



**VALLEY R-VI BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING & WORK SESSION SUMMARY  
December 14, 2023**

At the work session the Valley R-VI School Board:

**Work Session Items:** [FACILITIES PLAN](#) AND [BOND ISSUE CONSIDERATION](#) (CSIP Goal 2 & 3)

*Discussed financing options shared from LJ Hart on a \$4.75 million bond issue and lease purchase. Reviewed how either option would affect the tax levy. Reviewed timeline to get either on the April 2, 2024 election ballot. Bond Issue would be an \$0.8700 tax levy increase to Fund 3 Debt Service. A Lease Purchase would be a \$0.5500 tax levy increase to Fund 4 Capital Projects.*

*Discussed options for approximately \$4.6 million construction and renovation projects that would improve school safety, security, and student usage of facilities. Possible construction and renovation items are:*

<b>Valley Early Childhood Center</b>	<b>Valley JH/HS</b>
Road connecting campuses	<b>Option Projects</b>
<b>Valley Elementary School</b>	New local room HVAC units
<b>Option Projects</b>	new UV lights for HVAC units
Secure Entrance Vestibule	Electrical service - w/ addition or HVAC system
New local room HVAC units	Office / kitchen & Cafeteria renovation
new UV lights for HVAC units	Library / Media Center & Art Room & Classroom/Storage addition, Ag & Weight Room Renovation
Security access system	Weight room canopy renovation
Acoustical Treatment between classrooms	Security Access System
	Renovation of Gym Stage flooring
	Renovation of Gym Stage Curtains and rigging
	Renovation of Gym Stage lighting & audio visual

*Also discussed long range facility and maintenance plan after the proposed construction/renovation project. This will be included as an agenda item for a vote for possible approval at the 12/19/23 board meeting.*

**SCHOOL CALENDAR (CSIP Goal 6, 9, & 10)** Discussed a draft of a five day school week calendar for SY 24-25. Also discussed the possibility of considering a four day school week calendar for SY 24-25. Reasons: Recruit and Retain high quality teachers and staff, Keep our district competitive in hiring for the future, options for a more consistent calendar for PD days, holidays, etc., research showing that student achievement stays consistent or improves if instructional time stays the same, more opportunities for HS students to work and have internship opportunities on Mondays, more time for students and staff to be with family on Mondays, opportunity for remediation/intervention for students academics and attendance on Mondays, improved attendance on four days of school due to students and staff scheduling appointments on Mondays.

*Board suggested the next step would be to survey our district parents, staff, students, and patrons on the four day school week and present survey data back to the board.*

- Date and time for the **next regular board meeting** on **Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 5:30 p.m.** at the administrative office board room. (Communications CSIP Goal 7)