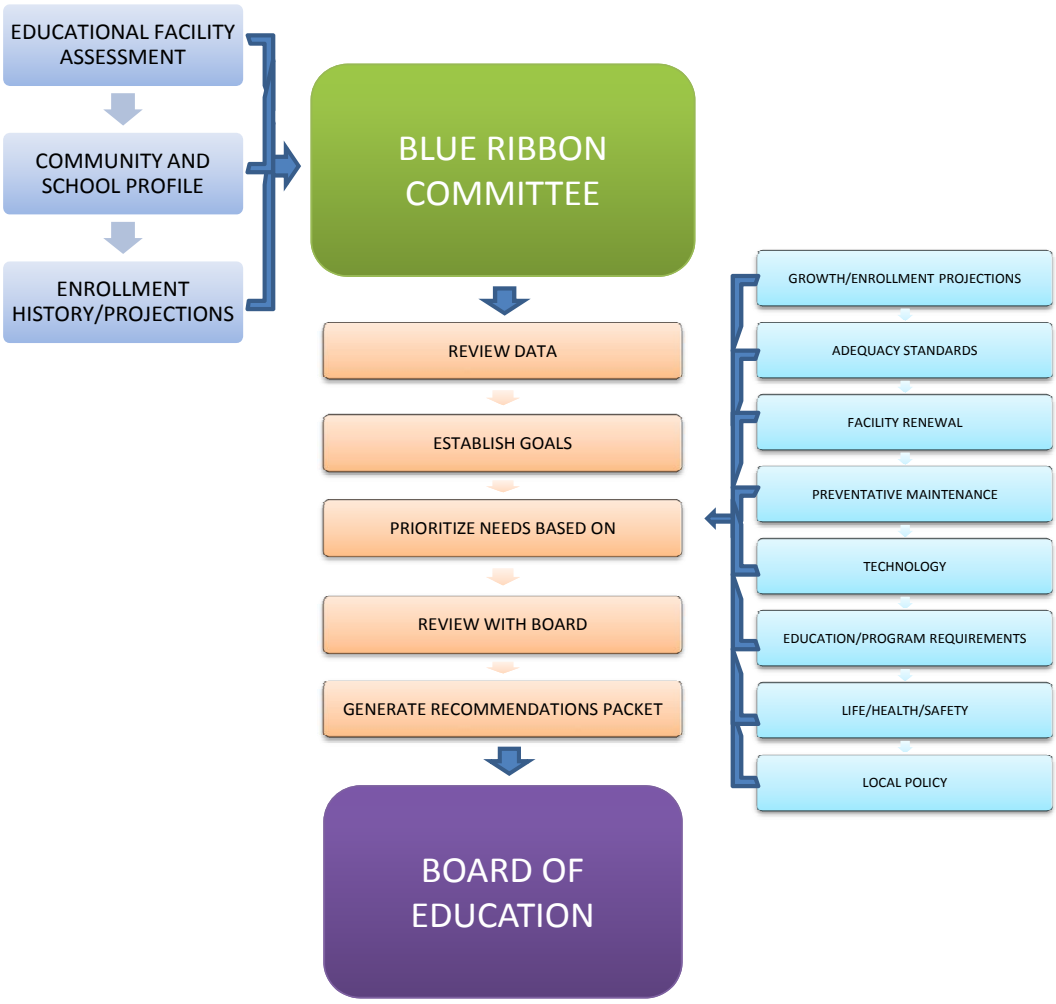
SECTION 3.2

Prioritization Process

PRIORITIZATION PROCESS:

The chart below provides a schematic diagram of the process and the criteria that the Blue Ribbon committee utilized to prioritize the identified needs of the School District.



1. Development of Prioritization Process

The Ruidoso School Board of Education and District Administration worked together to develop the following process to conduct the Facility Study and formulate the Strategic and Facility Master Plan that would address the specific needs of RMSD. A more detailed explanation of the entire process can be found in Section 1.2 of this FMP. The process developed by the School Board gave the responsibility of prioritizing the District's needs and development of a capital plan to address these needs to the Blue Ribbon Committee.

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2. Blue Ribbon Committee Formation

The Blue Ribbon Committee was selected by the School Board and District administration. The committee represented a broad cross-section of school and non-school members of the community. It included District employees, retired District employees, parents and community members from various areas of the District. The committee was entrusted to facilitate the development and implementation of the Facility Master Plan.

3. Blue Ribbon Committee Meetings

The Blue Ribbon Committee met five times throughout the prioritization process from January 2010 to April 2010. All members of the School Board were invited to each Blue Ribbon committee meeting. They were very active participants throughout the process. All five Blue Ribbon committee meetings were open session School Board meetings.

The first Blue Ribbon Committee meeting was to explain the FMP process, discuss roles and responsibilities and develop a schedule. Co-chair persons were selected by the committee at this meeting.

4. Review of Background

Greer Stafford/SJCF, Inc. developed, gathered, reviewed, and summarized data: facility assessments, building information, enrollment projections, and capacity information. The database contained the following data sets:

- Enrollment Projections based on historical enrollment, live birth patterns, and housing.
- Capacity/Utilization
- Financial Information
- Previous Studies
- Facility Data

At the second Blue Ribbon committee meeting, this data was shared with the committee. Details of each school and District facility were reviewed and discussed.

5. Facility Tour

The Blue Ribbon Committee took a school bus tour of all the District's schools. Due to time constraints, the committee only walked through White Mountain Elementary/ Intermediate and Ruidoso High School. Issues at each school were discussed during the tour and the committee members had the opportunity to see first hand the major issues the District is facing.

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6. District Issues/ Concerns and Facility Options

Based on the data collected, input from the facility condition, a survey concerning grade configuration, and other factors, the Blue Ribbon committee began to develop facility options . These options addressed facility issues, educational programmatic needs, and how facilities can best serve the needs of the students.

The committee was concerned with:

- Size of schools - Existing school configuration is based on keeping all students of the same grade level at the same school and at the same time keeping the size of the school relatively small.
- Grade Configuration
- Number of student transfers between schools
- Educational Programs at High School
- Completion of Ruidoso Middle School Site
- Life / Health / Safety and Adequacy Standard Issues at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center and Sierra Vista Primary
- Best use of Sierra Vista Primary and White Mountain Elementary

7. Prioritization of Needs and Recommendations Packet

The committee used the last meeting to prioritize the needs/options, match projects with available funding, create a project time line and develop a recommendations packet to present to the School Board. Due to the identified needs and available funding, the committee broke the priorities into two phases. Phase 1 projects are to be completed during the 2011-2015 GOB cycle and have a probable cost of $14,000,000. Projects recommended for Phase 2 should be reviewed prior to the 2015 GOB election.

8. Recommendations Packet and School Board Presentation

The Blue Ribbon Committee presented the recommendations packet to the School Board. The recommendations packet outlines actions for each of the District's facilities. The actions are presented in phases with priorities showing which facilities should be addressed first and then the subsequent order of remaining facilities. Approximate cost of renovations, additions, replacements, new construction, and other actions are shown for each facility. Refer to Section 4 for the complete Recommendations packet.

The School Board thanked the committee for their due diligence and told the committee that they would spend time reviewing their recommendations. The School Board asked the committee to act as a liaison for the School District.

SCHOOL DISTRICT PRIORITIES:

At the conclusion of the Facilities Master Plan process the Blue Ribbon committee made the following facility related recommendations for Phase 1, 2011 through 2015

to the School Board for Ruidoso Municipal School District:

1	Repay PSCOC for High School Drainage	$ 1,500,000
2	Ruidoso Middle School Site Completion	$ 3,000,000
3	Sierra Vista Primary Roof Replacement & Stucco Repair	$ 1,000,000
4	Horton Roof-gym, library, corridor	$ 700,000
5	Demolish Horton Complex Buildings and create new building entry	$ 900,000
6	High School Science Renovation	$ 3,000,000
7	Horton Stadium Retaining Wall	$ 200,000
8	White Mountain Site Playgrounds	$ 500,000
9	Planning Design of Pre-K-2 and 3-5 Schools	$ 1,000,000
10	District Technology	$ 1,200,000
11	Deferred Maintenance Projects	$ 1,000,000
	TOTAL PHASE 1 PROJECTS:	$14,000,000

FINANCIAL STRATEGIES AND ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

The identified capital needs and priorities have been developed to assist Ruidoso Municipal School District to obtain funding through available sources. The identified needs far exceed the existing and anticipated funding available to the District within the next five years. RMSD is in the process of establishing a regular bonding cycle every four years. The next anticipated GOB election could be held in February, 2011 and then again in 2015. RMSD will also allocate some of its SB-9 funds to address District priorities.

The District has requested and received emergency funds from PSCOC to address the drainage issues at the High School. Repayment of these funds will be from the 2011 GOB. The District will direct funds to Nob Hill Early Childhood Center as necessary to make certain that the facilities are safe for occupation. The District will use the next four years to determine the best use of Sierra Vista Primary and White Mountain Elementary to meet the new grade configurations recommended by the Blue Ribbon committee. Refer to Section 3.3 for more detailed information of the capital plan.

RMSD will work with PSFA and PSCOC to obtain State funding as it becomes available for the Early Childhood Center project. The State's participation is approximately 30% of approved projects and the District's participation is approximately 70%. RMSD will also seek grant funds as the opportunity arises and projects align with grant criteria.

Due to current economic conditions, the District realizes that any funds not already secured for these projects may be slow in coming and the anticipated project time line may need to be adjusted.