

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS #27
Budget Hearing Proceedings
September 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 6:00 p.m., Monday, September 9, 2024. The Budget Hearing was held at the Papillion La Vista Community School District Administration Office, 420 South Washington Street, Papillion, Nebraska.

Notice of the Budget Hearing was provided in advance by publication in the *Sarpy Times*, September 4, 2024. Notice of the hearing 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. Printed copies of the detailed budget were available to the public at the meeting. The proceedings, hereafter shown, were taken while the convened hearing was open to the attendance of the public.

Call to Order

Board President Marcus Madler called the hearing to order, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and publicly stated a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is posted at the entrance to the Board Room. Board members present at the meeting were: Roll Call was taken: Ms. SuAnn Witt, Ms. Valerie Fisher, Mr. Brian Lodes, Ms. Lisa Wood, Mr. Skip Bailey, and Mr. Marcus Madler.

Budget Hearing

The purpose of the hearing was to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2024-2025 budget and to consider amendments relative thereto.

Mr. Brett Richards, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, reviewed the proposed 2024-2025 budgets for all funds. A breakdown of Funds within a school district budget consists of the General, Depreciation, Bond Fund, Special Building, Activities, School Nutrition, Cooperative, and Student Fees. The General Fund Budget will increase 2.6% overall.

When valuation increases State Aid decreases. There is a 9.4% increase of the valuation due to new commercial properties, residential development, and continued strong home sales in communities. State Aid decreased 8% from the previous year. A 3% property tax cap of overall local and state revenue means a maximum asking of \$88,596,784 total property taxes by law. Mr. Richards commented the district is moving towards being a non-equalized district.

The budget will be voted on at the September 23, 2024, meeting of the Board, and the approved budget will then be submitted to the State and County by September 24, 2024. A Tax Request hearing will be held on September 23, 2024, prior to the regular board meeting. Action on the Tax Request will take place at the October 14, 2024, meeting of the Board.

Ms. Fisher commented on the district moving to becoming an unequalized district and asked if Mr. Richards had any idea as to when he thought the district would transition to unequalized? Mr. Richards commented that 2026 the district would be partially unequalized and fully in 2027.

There being no further discussion or questions, the hearing was adjourned by Board President Madler at 6:24pm.

Ms. SuAnn Witt, Secretary
Board of Education