

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
April 14, 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 an open and public session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 14, 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*, April 9, 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: Ms. Lisa Wood, Mr. Skip Bailey, Ms. Elizabeth Butler, Mr. Marcus Madler, Ms. SuAnn Witt, and Mr. Brian Lodes. There were no comments from the Board or audience.

Recognitions

Dr. Rikli recognized several groups as State Champions. The PLSHS Boys Basketball team, the PLHS & PLSHS DECA, the PLHS HOSA – Dawit Hailu and Vicky Wu. The NE Gatorade Player of the Year is Bryson Bahl from PLSHS.

Student Council

Ms. Kinsey Lathrop and Ms. Abigail Bender from Papillion La Vista South High School, reported for the Student Council. PLSHS hosted their Prom on April 12 at the Beardmore Event Center, and the post prom party was held at South. Spring sports have started with boys' and girls' soccer, boys' and girls' track, golf, and baseball. The spring theatre production of *Alice by Heart* will take place May 1-3. The Student Council hosted a Me and My Guy dance to raise funds for the Make a Wish program. The DECA team will be traveling to Nationals in Orlando, Florida. Ms. Abigail will move to the President position for the 2025/26 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. Mr. Scott Hilgers who is an Administrator with OPS has been interning with Dr. Rikli as part of his program. April is the month of the Military Child, and the district has been celebrating in all our schools. Several programs have taken place including the Purple Star activities.

Dr. Rikli, Ms. Witt, Ms. Wood, and Mr. Madler traveled to Atlanta, GA for the National School Board Association (NSBA) National Conference.

The district has started the discussion on the boundary changes that will take place for the new 17th elementary building that will open this fall in 2026. Community Forum meetings are scheduled for the community to voice their concerns and feedback about the proposed changes.

Dr. Rikli traveled to the Capitol in Lincoln last week to attend the Liberty Middle School show choir performance.

Dr. Rikli attended the annual Title 1 event that was held at PLHS. This event is for all Title 1 parents and students.

The Community Closet will host the last open house for the school year on April 26th at La Vista Middle School. Volunteers are needed.

Board Comments

Ms. Wood and Ms. Witt attended the NASB Open Meeting Law Workshop in Lincoln. Ms. Wood also attended the 4 & 5 music program at Anderson Grove, a Liaison Lunch at PLECC, TeamMates board meeting, the boundary forum at Prairie Queen, and the MABE meeting.

Mr. Wood, Ms. Witt, and Mr. Madler attended the NSBA National Conference in Atlanta, GA.

Mr. Bailey spoke at the PLHS for the Military Child Month, the boundary meeting, and the MABE meeting.

Mr. Lodes attended several sporting events throughout the district.

Ms. Witt attended the boundary meeting and the Title 1 event.

Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler reported the committee had met. Agenda items discussed are on the meeting agenda.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had met. Agenda items discussed are on the meeting agenda.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Mr. Bailey reported the committee had met. Agenda items discussed are on the meeting agenda. The Strategic Planning process was also discussed.

Action Items – Monthly Business

A motion was made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the Action by Consent Items: The meeting agenda, bills, out of state travel and personnel, board minutes of March 24, 2025, and revised board meeting minutes of February 10, 2025, as presented. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Bailey, Butler, Madler, Witt, Lodes, and Wood. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Mr. Lodes to (1) approve the track replacement and Liberty track surfacing projects as presented by Nemaha Sports Contracting LLC for the amount of \$1,295,233.58 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 other 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Lodes to acknowledge the review of Series 3000-Business Board Policies. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Madler, Witt, Lodes, Wood, Bailey, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Butler to approve the Finals site contract addendum to upgrade our mass communication system to Messages XR Enterprise and Teacher Communications Enterprise. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Lodes, Wood, Bailey, Butler, and Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Wood to cancel the contract of Mr. Jeffrey Fauble per the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office notified Jeff Fauble on March 26, 2025, that the Board of Education would consider the cancellation of his employment contract effective upon board action; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fauble did not send a request for a hearing within seven days of receiving the notice; and WHEREAS, the school district has complied with all requirements of statute and policy regarding the cancellation of Mr. Fauble's employment contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Jeff Fauble's employment contract be cancelled, and the same is hereby cancelled effective immediately.

Ms. Butler asked how the district completes the hiring process for a new employee. Dr. Settles explained the steps. Mr. Bailey asked if there were additional ways that the district could improve their current processes. Dr. Settles explained that the district has comprehensive safeguards in place with training every year for staff.

Discussion was held between Nebraska Professional Practices. Meetings were held with the CEO of One Source and the Sarpy County Sheriffs Office.

There were no comments from the 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. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Madler to approve the recommended calendar changes for the 2024/25 school year as presented. Mr. Madler asked Ms. Seery why the day was added for staff development on May 27. Ms. Seery explained that the date is needed for the implementation of the curriculum that will take place for the 2025/26 school year. Ms. Wood replied that the Board will be looking at next year's calendar dates to see if any revisions can take place if there is excess winter weather for the 2025/26 school year. Ms. Butler supports the reviewing of next year's calendar for possibly make-up days. There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Wood, Bailey, Butler, Madler, Witt, and Lodes. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Mr. Matt Moore, Director of Technology, provided information on the RFP for the student technology purchase. The Chromebook selection and purchase process will continue to be an annual task to maintain the district's secondary 1:1 Chromebook device fleet. The Technology Department anticipates bringing back a purchase recommendation for approval at the April 28, 2025, board meeting. The goal is to issue a purchase order to acquire this hardware in time to receive and prepare these devices for deployment at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.

Mr. Brett Richards, Assistant Superintendent of Business, gave the Board an update on the legislative session. The session is on day 61 of 90 days. Currently there are several bills that the district is following, including LB390, LB140, and LB653.

The Series 4000 Board Policies are up for annual review. If there are changes proposed or recommended, please send them to Dr. Settles. Any changes will be presented as discussion items at the April 28 board meeting, with possible action at the May 12th board meeting. If there are no changes recommended, the Board will acknowledge review of the Series 4000 Board Policies at the April 28 board meeting.

Communication

There were no public testifiers.

Board President Witt reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Witt adjourned the meeting at 7.13p.m.

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