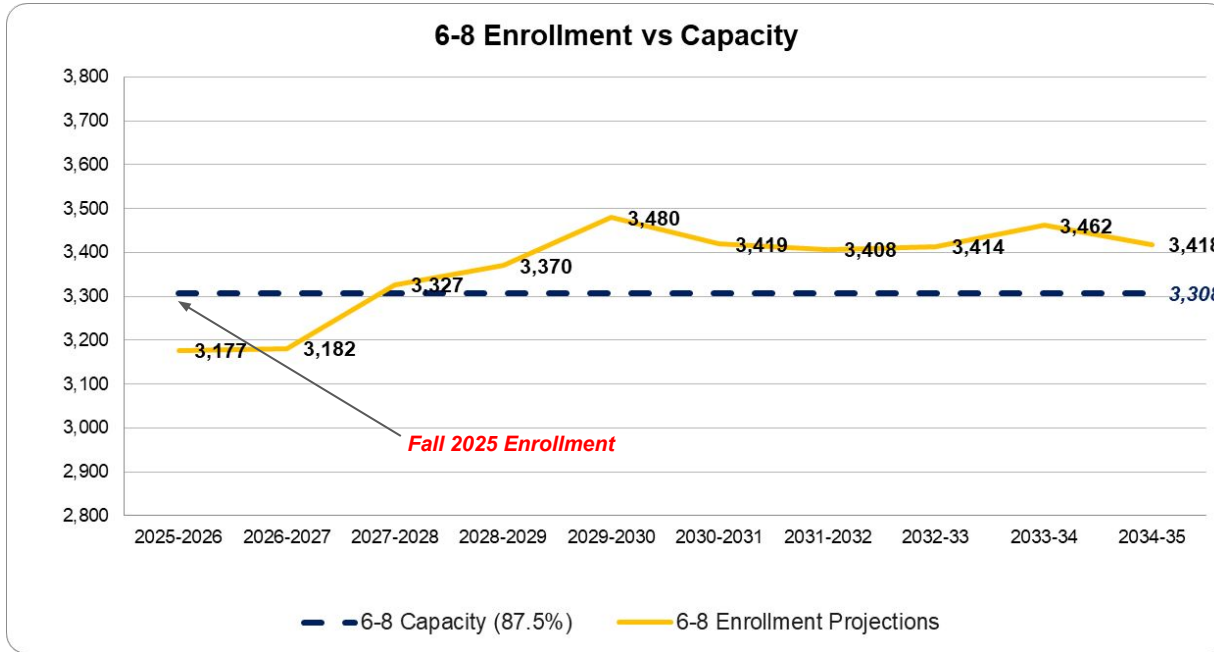
- District has conducted multiple enrollment projection studies and has used an average of all of their findings to plan around
- The District evaluates building capacity annually in collaboration with building principals and leadership

