

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
March 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, March 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*, March 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. Brian Lodes, Ms. Lisa Wood, Mr. Skip Bailey, Ms. Elizabeth Butler, Mr. Marcus Madler, and Ms. SuAnn Witt. There were no comments from the Board or audience.

Recognitions

Dr. Rikli recognized several students for their state championships. The group included PLHS Educators Rising Nebraska, Samantha Draper, Maggie Novak, and Samantha Ritterbush, PLSHS ProStart, Sophie Hamblin, Chase Olson, Annalyse Walton, Raymond Flynn, and Kaleb Vestal, PLSHS Diving, Lily Sherman, and PLSHS Powerlifting, Cooper Barnes, Taryn Lewis, and Owen Raybourn.

High School Student Council

Ms. Nova Degbe and Ms. Maggie Novak, representatives from Papillion La Vista High School, reported for the Student Council. The boys' basketball team played at the State against PLSHS. They played hard and lost to the Titans. All spring sports have begun including baseball, softball, tennis, golf, soccer, and track and field. The spring musical production is *Fiddler on the Roof* and will perform March 27 through March 30. On March 25 the Freshman and Seniors are off school due to the ACT testing being held for the Juniors and Sophomores. The Student Council will be making tie blankets for Project Linus. Ms. Vicky Wu was selected as one of the HOSA State Officers for the 2025/26 school year. The third annual Multicultural Fair was held on March 6th. Ms. Nova Degbe was interviewed by the local news to share about the Multicultural Fair.

Military Advisory

Colonel Patrick Kolesiak shared the monthly Offutt Air Force Base updates. Col Kolesiak thanked the PLC Schools district for their participation in the Purple Star program. April is the month that the base celebrates the Military Child event. On April 11 Offutt will participate in the Purple Star recognition event that will be held at PLHS. The Colonel thanked Dr. Villarreal for his work on the Purple Star Campaign. On April 4 Offutt will be at the Board of Education for Nebraska to share what the military families' roles do. On April 10 the Governor will sign a proclamation for the Month of Military Child. On April 19 Colonel Howard will sign a proclamation for the Military Child. On April 26 Offutt will host a parent night. On April 25 the Bob Kerry pedestrian bridge will be lit

up in purple highlighting to Omaha the Purple Star and support for the military. Offutt started the Combat Readiness inspection through April 4.

Presentation

The BRAPPP (Bell, Rumsey Station, Ashbury, Patriot, Portal, and Prairie Queen) Array representatives and students from each school shared the Spirit of Giving in the Community. Their leadership and enthusiasm encourage the entire school to be involved. The student shared how they are learning how it feels to give back. Students shared the projects they have led in their respective buildings this school year.

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. Discussion of options will take place at each of the Board sub committee meetings. A decision will be shared at a later board meeting.

Spring Break was held March 17-21. The fourth quarter of the school year started March 24.

Dr. Rikli attended the NASB (Nebraska Association of School Boards) Federal Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC March 17 through March 19.

Dr. Rikli recognized PLHS students, Leo Geck and Kyle Van Sant, as the winners of the Congressional App Challenge. Congressman Flood awarded both students on March 20.

PLCS will be hosting two Digital Safety and Online Experience student panels for families on March 26, one at PLSHS and one at PLHS.

Dr. Rikli recognized students from both PLHS and PLSHS in the Law Academy who provided immediate care until first responders arrived for a staff member that was having a medical emergency.

Board Comments

Mr. Bailey attended the State Basketball game between PLSHS and PLHS, and he also attended the State Championship game between PLSHS and Westside. Mr. Bailey attended a Liaison Lunch at Patriot.

Ms. Wood, Ms. Witt, and Mr. Madler attended the NASB Federal Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC.

Mr. Lodes also attended the Basketball State games. Mr. Lodes has been attending several soccer competitions.

Mr. Madler attended the State basketball games. Mr. Madler also attended the NASB meetings for legislative purposes.

Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler reported the committee had not met.
- 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 March 10, 2025, as presented. 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Ms. Wood to approve entering into an agreement with CDW-G to purchase wireless network system hardware and software in the amount of \$646,142.14. There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Bailey, Butler, Madler, Witt, Lodes, and Wood. Nays: None. The motion carried. Dr. Rikli asked if there was concern with the future of ERate funding. Mr. Moore has no concerns at this time. Mr. Madler asked Mr. Moore if the suggested amount was budgeted? Mr.

Moore explained that this bid does have an expansion for additional buildings and security cameras. Mr. Richards commented that the district also has the technology on a three-year cycle and has this projection identified in the budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Mr. Lodes to (1) approve the replacement of the FieldTurf at Foundation Field for \$683,198.30 from Midwest FieldTurf as presented 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: Butler, Madler, Witt, Lodes, Wood, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

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 LB135, LB653, LB303, LB12CRA, and LB390. Mr. Tim Gay, the districts lobbyist will provide a detailed report at a future board meeting.

Dr. Christopher Villarreal, Communications Director, provided an update on the district's Mass Communication System. In 2023, our district transitioned from Blackboard K-12 to Finalsight following Blackboard's acquisition. During the website migration in summer 2024, Finalsight initially indicated they would discontinue our mass communication products, prompting us to explore alternatives. In February 2025, Finalsight presented a revised product roadmap that instead offers enhanced versions of our current tools (Messages XR Enterprise and Teacher Communications Enterprise). The contract addendum reflects the change, providing modernized communication tools with improved features while maintaining system continuity. The Board will take action at the April 10 meeting of the Board.

Communication

There were no public testifiers.

Board President Witt reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Witt adjourned the meeting at 7:32p.m.

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