

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
August 11, 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 6:00p.m., Monday, August 11, 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*, August 6, 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 led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Witt publicly stated a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is posted at the entrance to the Board Room.

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

Communication

There were no public testifiers.

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 highlighted the opening of the new Young Adult Transition Program (YATP) building today.

Dr. Rikli spoke about the United Way of the Midlands Shine Bright Kits. Dr. Rikli spoke about how these kits help families in need.

Dr. Rikli thanked Mr. Dan Kauk and Mr. Brett Richards for preparing our buildings that were under construction in time for the start of school.

The Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation will host the annual Gala Back to School Soiree on August 16.

Dr. Rikli spoke about the Superintendent group that meets with Governor Pillen every few months to discuss various needs.

The All-Staff Welcome Back event was held on August 7 at Foundation Field. Dr. Rikli thanked all board members for attending the event and thanked Dr. Villarreal and his team for their work on the event.

Board Comments

Ms. Wood and Ms. Witt attended a NASB workshop in Lincoln.

Mr. Madler attended a NASB legislative committee meeting.

Mr. Lodes attended the Welcome Back event and thanked the volunteers and staff that helped at the event. Mr. Lodes thanked all principals and staff that held welcome back and registration events at the buildings. Mr. Lodes congratulated the Communications team on their work in streamlining the student check-in process online. Mr. Lodes made comments to the community to be watchful of students and new drivers since school is resuming.

Ms. Witt also attended the Welcome Back event at Foundation Field. Ms. Witt mentioned she attended the YATP ribbon cutting and will be attending the Congressman Bacon roundtable meeting.

Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler reported the committee had met last Friday. Agenda items discussed were 36th St land parcel and the 2025-26 Budget and Tax Request.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had not met.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Mr. Bailey reported the committee had met on July 31. Agenda items discussed were the tech audit, strategic planning, PE and Health toolboxes and the Rule 10 audit.

Action Items

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Madler to approve the Action by Consent Items: The meeting agenda, bills, the Board meeting minutes of July 28, 2025. 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. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Wood to ratify the Negotiated Agreement with the Maintenance staff represented by SEIU Local 226 for 2025-26 and 2026-27 contract years. 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. Madler and seconded by Mr. Bailey to acknowledge review of 7000 Series Board Policies. 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.

Discussion/Information Items

Mr. Brett Richards shared details regarding the 2025-26 budget and tax request. Mr. Richards stated budget parameters, considerations, and line items for the General Fund will be discussed and reviewed as well as property tax implications for the 2025-26 school year. The administration will also discuss timelines for future budget, tax hearings, and due dates for the 2025-26 budget and a resolution for an increase in the district's base growth percentage used in determining its property tax authority.

Mr. Brett Richards shared information again regarding the sale of district land by 36th Street. Mr. Richards stated the administration has brought this item back for discussion with a corrected site plan as part of the discussion.

Ms. Witt moved the Strategic Planning Update to the next board meeting, due to a closed session with the attorney at the end of today's meeting.

Board Policy 8000 – Board Organization and Operation are due for the annual review. Based upon the review of this policy, any revisions and discussion would be discussed at the August 25, 2025, board meeting. Any changes would be acted at the September 8, 2025, meeting of the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Marcus Madler and seconded by Ms. Lisa Wood to go into Executive/Closed Session to protect the public interest and to protect the reputation of individuals. This Executive/Closed Session is to discuss a legal matter. 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.

Board President Witt recessed the meeting at 6:40p.m. to enter into Executive/Closed Session.

Executive/Closed session ended at 8:12pm.

Board President Witt reviewed the future board calendar.
Board President Witt adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm.

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