

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
February 24, 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, February 24, 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*, February 19, 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 President SuAnn Witt 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. Ms. Witt led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Communication

There were no public testifiers.

Military Advisory

Lt. Colonel Joseph Andersen shared the monthly Offutt Air Force Base updates. Lt. Col Andersen thanked the PLC Schools district for their participation in the Purple Star program. April is when the base celebrates the Month of the Military Child event. The Kindergarten Readiness workshop will be held for all families with children that will be starting kindergarten. 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.

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. Dr. Rikli shared the conversation related to the number of snow/cold days that have been taken. Discussion will continue until after the month of March about possible make-up days.

The Sub and Para conferences were held on February 17 with a large attendance.

The Legislation is on day 31. Mr. Richards will provide an updated report on the bills the district is following. There are several positions that the Human Resources department is hiring for including the Assistant Principal at G. Stanley Hall and the Cooperation BEST positions.

Dr. Rikli shared that Jackson Trout who graduated from PLSHS attends UNO. UNO's baseball team played against LSU and beat them with a three-run homerun.

Board Comments

Ms. Wood attended the TeamMates meeting, the MABE meeting, the Sub Conference, and the Unified basketball games at Papillion Middle School.

Mr. Bailey attended the MABE meeting, the Papillion La Vista Foundation Board meeting, and the Unified basketball game at La Vista West.

Mr. Madler attended a Liaison Lunch at Liberty Middle School.

Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler reported the committee had met. Discussion items included legislative update, federal grants, and the summer building projects proposed.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had met. Discussion was held on the 2025/26 Certified staffing proposal.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Mr. Bailey reported the committee had met. Discussion items included the CIP visit, book review, the Early Childhood review, and the Strategic Plan process.

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 and the American Civics Hearing minutes of February 10, 2025, as presented. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Lodes, Wood, Bailey, Butler, and Madler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Wood to approve the 2025-26 additions as proposed including 1.4 FTEs School Psychologist of certified staff, with an additional 5.0 FTEs allocated if needed for growth, and 5.0 FTE Learning Community Grant. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Wood, Bailey, Butler, Madler, and Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Mr. Lodes to acknowledge the review of Series 2000 Board Policies. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Wood, Bailey, Butler, Madler, Witt, and Lodes. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Chief Chris Whitted, Papillion Police, and Dr. Christopher Villarreal provided information on the proposed SRO (Safety Resource Officer) Supervisor position. The City of Papillion and the City of La Vista have provided School Resource Officers at secondary schools the last several years. The City of Papillion has recently proposed adding a School Resource Officer (SRO) Supervisor position. The purpose of this position is to provide more robust monitoring, evaluation, and supervision of the front-line SROs. The city proposes splitting the cost of the proposed SRO Supervisor position evenly between the city and the school district. The Board will take action at the March 10, 2025, meeting. Mr. Madler asked Chief Whitted about the hiring process and if the district will also have some input. He also asked where the new position will office at. The Chief replied to the district will have some say and they haven't made the final decision as to where the new position will office.

Mr. Brett Richards, Assistant Superintendent of Business, gave the Board an update on the legislative session. Currently there are several bills that the district is following, including LB31, LB692, LB424, LB714, LB624, LB131, LB135, and LB140. Mr. Richards asked the Board members to contact him if they would like to attend any of the hearings. Ms. Butler asked about LB441 and LB282. Mr. Tim Gay, the districts lobbyist, will provide a detailed report at the March 10, 2025, board meeting.

Board President Witt reviewed the future board calendar.
Board President Witt adjourned the meeting at 7:00p.m.

Lisa Wood, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
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