

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
January 27, 2025

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, January 27, 2025. 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*, January 22, 2025. 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 Vice President Brian Lodes 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. Lodes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken. Board members who were present: Mr. Brian Lodes, Elizabeth Butler, Mr. Marcus Madler, and Mr. Skip Bailey. There were no comments from the Board or audience.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Madler to approve the absence of Ms. SuAnn Witt and Ms. Lisa Wood from the January 27, 2025, board meeting. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Butler, Madler, Lodes, and Bailey. Nays: None. Motioned carried.

Communication

There were no public testifiers.

Recognition

Dr. Rikli recognized Dr. Christopher Villarreal as the NSPRA (National School Public Relations Association) Emerging Leader of the Year. Not able to attend the meeting was PLSHS Charlee Solomon who was selected at the Nebraska Gatorade Volleyball player of the year.

Military Advisory

Colonel Patrick Kolesiak shared the monthly Offutt Air Force Base updates. Offutt will be holding a Combat Readiness inspection the week of March 31 through April 4. Ms. Jenny Miller has accepted the position as the new School Liaison for the district and Offutt. Colonel Kolesiak thanked the Board for discussing the resolution that is on the agenda. The Resolution of the Board of Education Supporting Military-Connected Families is one step to help the district schools become a Purple Star School.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report of highlights and activities he has attended this past month. Dr. Rikli thanked the community for attending the meeting and the community members that are watching the meeting on YouTube. The District's NDE (Nebraska Department Education) External Accreditation visit was held last week. A detailed report will be given at a future board meeting.

The Community Closet held a family event January 25 at La Vista Middle School. There were over 105 families that attended with 6000 items donated.

Dr. Rikli welcomed Ms. Ann Burmeister as the new Rumsey Station principal, Ms. Stephanie Scheller as Dr. Rikli's new Executive Assistant, and Ms. Missy Stolley as the Student Service Director.

Dr. Rikli shared that he and Mr. Richards had met with Governor Pillen to discuss school finance, and both attended the Legislative Conference.

Dr. Rikli thanked our Board of Education for their service to the district. Yearly, we have a Board Appreciation week that is celebrated. A video was played thanking each of the Board members for their service.

Board Comments

Mr. Bailey and Mr. Madler attended the External Accreditation Team welcoming dinner on Sunday, January 19. Mr. Bailey thanked the individuals who volunteer at the Community Closet.

Mr. Madler thanked all the staff and students for their cards and thank yous. He attended the Legislative Conference in Lincoln. Mr. Madler as the NASB Legislative representative spent several hours on Sunday going over the new bills that were submitted.

Ms. Butler attended the Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee meeting. She attended a Liaison Lunch at Trumble Park.

Mr. Lodes attended the Professional Boundaries presentation that was presented by Ms. Karen Haase.

Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler reported the committee had met. Discussion items included the Military resolution, Bell project, SRO, and the Liberty MS traffic study.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had not met.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Mr. Bailey reported the committee had not met.

Action Items – Monthly Business

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Madler to approve the Action by Consent Items: The meeting agenda, finance, out of state travel and personnel, and board meeting minutes of January 13, 2025, as presented. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Madler, Lodes, Bailey, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Ms. Butler to approve the 2025-26 Teacher Negotiated Agreement reflecting a 4.69% total package including vertical and horizontal movement, an increase of \$950 on the base salary bringing the base to \$40,750, and all other provisions of the contract as presented. Mr. Bailey thanked PLEA and the HR staff for their work on the contract. Mr. Madler asked Mr. Richards if the budget could accommodate the new contract. Mr. Richards replied that we would have to bring in additional funding this summer, but he was confident the district can make it work. There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Bailey, Butler, and Madler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Madler to accept the resolution supporting the Military Families and Children as presented. Mr. Bailey asked Dr. Villarreal to explain additional ways that our schools can help families. There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Bailey, Butler, Madler, and Lodes. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Ms. Butler to (1) approve the lump sum bid and authorize and approve the construction contract with Genesis Contracting Group for the low bid amount of \$2,889,500 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 orders, retain necessary

professionals for assistance, pay the contract price, approve change order increases, and expenses related to the construction project and site preparation work and take all other action necessary to complete any requirements or obligations under the construction project and contract. Mr. Madler asked how long this project will take to complete. Mr. Richards replied this is a two-summer project, starting this summer. There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Bailey, Butler, Madler, and Lodes. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

The district's lobbyist, Tim Gay from Catalyst Public Affairs, provided an ongoing list of bills that the district will be following during the 109th Legislature session. There were 715 bills introduced for 90-day session. Mr. Gay shared that there were 19 new Senators sworn in and Senator Arch was reelected as the speaker. Mr. Gay invited the Board to attend future legislative hearings.

Mr. Richards brought to the Board a new proposal. The Papillion La Vista Community Schools and Springfield Platteview Community Schools developed an agreement in December 2015 that would allow a transfer of specified land into the Papillion La Vista Community Schools District. The transfer requires approval by both School Boards and the State Reorganization Committee. The Reorganization Plan, once approved by both districts, would provide the necessary documents for the State Reorganization Committee to review and make a recommendation on the transfer of the identified property from the Springfield Platteview Community Schools to the Papillion La Vista Community Schools. The Belterra property consists of approximately 51.238 acres and is generally located on the east side of 120th St. and north of Schram Road area. The Shadow Creek property consists of approximately 46.431 acres and is generally located west of 84th St. and north of Capehart Road and south of Schram Road.

Mr. Pat Carson from BCDM shared an update on the 2023 bond projects. There were 16 projects identified on the approved bond with 13 of them under contract. There are three pending projects: Portal, Walnut Creek, and Patriot. Mr. Carson shared that the projects are ahead of schedule.

Dr. Villarreal brought the proposed changes for the Policy 1000-Public Relations & Communications to the Board for review. Policy 1001, 1003, 1101, 1102, 1404, and 1405 have minor changes. The Board will take action at the February 10 meeting.

Board Vice President Lodes reviewed the future board calendar.
Board Vice President Lodes adjourned the meeting at 7:17p.m.

Lisa Wood, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
Board of Education