

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education 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 6:25p.m., Monday, September 9, 2024, following the Budget Hearing. 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*, September 4, 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

Nova Degbe and Maggie Novak, representatives from Papillion La Vista High School, reported for the Student Council. The fall athletic sports season are in full swing. The football team played the Titans on August 30 and won in back-to-back years. Homecoming is on September 21. The marching band has been practicing every morning at 7:00am for their first competition on September 28 in Sioux City. Drama has scheduled the fall performance of *A Wrinkle in Time*.

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.

The annual PLHS vs PLSHS football game was August 30th. The volleyball game was held on September 3. The Titans will have their Homecoming September 14th with the Monarchs' Homecoming September 21.

Dr. Rikli attended a Meet and Greet with Congressman Flood to talk about local school issues that are impacting the community.

Dr. Rikli attended the United Way Campaign Kickoff that hosted Governor Pillen. Dr. Rikli had the opportunity to speak with Governor Pillen about tax relief that was proposed for the state.

The Outdoor Education program has started for all the elementary sixth graders. This program is supported by the PLCS Foundation.

The Community Closet hosted their community event on September 7 at La Vista Middle School. There were over 60 volunteers that helped the 143 families that attended. The next event is scheduled for November 9.

Board Comments

Mr. Bailey volunteered at the Community Closet event and gave a shoutout to the staff and Dr. Rikli in providing the support to our families.

Ms. Wood attended a TeamMates luncheon.

Mr. Lodes attended the PLHS & PLSHS football game. He thanked our police department and the PLV Media for their hard work.

Mr. Madler also attended the annual football game and commented on the service the PLV Media provides to our district.

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 not met.
- 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 26, 2024, and the Policy 8000's. 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.

Discussion/Information Items

Ms. Lois Erickson, Cooperation BEST administrator, shared an overview of the program. Cooperation BEST (Better Educate Students for Tomorrow) started in 1995. Partnerships are mutually beneficial for both the businesses and the school district. Ms. Erickson shared pictures of the partnerships with students throughout the years. This year is the 30th year anniversary of the program.

Dr. Kati Settles provided a staff and student enrollment update, reporting an increase of 86 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.

Ms. Shureen Seery provided information on the transition to the new school accreditation model. All public-school districts must be approved and accredited according to state statute (Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-703). As outlined in Rule 10, Section 009 the approval process happens once every five years. PLCS has been approved and accredited for the last two cycles through Cognia. For the upcoming process, which will occur in January 2025, PLCS will be transitioning to the Nebraska Continuous Improvement Model through NDE. This will be a cost savings to the district, allowing each of our buildings to be evaluated by a team of external Nebraska Educators selected by NDE. The outcomes/recommendations from this process will be used to inform the next round of strategic planning.

Board President Madler reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Madler adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm.

SuAnn Witt, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
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