

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
July 28, 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, July 28, 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*, July 23, 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. Ms. Witt led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were: Ms. Lisa Wood, Mr. Skip Bailey, Ms. Elizabeth Butler, Mr. Marcus Madler, Ms. SuAnn Witt and Mr. Brian Lodes. Ms. Witt publicly stated a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is posted at the entrance to the Board Room.

Recognitions

Dr. Rikli recognized the PLCS NJROTC – U.S. Navy’s 2025 Most Improved Unit – Area 15. Dr. Rikli thanked the instructors, SCPO Jeff Nichols and Commander Adam Schlismann. Dr. Rikli spoke about the cadets and their achievements.

Ms. SuAnn Witt recognized Dr. Rikli with a letter of appreciation from Dr. Brian Maher, Commissioner of Education at NDE. Ms. Lisa Wood read the letter to the Board.

Military Advisory

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Andersen shared the monthly Offutt Air Force Base updates. Lt. Colonel Andersen thanked the Board and shared an article in Offutt’s newspaper regarding the work being done by their school liaison officers, Jennifer Miller and Tina Luderman. Lt. Col. Andersen spoke about the 55th Wing’s return from Operation Talon Shield in Australia. Lt. Col. Andersen shared that Operation Backpack will be hosted tomorrow evening. Operation Backpack provides back to school supplies and bags for needy families.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report on 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 shared that it is back to school season and shared that Dr. Settles and her team welcomed back clerical staff today with new teachers reporting a week from today. Dr. Rikli shared details on last week’s Administrative Retreat and Administrator Day’s in Kearney. Dr. Rikli shared details on the progress of renovations in our buildings. Dr. Rikli spoke about the Welcome Back event on August 7 and the YATP open house and ribbon cutting on August 11. Dr. Rikli shared that the first day of school is August 12. Dr. Rikli spoke about federal title program dollars being released. Dr. Rikli shared that Dr. Shureen Seery has successfully defended her doctoral dissertation.

Board Comments

There were no comments from the Board.

Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler reported that the committee will meet this Friday.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Mr. Lodes reported that the group met. Agenda items discussed were enrollment numbers and the custodial/warehouse and maintenance agreements.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Mr. Bailey reported the committee will meet on Wednesday.

Communication

Public testifiers who addressed the Board: Ms. Michelle Jud.

Action Items

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the Action by Consent Items: The meeting agenda, finance, out of state travel, personnel items, the Board meeting minutes of July 10, 2025. 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. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Wood to approve policy updates to policies 6404, 6702, 6203 and 6901 as presented. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Butler, Madler, Witt, Lodes and Wood. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Mr. Lodes to approve Elementary 17 boundary concept 2 as presented, with grandfathering provisions for 5th and 6th graders (2026-27) and active-duty military families. There were comments by Ms. Butler and Mr. Bailey. 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 Mr. Madler to approve Lincoln View Elementary School as the name for Elementary School 17. There were comments by Ms. Butler, Ms. Wood, Mr. Madler, Ms. Witt, Mr. Lodes and Mr. Bailey. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Lodes, Wood, Bailey, Butler and Madler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the student fees for elementary and secondary school for 2025-26 as presented and the hearing minutes of July 10, 2025. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Wood, Bailey, Butler, Mader and Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Mr. Brett Richards stated that Board Policy 7000 - Construction is due for the annual review. Based upon the review of this policy, any revisions and discussion would be discussed at the August 11, 2025, board meeting. Any changes would be acted on at the August 25, 2025, meeting of the Board.

Mr. Richards shared that in 2022 the district was approached by Redwood, Inc to sell approximately 1.17 acres along 36th Street that is located near the entrance of Anderson Grove Elementary School. The Board approved it to be sold. Mr. Richards stated Redwood ended up pulling out of the development and never closed on the land sale with the District. Mr. Richards shared Foundation Development, LLC, would now like to buy the same piece

of land. Mr. Richards stated the land was appraised for \$35,000 in 2022 and believes that price is still relevant for us to sell the land for. Action to take place at the August 11 board meeting.

Dr. Kati Settles shared an update on the Custodial and Warehouse Tentative Agreement. SEIU Local 226 members were scheduled to vote on the contract July 26, 2025, and it failed by one vote. Dr. Settles stated that the Tentative Agreement will be brought back to the Board for discussion when an agreement is reached by membership.

Dr. Kati Settles shared that negotiations were recently held with representatives of the Maintenance staff and SEIU Local 226 members. The groups had met and approved of the tentative agreement for 2025-2027. Details include: Wage increase of 3.94% in year one and 3.8% in year two; Uniform allowance: \$300 (previously \$275); