

**PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27**  
**Board of Education Proceedings**  
**December 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 6:00p.m., Monday, December 9, 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*, December 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: Mr. Brian Lodes, Mr. Marcus Madler, Ms. Valerie Fisher, Ms. SuAnn Witt, Mr. Skip Bailey, and Ms. Lisa Wood.

Student Council

Kinsey Lathrop and Abigail Bender, representatives from Papillion La Vista South High School, reported for the Student Council. The end of the first semester is next week with finals on Wednesday through Friday. All fall sports have concluded. The girls' volleyball team was the State Champions for 2024. The winter sports, including basketball, wrestling, bowling, swim and dive, and powerlifting have begun. The musical performance of *All Shook Up* took place in November. The Band and Choir will be performing holiday concerts this week. The Hope Squad is hosting a Toys for Tots drive through the holiday season. The Student Council is preparing for their fundraiser, Wish Week. All proceeds raised will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The National Honors Society inducted 75 new members in November.

Communication

There was one public testifier who addressed the Board, Mr. Joe Leggett.

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 welcomed Mr. Bubba Penas as the new Activities Director at PLSHS.

Dr. Rikli share that the Voluntary Separation program has been finalized with 12 Certified Staff retiring at the end of the 2024/25 school year.

New Board member Elizabeth Butler was onboarded on December 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Assistant Superintendents and Dr. Rikli.

The Unified Bowling Districts took place last week at Papio Bowl.

On Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> Dr. Rikli and Mr. Richards will attend the Legislative Preview conference in Lincoln. Starting January 8<sup>th</sup> the 90-day legislative session will begin.

The winter break for students and staff will begin December 21<sup>st</sup>. Students will have finals next week, Wednesday through Friday.

Dr. Rikli thanked Ms. Valerie Fisher for her 24 years of service to the school district. She will be missed.

### Board Comments

All board members thanked Ms. Fisher for her service to the school district.

Ms. Fisher commented that she has been blessed to represent the students, community, and staff of this school district.

### Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had met. Agenda items included the audit and the update on the bonds.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Ms. Witt reported the committee had met. Discussion was on the Certified negotiations. Ms. Witt amended the November 25<sup>th</sup> minutes to reflect the committee had previously meet via Zoom.
- 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, bills, finance, out of state travel, personnel items, the Board meeting minutes of November 25, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Fisher to acknowledge completion of the Superintendent's Performance Evaluation and to approve the three-year Superintendent's contract for Dr. Andrew Rikli. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fisher, Witt, Bailey, Wood, Lodes, and Madler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Witt to approve Catalyst Public Affairs as the District's political representation at a yearly rate of \$39,000 plus expenses from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. Ms. Witt, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Lodes expressed their thoughts and the need for Mr. Gay at the Unicameral. There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Bailey, Wood, Lodes, Madler, and Fisher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Mr. Bailey to acknowledge receipt of the audit report for fiscal year 2023-2024. Ms. Fisher thanked Mr. Richards and his staff on the continued hard work they do. There were no comments from the 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 Papillion La Vista South HS renovation and addition project as presented with the Guaranteed Maximum Price from Boyd Jones Construction of \$2,376,354 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. 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.

### Discussion/Information Items

Mr. Greg Stieren from BCDM architects presented renovation plans for the PLHS 2023 Bond Project. This presentation included PLHS receiving two new additions, a storage space and a Flexible PE Space. The project will begin construction in the Spring of 2025. The Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) will be presented at a January board meeting.

Mr. Stieren also provided plans for the renovation of Portal Elementary School. These renovations will also be completed by late Spring of 2025. This project is a Design-Bid-Build project. The winning bid will be presented at a January board meeting.

Ms. Shureen Seery, Assistant of Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. Angie Wright, Director of Assessment, shared with the Board of Education information regarding the academic progress and performance of our schools from the previous school year (2023/24) based on the Nebraska State Tests. The update included the district classification status calculated on NDE's AQuESTT Model. Updates were given to the Board regarding recent assessment and accountability changes.

Board President Madler reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Madler adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm.

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