

**PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27**  
**Board of Education Proceedings**  
**October 14, 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, October 14, 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*, October 9, 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, Ms. Lisa Wood, Mr. Brian Lodes, Mr. Marcus Madler, and Ms. Valerie Fisher.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Wood to approve the absence of Mr. Skip Bailey from the October 14, 2024, board meeting. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Wood, Lodes, Madler, and Fisher. Nays: None. Motioned carried.

Student Council

McKinsey Lathrop and Abigail Bender, representatives from Papillion La Vista South High School, reported for the Student Council. The fall athletic sports season are in full swing. The band has just returned from Minneapolis. The marching band will compete at state on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The production of *All Shook Up* will be the next theater event on November 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. The Student Council hosted the Senior Sunrise event on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The South and Monarch Student Council will be traveling to North Platte on October 26<sup>th</sup> to collaborate with other student councils around Nebraska.

Communication

No Public testifiers testified.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Shureen Seery provided a report of highlights and activities for Dr. Rikli in his absence. Ms. Seery thanked the community for attending the meeting and the community members that are watching the meeting on YouTube.

The end of the first quarter was last week and parent teacher conferences are taking place in all buildings. Congressman Flood visited both our high schools the week on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Seery thanked both Mr. Ryan and Mr. Spilker for their leadership in hosting the Congressman.

Governor Pillen has invited Dr. Rikli and a few additional Superintendents to meet in Lincoln this week to discuss school finances.

Congratulations to Ms. Valerie Fisher for achieving the NASB (Nebraska Association of School Boards) Level 10 Award of Achievement.

Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> was a Professional Development Day for all staff. The first Para Conference for the school year was held today also.

### Board Comments

Ms. Fisher, Ms. Witt, and Ms. Wood attended the NASB Labor Relations conference in Lincoln.

Ms. Wood attended a Liaison Lunch at La Vista Middle School, the PLHS Senior Night softball game, the TeamMates meeting, and the Para Conference.

Ms. Witt attended the NASB Area Membership Conference, a Liaison Lunch at Anderson Grove, and the PLHS home football game.

Mr. Lodes also attended the Area Membership Conference. He also thanked the staff for their preparation during school conferences. Mr. Lodes attended the middle school state Cross Country meet.

### Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had met. Agenda items were the project updates, irrigation projects, audit, and legislation.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Ms. Witt reported the committee had not met.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Ms. Fisher reported the committee had met. Agenda items discussed were Policy 6405, academic performance data, title allocations, Learning Community, and the summary for IDEAL program.

### Action Items

A motion was made by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Lodes to approve the Action by Consent Items: The meeting agenda, bills, out of state travel, personnel items, the Board meeting minutes of September 23, 2024. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Wood, Lodes, Madler, Fisher, and Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Wood to approve the attached Tax Request Resolution for 2024-25 school year as presented.

Fund	Tax Request Amount	
General Fund	\$86,996,784	tax levy \$0.910536
Bond #4	\$3,615,018	tax levy \$0.039059
Bond #5	\$4,022,838	tax levy \$0.043465
Bond #6	\$7,398,374	tax levy \$0.078260
Bond #7	\$3,397,875	tax levy \$0.035585
Building Fund	\$1,600,000	tax levy \$0.016746
Total	\$100,214,600	tax levy \$1.123651

There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Madler, Fisher, Witt, and Wood. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Witt to (1) approve the lump sum bid of \$132,646 from Quality Irrigation to install sprinkler systems at the four elementary schools listed above and (2) delegates authority to and authorizes, approves and directs 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 order increases or decreases, retain necessary professionals for assistance, 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, Wood, and Lodes. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Witt and seconded by Ms. Fisher to approve the Option Enrollment Resolution for 2025-26 school year. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fisher, Witt, Wood, Lodes, and Madler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Witt and seconded by Ms. Wood to deny the request for release of contract for Megan Nebel and Westley Vance for the reason of not fulfilling contractual obligations. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Wood, Lodes, Madler, and Fisher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

#### Discussion/Information Items

Mr. Brett Richards shared the district will request the second installment of funding to facilitate the continued improvement projects for the 2023 bond projects. Mr. Cody Wickham from DA Davidson provided insight into the district's current bonds and the tax levy. Mr. Wickham will attend a future board meeting to provide the proposed tax levy and paperwork.

Dr. Christopher Villarreal, Director of Communications, provided an overview of the staff communication survey results with the Board. The survey was conducted in April/May and included 734 staff responses. The survey results will be used to develop an updated communication plan and action steps. The survey overview included information about how staff receive the information from the district, what information they want to receive, the climate of the district, specific areas of interest, the District's App, social media, parent teacher conferences, and the district's software Blackboard. The strengths and concerns from the staff were also shared.

Board President Madler reviewed the future board calendar.  
Board President Madler adjourned the meeting at 7:09pm.

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