

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
March 25, 2024

The Board of Education of the School District of Papillion La Vista, in the County of Sarpy, in the State of Nebraska, met in open and public session at 6:00p.m., Monday, March 25, 2024. The meeting was held at the Papillion La Vista Community Schools Administration Office, 420 South Washington Street, Papillion, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was provided in advance by publication in the *Sarpy Times*, March 20, 2024. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Board of Education. Their acknowledgment of receipt of the agenda is maintained at the Papillion La Vista Community Schools Administration Office. The proceedings, hereafter shown, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Call to Order

Board President Marcus Madler called the meeting to order and publicly stated a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is posted at the entrance to the Board Room. Mr. Madler led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were: Ms. Valerie Fisher, Ms. SuAnn Witt, Mr. Skip Bailey, Ms. Lisa Wood, Mr. Brian Lodes, and Mr. Marcus Madler.

Military Advisory

Colonel Patrick J. Kolesiak shared the monthly Offutt Air Force Base updates. The month of April is designated as the Month of The Military Child. On April 11 the Governor will sign a proclamation at the State Capitol recognizing the month of April as the month of The Military Child. On April 15 the students are asked to wear the color purple for the military families. The 100th anniversary of Offutt Air Force Base will be held May 10, 2024. The 2024 airshow is also in the planning stages and will be held August 24 and 25th. The Colonel thanked Dr. Christopher Villerreal for his guidance in the lockdown procedure that took place to help the families and base personal in case of an emergency. The budget has passed, and normal operations are in place for military activities.

Recognition

National Merit Finalists: Ms. Haley Walts from PLSHS and Ms. Analise Erlbacher from PLHS were recognized. The PLSHS Girls Powerlifting were the NE State Champions. Ms. Brette Paul from PLSHS was an individual state champion.

Student Council Report

Ms. Gigi Sedlack and Ms. Kamryn Exner, representatives from Papillion La Vista South High School, reported for the Student Council. All winter sports have ended, and the spring sports have begun. The boys' bowling team had one state champion, Brennan Heck. The boys' wrestling had eight qualifiers for state and the girls had one. The fine arts theater completed their production of *Shakespeare* in March and will perform the *Beauty and the Beast* May 2-5th. The Jazz band will compete at regionals in Dayton, Ohio. The Student Council just held their 2024/25 elections. The DECA club have 15 students qualify for state competition.

Presentation

The Title 1 Principals – Ami Nichols (La Vista West), Jamie Boyer (G. Stanley Hall), Randy Guthmiller (Parkview Heights), Seth Hiveley (Carriage Hill), and Jen Noble (Golden Hills) presented on Improving Student Attendance and Intentionality to the Board. The Title I Array schools have prioritized the importance of consistent attendance. It enhances learning and collaboration, as active participation contributes to a more engaged and dynamic environment. The principals provided the data statistics starting from 2020 through February 2024 on the importance of attendance during the school year.

Communication

Public testifiers who addressed the Board: Ms. Erin Jones, Mr. Darrell E. Lechner Jr., Mr. Michael Kuechenmeister, and Mr. Mike Erdman.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report of highlights and activities. Dr. Rikli thanked the community for attending the meeting and the community members that are watching the meeting on YouTube.

Spring Break is over, and this week is short due to the holiday. Staff return on Monday for a Staff Development Day.

Dr. Rikli and other Metro area Superintendents have been meeting with Governor Pillen. The Governor's budget aide was able to attend last week's meeting. The Governor's Aide provided a briefing on the LB 753: ballot initiative bill.

Monthly Dr. Rikli recognizes two staff employees, one Certified and one Classified, as the Gratitude recognition employees of the month. Students, parents, community members, and staff have the opportunity to recognize staff to share why they are grateful for them.

Dr. Rikli notified the Board that Portal Principal, Mikaela Vobejda, will be resigning her position to work at another school district.

The Community Closet will host the last school year event on April 20 from 10:00-12:00 at La Vista Middle School. Since the Closet had opened the district have provided over 62,000 items to over 2,200 families that are in need.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9 instead of Monday, April 8.

Board Comments

Ms. Witt attended a Liaison Lunch at Rumsey Station.

Ms. Wood attended a Liaison Lunch at Prairie Queen.

Mr. Bailey commented on how nice both the high school baseball fields look with the new backdrops and field turf. Mr. Richards was thanked for his work.

Mr. Madler attended a Liaison Lunch at La Vista West.

Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had not met.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Ms. Witt reported the committee had not met.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Ms. Wood reported the committee had met. Agenda items included the Technology audit, ESSER Funding, AQuest ratings, and the new curriculum that will be adopted for the 2024/25 school year.

Action Items

A motion was made by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the Action by Consent Items: The meeting agenda, finance, out of state travel, personnel items, the Board meeting minutes of March 11, 2024, and American Civics Curriculum Hearing minutes of February 12, 2024. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Bailey, Wood, Lodes, Madler, and Fisher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

March is designated as the month for review of *Series 3000 – Business Services* board policies. Board members were asked to review the policy series as posted on the district website. Two proposed policy changes: #3002 and #3307. Mr. Richards will bring these two items back for action at the April 9 meeting of the Board.

Mr. Brett Richards, Assistant Superintendent of Business, gave the Board an update on the legislative session. Currently there are several bills that the district is following, including LB1416, LB1371, and LB1316. April 18 is Sun Say Day (last day) for the session.

Mr. Richards shared the 2024 Energy Service Company (ESCO) projects. In June of 2021, the district contracted with Facility Advocates as the district energy services company (ESCO) to aid in the identification, development, and implementation of energy and resource conservation projects within the district to manage building related costs. It was noted at that time potential projects would be evaluated by the district and brought to the Board for approval. The district has evaluated additional potential projects and selected the following 2024 projects for board consideration: LaVista West Elementary- Boiler replacement -\$275,000, Golden Hills Elementary – Boiler replacement - \$395,000, Papillon La Vista South – Replacement Chillers (2) -\$1,125,000, Monarch High School – Replacement of Roof Top Unit (pool) - \$925,000, Liberty Elementary- ERV Replacement - \$415,000. The project cost identified is the guaranteed maximum price. The district, in partnership with Facility Advocates, will work to lower the actual costs of these projects. The projects will be paid from Special Building Fund dollars.

Board President Madler reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Madler adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm.

SuAnn Witt, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
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