

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
November 11, 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, November 11, 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*, November 6, 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: Mr. Skip Bailey, Ms. Lisa Wood, Mr. Brian Lodes, Mr. Marcus Madler, Ms. Valerie Fisher, and Ms. SuAnn Witt.

Student Council

Nova Degbe and Maggie Novak, representatives from Papillion La Vista High School, reported for the Student Council. The fall athletic sports season is finishing up and winter sports have started. Ms. Avery Wolfe was awarded the NSAA (Nebraska School Activities Association) Believers and Achievers State Winner. The fall production of *A Wrinkle in Time* was a wonderful performance. The marching band received a Superior rating at the state competition. Former player Gina Mancuso was selected into the NSAA Hall of Fame. The Student Council won an Outstanding Student Council award during the state convention. PLHS's Journalism was awarded the Cornhusker award for the Scepter magazine and the Monarch Yearbook.

Communication

No Public testifiers testified.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Andy 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 thanked all the Veterans and active members of the service for the service. He attended several school events that were celebrating our military veterans.

He thanked all the staff and law enforcement for their outstanding response on Halloween day when Liberty Middle School and Central Office received a threat.

Dr. Rikli congratulated PLSHS for the Diamond School Safety Badge award that they received. This award is for the school's commitment and excellence in safety planning.

Both PLHS and PLSHS Journalism programs were awarded the Cornhusker awards.

The Student Advisory council met for a discussion related to the District's Crisis process.

Dr. Rikli met again with Governor Pillen and his staff to visit about finances.

PLSHS Girls' Volleyball has won the State Championship.

Board Comments

Ms. Witt attended a Liaison Lunch at Papillion Middle School.

Ms. Wood attended a Liaison Lunch at Tara Heights. She also attended the Veteran's Day celebration at Hickory Hill.

Mr. Lodes attended a Liaison Lunch at G. Stanley Hall.

Mr. Bailey attended the Hickory Hill Veteran's Day celebration and was asked to speak at the Patriot Veteran's Day celebration.

Mr. Madler informed the Board that the annual Superintendent Evaluation survey will be conducted this week.

Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had met. Agenda items included the project updates, timeline for the boundary proposal, audit, negotiations, and the GPS for the busses.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Ms. Witt reported the committee had met. Discussion was on the 2025/26 school calendar.
- 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. Wood to approve the Action by Consent Items: The meeting agenda, bills, out of state travel, personnel items, the Board meeting minutes of October 28, 2024. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Wood, Lodes, Madler, Fisher, Witt, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Witt and seconded by Ms. Fisher to cancel the contracts of Megan Nebel and Westley Vance for the reason of not fulfilling contractual obligations. Mr. Bailey asked Dr. Settles about the Dept of Educations action process. Dr. Settles replied that it depends on each situation. Mr. Madler confirmed that this is the first time the district has done this. Dr. Settles confirmed that the district will normally work with staff to find an answer prior to moving to this outcome. There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Madler, Fisher, Witt, and Wood. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Dr. Rikli provided a recap on the 2024 Board election. He thanked all candidates who ran. Mr. Marcus Madler and Mr. Skip Bailey were reelected, and Ms. Elizabeth Butler will be the new Board member. Ms. Butler will be sworn in at the January 13th meeting of the Board. Dr. Rikli thanked Ms. Valerie Fisher for her years of service as a school board member.

Dr. Kati Settles provided the proposed district calendar for the 2025-26 school year which includes 173 student days for elementary students and 175 student days for secondary students. The first day of school for students would be August 12, 2025, for K-7 & 9th grade students. The last day of school for students would be May 22, 2026. Spring Break is scheduled for March 16-20, 2026. Inclement weather days are built into the calendar with May 26-28 as possible make-up days. Action to take place at the November 25 board meeting.

Board President Madler reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Madler adjourned the meeting at 6:49pm.

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

