

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
August 26, 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, August 26, 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*, August 21, 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.

Military Advisory

Colonel Patrick J. Kolesiak shared the monthly Offutt Air Force Base updates. On August 24-25th the airshow took place on the base. Students and families were invited to attend several STEM events. On August 24 and 25 the open house for the base was held. The Impact Aid requests are due this time of year from parents. The Colonel asked that if the forms haven't been returned to please do so. Ms. Liane Yanikov, School Liaison Program Manager, has received orders to move to Kansas City. Ms. Yanikov will be working on a remote status.

Communication

No Public testifiers testified.

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 gave a shout out to the staff that are getting the buildings, rooms, and kitchens ready for the first day of school.

Dr. Rikli congratulated Mr. Brennan Heck, a PLSHS student that was named the Cornhusker State Games Athlete of the Year.

The PLSHS baseball team, known as Gene's Auto titans in the American Legion play, secured the Class A American Legion State Championship under coach Bill Lynam.

The Foundation hosted their annual Back to School Soiree Gala with 350 guests attending at the Beardmore Center.

The Special Session has officially ended with no impact on the school district. Dr. Rikli believes the January session will continue to have discussion on property taxes.

September 9, 2024, the first PLC Community Closet will be held at the La Vista Middle School.

Board Comments

Ms. Witt gave a shout out to all the parents who attended all the schools' open houses.

Ms. Wood also gave a shout out for the schools' drop off and pick up process for each school.

Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had met. Agenda items were the 2024/25 budget and tax parameters.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Ms. Witt reported the committee had met. Agenda items were to review the Policy 8000, student teachers, and a staffing update.
- 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, finance, out of state travel, personnel items, the Board meeting minutes of August 12, 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 (1) approve the construction of the New Elementary School at Granite Creek project as presented with the Guaranteed Maximum Price from Boyd Jones Construction of \$21,363,175 and (2) to delegate authority to and authorize the Superintendent of Schools or Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for the school district to sign, execute and deliver such construction contracts, sign and approve any change orders, pay the contract price and expenses related to the construction projects and take all other action necessary to complete any requirements or obligations under the construction projects and contracts. Mr. Lodes thanked Boyd Jones on their bid selection process. There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Wood, Lodes, Madler, Fisher, Witt, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Ms. Jamie Wietfeld from BCDM architects presented renovation plans for the Papillion Middle School 2023 Bond Project. This presentation included updates to the main entry for better ADA compliance, relocation of the track's straightaway and long jump areas, a new press box and scoreboard for the track, gym renovations, science classroom renovations with new casework configurations, and locker room renovations to improve ADA compliance and privacy.

Mr. Richards presented detailed budget parameters for the 2024/25 fiscal year. He reported a 9.36% valuation increase district-wide and a significant state aid decrease from \$28,672,225 to \$21,653,256. The maximum asking between the special building fund and general fund is \$88,596,784, with a 2.6% budget authority increase to \$165,550,716. An anticipated 1 cent decrease in the overall tax levy was also discussed. Mr. Richards explained the impact of special education funding changes and outlined the budget timeline, including upcoming hearings and adoption dates.

Dr. Settles provided a staff and student enrollment update, reporting an increase of 113 students in elementary, middle, and high school levels. She noted that all classroom teaching positions were filled at the start of the year, with ongoing recruitment for various support staff positions. Dr. Settles described various initiatives to recruit and retain staff, including student teacher programs, staff referral rewards, and para-to-teacher pathways. She also mentioned the implementation of registered behavior technicians (RBTs) to support special education.

Dr. Settles presented minor changes to Policy 8000-Board Organization and Operation. These changes included modifications to Policy 8000 (Philosophy Statement) for consistency and Policy 8411 (Notice of Meetings and Contents of the Agenda) to align with new regulations. Approval will be presented at the September 9 meeting.

Board President Madler reviewed the future board calendar.
Board President Madler adjourned the meeting at 7:07pm.

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