

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
April 9, 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., Tuesday, April 9, 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*, April 3, 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. SuAnn Witt, Mr. Skip Bailey, Ms. Lisa Wood, Mr. Brian Lodes, Mr. Marcus Madler, and Ms. Valerie Fisher.

Student Council Report

Ms. Dayanara Lopez Torres and Ms. Nova Degbe, representatives from Papillion La Vista High School, reported for the Student Council. All spring sports are in progress including boys' and girls' soccer, baseball, golf, tennis, and track. The Prom will be held on April 20 at the Beardmore Event Center. The Student Council read to the elementary students and will be attending the Greater than One District summit in Lincoln. The fine arts theater completed the production of the *Addams Family*. The school's annual craft fair will be held April 13. The school's largest fundraiser, Monarch Backer Night, was held on April 6 with all proceeds going to student activities. The Senior Honor Night will be held on May 6 and Commencement will be held on May 12 at Baxter Arena.

Communication

Public testifiers who addressed the Board: 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.

Dr. Rikli recognized the DECA State Champions from PLHS and PLSHS. Two students qualified as individual winners, Vincent Timberlake from PLHS and Zaidah Lightener from PLSHS. PLSHS had two teams qualify, Agau Bol, Emily Cortes, Jacob Hippe, and Logan Deyke. All students have qualified to attend the Nationals in Anaheim, California.

Dr. Rikli clarified his correction to the travel report for the professional conference he will attend on April 28-May 1, 2024.

Board members SuAnn Witt, Brian Lodes, and Marcus Madler traveled to New Orleans with Dr. Rikli to attend the NSBA school board conference.

All the Advisory Councils are finalizing the last meetings of the school year. Discussion being held on the Technology Audit.

The Community Closet will host the last school year event on April 20 from 10:00-12:00 at La Vista Middle School.

The legislative is on day 57 with 4 days remaining until Sun Say.

May 12 is Commencement at Baxter Arena. The PLHS will walk at 1:00pm and PLSHS will walk at 5:00pm.

Tuesday, May 14 is the primary. Dr. Rikli asked everyone to take time to vote.

Board Comments

Ms. Witt, Mr. Lodes, and Mr. Madler all gave an update on the NSBA conference in New Orleans.

Mr. Bailey attended the Foundation's Grant selection meeting for staff. This will be the last awards given for the year. On August 24th the Foundation will host the Gala, so please sign up for this wonderful event.

Mr. Madler suggested that Board members take a self-assessment during an upcoming board retreat.

Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had not met.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Ms. Witt reported the committee had met. Agenda items included nurse openings, open enrollment, negotiations, staff survey, the Para to Teacher program, and Admin salaries.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Ms. Fisher reported the committee had not met.

Action Items

A motion was made by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the Action by Consent Items: The meeting agenda, bills, out of state travel, personnel items, the Board meeting minutes of March 25, 2024. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Bailey, Wood, Lodes, Madler, Fisher, and Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Fisher to approve the Policy 3000 Series – Business Services review and proposed changes to Policy 3307. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Wood, Lodes, Madler, Fisher, Witt, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Fisher to (1) approve the guaranteed maximum price for each of the five infrastructure projects for La Vista West, Golden Hills, Papillion La Vista South HS, Papillion La Vista HS, and Liberty Middle School as presented and (2) to delegate authority to and authorize, approve the President of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services or a designee for the school district to sign, execute and deliver such construction contract, sign and approve any change orders, retain necessary professionals for assistance, pay the contract price, change order increases, and expenses related to the construction project and site preparation work and take all other action necessary to complete any requirements or obligations under the construction project and contract. Mr. Lodes thanked Mr. Richards for the advanced work on the building projects. There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Madler, Fisher, Witt, Bailey, and Wood. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Mr. Lucas Bingham, Director of Technology, shared that the student Chromebook review and purchase process will continue to be an annual task to maintain and cycle the district's secondary 1:1 Chromebook device fleet. The Technology Department anticipates bringing back a purchase recommendation for approval at the April 22, 2024, board meeting. The goal is to issue a purchase order to acquire this hardware in time to receive and prepare these devices for deployment at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year.

Ms. Shureen Seery, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, gave the Board an update on the 2024 English Language Arts Purchase. Over the past year the district has worked through the Toolbox process on developing a new English Language Arts curriculum that aligns to the current Nebraska ELA Standards. As part of that process, education resources have been identified, vetted, and piloted to ensure the best selection of resource materials for the curriculum. The materials purchased for ELA in grades K-6 will be used with the curriculum over the next seven years. The amount of this purchase is \$ 1,824,000.00 divided between two companies Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (6, 7, 8) and Amplify (K-5).

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.

April is designated as the month for review of *Series 4000 – Personnel* board policies. Board members were asked to review the policy series as posted on the district website. Based upon the review of this policy, if there would be recommended revisions, discussion would be held at the April 22, 2024, board meeting. Any changes would be acted at the May 13, 2024, meeting of the Board.

Board President Madler reviewed the future board calendar.
Board President Madler adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm.

SuAnn Witt, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
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