Enrollment vs Capacity - Elementary School Level



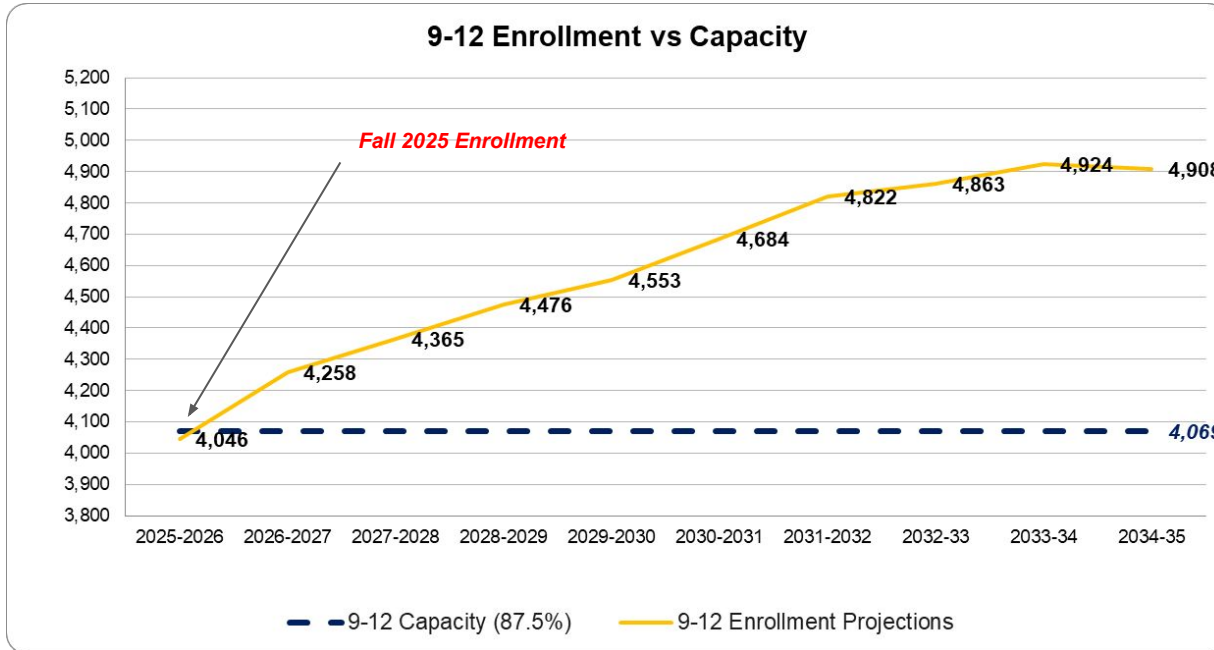
- Districtwide available capacity at 90% use is 5,487 students
- Average of enrollment projections shows K-5 enrollment ranging from 5,812 - 6,068 students
- 6,675 seats needed to support having 10% available capacity for programming and changes

Enrollment vs Capacity - Middle School Level



- Districtwide available capacity at 87.5% use is 3,308 students
- Average of enrollment projections shows 6-8 enrollment ranging from 3,177-3,480 students
- CMS is over recommended maximum size (recommendation would be to reduce student enrollment to around 1,200)

Enrollment vs Capacity - High School Level



- Districtwide available capacity at 87.5% use is 4,069 students
- Average of enrollment projections shows 9-12 enrollment ranging from 4,046 - 4,924 students

Summary of Identified Needs

Needs Under Review

Capacity and Enrollment

- New Elementary School #10
- New MS #4 or expansion of EMS / WMS
- Expansion / Renovations at WHS
- Buildout of classrooms at Early Learning School
- Renovations to support SDC spaces
- Renovations at Elm Creek, Transition, and Creekside

Educational Adequacy and Security

- Security Technology updates District-wide
- Site Safety at Plymouth Creek ES
- Renovations / Additions to have full kitchens at Birchview ES, Greenwood ES, Sunset Hill ES
- Furniture replacement and modernization at all Middle Schools
- Renovation / Addition to right-size kitchen and cafeteria space at EMS
- Athletic / Activities spaces

District-Owned Land



As a growing District, WPS purchased land several years ago anticipating needing to provide additional space for learning. The District owns 86.6 acres between Pinto Dr and Arrowhead Dr just south of Hwy 55.

Traffic studies are in process.

