

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
July 10, 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 6:13p.m., Thursday, July 10, 2025, following the Student Fees Hearing. 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*, July 2, 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 called the meeting to order. Ms. Witt publicly stated a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is posted at the entrance to the Board Room and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, prior to the Student Fees Hearing.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were: Mr. Brian Lodes, Ms. Elizabeth Butler, Mr. Marcus Madler and Ms. SuAnn Witt.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Mr. Madler to approve the absence of Mr. Skip Bailey and Ms. Lisa Wood from the July 10, 2025, board meeting. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Butler, Madler, Witt, Lodes. Nays: None. Motioned carried.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. 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 thanked the community and Board for understanding the change in date for the Board Meeting to have a quorum.

Dr. Rikli discussed Elementary 17 and the timeline for approval of the boundaries, grandfathering provisions and name of the school.

Dr. Rikli shared the conclusion of the 2025 Summer School program for Elementary and Secondary levels.

Dr. Rikli stated the summer is a busy time for 2025/26 budget development and completion of our facilities, including the new YATP building opening in August 2025.

Dr. Rikli shared the first day of school is August 12, 2025, and the Foundation Back to School Soiree Gala is Saturday, August 16, 2025.

Dr. Rikli shared the loss of Scott Billings, the district's Accounting and Purchasing Coordinator, earlier this month.

Board Comments

Ms. Witt thanked the community for understanding the change in meeting date to accommodate the need for a quorum. Ms. Witt stated that her and Mr. Bailey attended the 55th Mission Support Group Change of Command Ceremony for Colonel Kolesiak. Ms. Witt stated his replacement will be Colonel Mark Russell.

Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler reported the committee had met on July 2. Agenda items discussed were the student fees pertaining to the Student Fees Hearing. Mr. Madler stated they began discussion on the 2025-26 Budget. Mr. Madler reported discussions on Elementary 17 boundaries and naming.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had not met.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Ms. Witt stated their isn't current representation and Ms. Shureen Seery reported the committee had not met.

Action Items

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Mr. Lodes to approve the Action by Consent Items: The meeting agenda, bills, out of state travel, personnel items, the Board meeting, Parental Involvement Hearing, and Wellness Hearing minutes of June 23, 2025. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Madler, Witt, Lodes and Butler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Mr. Lodes to accept the Policy 5000 – Students changes to policies 5008, 5208, 5209, 5210, 5211, 5212, 5213, 5403, 5601, 5602, 5603, 5604, 5606 and 5610 as presented. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Lodes, Butler and Madler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Butler to approve district handbooks for the 2025-26 school year. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Butler, Madler and Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Ms. Shureen Seery and the Board of Education Sub Committee on Americanism met on June 19, 2025, to discuss and validate that the District is in compliance with Statute 79-724. The signed Statement of Assurance by the members of the Americanism Committee was shared. The Multiculturalism and Americanism Statement of Assurance was presented by Ms. Seery. The District and Nebraska Department of Education Rule 10 require an annual report to the Board. Some of the ongoing efforts related to multicultural education are: Curriculum Toolbox, Building Administrator Statement of Assurance, LEP Plan, New Staff Orientation, and PBiS.

Ms. Shureen Seery shared the proposed changes to the Policy 6000 – Instruction series. Policies 6404, 6702, 6203, 6901 have recommended changes. Action will take place at the July 28 board meeting.

Dr. Rikli introduced Dr. Villarreal, via video presentation, on the naming process for Elementary 17. Dr. Christopher Villarreal shared a presentation on the naming conventions surrounding the decision for names that include Geography, History and Patriotism. Dr. Villarreal stated that based on these guidelines the two potential name choices for Elementary 17 are Lincoln View Elementary and Granite Elementary. Action will take place at the July 28 meeting. Mr. Madler shared his appreciation for the presentation and stated that he is in favor of Lincoln View Elementary. Mr. Lodes expressed his thoughts on the process for choosing a name and stated his preference is Lincoln View Elementary. Ms. Butler expressed that she is open to both names. Ms. Witt expressed that Lincoln View Elementary is more neutral for a name, and also her preference.

Communication

No Public testifiers testified.

Board President Witt reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Witt adjourned the meeting at 6:46pm.

Lisa Wood, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
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