

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
February 12, 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 6:00 p.m., Monday, February 12, 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*, February 7, 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. All board members were present: Ms. Lisa Wood, Mr. Brian Lodes, Mr. Marcus Madler, Ms. Valerie Fisher, Ms. SuAnn Witt, and Mr. Skip Bailey. There were no comments from the Board or audience.

Communication

There were three public testifiers who addressed the Board, Mr. Darrel E. Lechner Jr., Mr. Aaron Gilliland, and Ms. Lisa Kuechenmeister.

Student Council

Ms. Nova Degbe, representative from Papillion La Vista High School, reported for the Student Council. The school celebrated the Color of Hope February 9th against Millard West raising over \$5,000. All funds raised were donated to the American Cancer Society. The Show Choir and Jazz Band have competed in several competitions and are performing well. The girls' wrestling team had six girls advance to the state tournament and 11 boys are advancing to the state tournament. The Student Council made over 60 blankets for Project Linus. The Dance team competed in Florida at the Nationals. DECA is selling candy grams to raise money for Nationals.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report of highlights and activities he has attended this past month. Dr. Rikli thanked the community for attending the meeting and the community members that are watching the meeting on YouTube. Dr. Rikli thanked Ms. Shureen Seery for her leadership at the January 22 board meeting.

The 108th Legislature session is in day 26 of 60. There were over 596 bills submitted. Mr. Tim Gay will be providing an update to the Board.

There are six declared candidates for the upcoming board positions. Incumbents must have their names submitted by March 1, 2024.

Dr. Rikli has attended several advisory meetings including the Student Advisory. The students were asked to provide their reflection on the district's challenges and strengths.

Dr. Rikli was asked to speak at the NE Chambers Association on Collaborative Paths for Workforce Development in Lincoln.

At the next meeting Coach Bill Lynam and PLSHS's student Brennan Heck will be recognized.

The Monarch vs Titan girls' and boys' basketball game was held on February 9.

Board Comments

Ms. Fisher attended a Liaison Lunch at Patriot Elementary.

Mr. Bailey attended a Liaison Lunch at Ashbury Elementary.

Ms. Wood attended a Liaison Lunch at Liberty Middle School.

Mr. Lodes attended a Liaison Lunch at Portal Elementary and attended the PLSHS open house for incoming Freshman.

Ms. Witt thanked staff for the notes and gratitude cards.

Mr. Madler attended conferences at Tara Heights and thanked the staff for their support.

Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had met. Agenda items will be discussed at this meeting.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Ms. Witt reported the committee had met. Agenda items discussed included staff negotiations and staffing for 2024/25.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Ms. Fisher reported the committee had not met.

Action Items

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Fisher to approve the Action by Consent Items: The meeting agenda, bills, out of state travel and personnel, and the board meeting minutes of January 22, 2024, as presented. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Madler, Fisher, Witt, Bailey, and Wood. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Mr. Bailey to (1) approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$8,058,307 for the Trumble Park renovation and additions 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. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Madler, Fisher, Witt, Bailey, Wood, and Lodes. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Fisher to (1) approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$7,800,451 for the Tara Heights renovation and additions 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. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fisher, Witt, Bailey, Wood, Lodes, and Madler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

The district's lobbyist, Tim Gay from Catalyst Public Affairs provided an ongoing list of bills that the district will be following during the 108th Legislature session. There were 596 bills introduced for 60-day session. Mr. Gay shared that there are 120 Education bills that the district is watching. Mr. Gay invited the Board to attend the sessions. He would set a time when they could meet with different Senators on the different bills of interest.

Mr. Brett Richards, Assistant Superintendent of Business discussed the Papillion La Vista Community Schools and Springfield Platteview Community Schools developed an agreement in December 2015 that would allow a transfer of specified land boundaries into the Papillion La Vista Community Schools District. The transfers require approval by both School Boards and the State Reorganization Committee. There are two transfers being requested at this time. The Reorganization Plans, once approved by both districts, would provide the necessary documents for the State Reorganization Committee to review and make a recommendation on the transfer of the identified property from the Springfield Platteview Community Schools to the Papillion La Vista Community Schools. The first property is approximately 24.417 acres and generally located on the east side of 72nd St. and Schram Road area. The second property is land owned by Papillion La Vista Community Schools that still needs to be transferred to our school district that would potentially be the home for a new high school in the distant future. This land is approximately 86.92 acres, and the district would pay \$1,200 an acre to Springfield Platteview Community Schools for the transfer of land to help pay for loss of taxes from the past. According to our boundary transfer agreement, current land transfers for which the developer pays Springfield Platteview is \$2,459 per acre in 2023-24. The Board will take action on these two items at the February 26 meeting of the Board.

Dr. Kati Settles, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, provided a report on the proposed staffing needs for the 2024-2025 school year. The recommendation from the Administration included increases to the certified staff full time equivalencies (FTEs). Music Certified Teacher @ PLHS – 1.0 FTE. Potential Growth FTEs if needed = 2.0 Special Education and 5.0 General Education. Ms. Fisher appreciated the conservative number requested by Dr. Settles.

Dr. Rikli shared that the Series 2000 Board Policies – Administration is up for annual review. Recommended changes will be discussed at the February 26 board meeting, with possible action at the March 11 meeting. If there are no changes recommended, the Board will acknowledge review of the Series 2000 Board Policies at the February 26 meeting.

Board President Madler reviewed the future board calendar.
Board President Madler adjourned the meeting at 7:35p.m.

SuAnn Witt, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
Board of Education