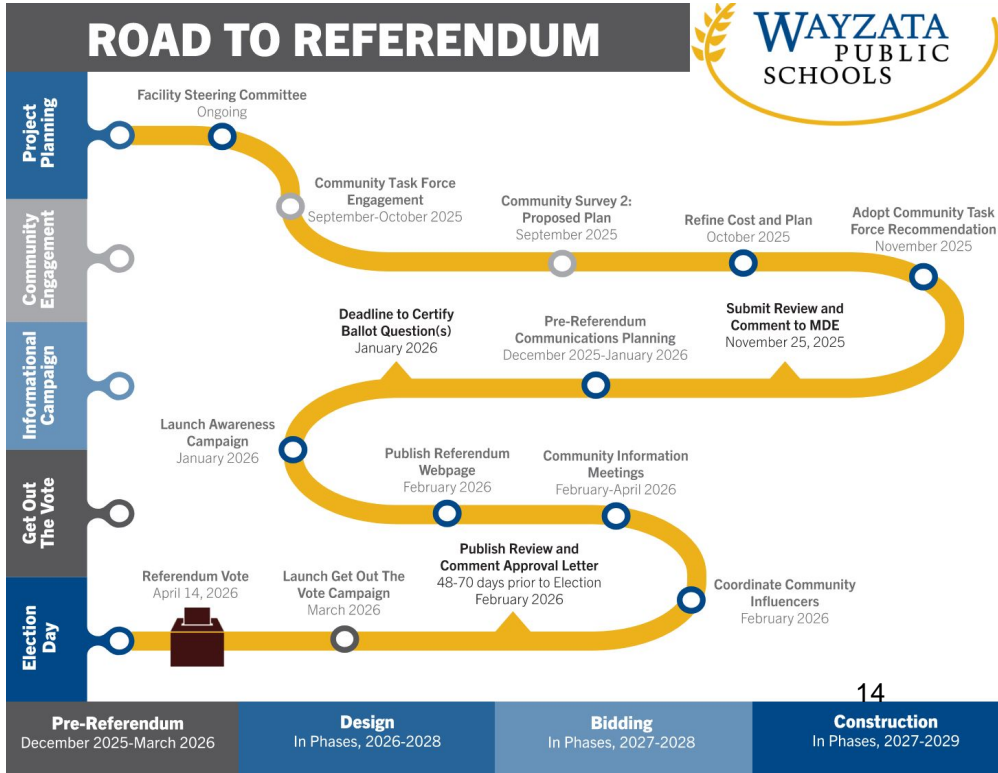
Community Task Force on Facilities

- Convene to review key data and develop a recommendation for the district's future facility needs
- Recommendation will be presented to the Superintendent, then to the Wayzata School Board for approval
- 15–20 members representing a diverse cross-section of district perspectives. Members drawn from:
 - Citizens Finance Advisory Council
 - Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Advisory Committee
 - Community Ed Advisory Council
 - District Liaison Committee
 - Early Learning Parent Advisory Committee
 - Special Education Advisory Council
 - Wayzata Indigenous Advisory Committee

Community Task Force on Facilities

- Meet 3–4 times from mid-September–October 2025
- Goal: Submit recommendation to the Superintendent by late October
- Members will receive background materials and research to guide discussions
- District staff, architect, and construction partners will provide expertise and support

Road to Referendum



- Review & Comment Period by MDE: 120 days = **Board action before submission on November 25, 2025**
- Design and construction would be phased - some projects are dependent on each other, and also to support operations / not having too many sites under construction at once

Upcoming Activities & Next Steps

SLT

- Bi-monthly meetings to prepare for Task Force and upcoming survey
- Study of costs and tax impact

Task Force

- 3-4 meetings this fall to review information and proposed solutions, gather feedback, survey results

School Board

- Updates
- Survey results
- Task Force Recommendation
- Consideration of decision-making timeline

Questions?

School Board Listening Sessions
Feedback and Discussion
August 25, 2025

Background:

The Community Relations Committee met July 18th to talk about the merits of School Board Listening Sessions. After hearing feedback and research from Administration, the Committee is bringing this topic to the full Board for discussion. School Board Listening Sessions are in alignment with Board policies [902](#) and [905](#), and authorized by policy [212](#). This is not a formal proposal, but instead a framework for further School Board engagement with constituents pending Board members' feedback.

School Board Listening Sessions

Purpose: Provide Board and community members the ability to engage on governance issues and grant Board greater understanding of constituent interests.

What: Board member(s) may invite audience opportunity to address the board speakers discussing governance topics to listening session after Work Session.

Why: To accommodate listening-only nature of audience opportunity to address the board and Board's non-attendance of community listening sessions.

Scheduling: Listening Sessions will occur shortly after Work Session has adjourned at time coordinated with speakers.

Attendance and Recording: The meeting will be posted. Board members not asking questions or seeking further understanding will be encouraged to attend. A quorum will not be required. The meeting will be recorded via audio to ensure transparency and accountability. It will not be filmed.

Disclaimer: Community members will be informed the Board's role in Listening Sessions is to ask questions, provide information, and seek further understanding of audience opportunity to address the Board speaker's governance topics. It is not to promise action from the Board or Administration.

Time Limit: Listening Sessions will not exceed 30 minutes.

Feedback

Next Steps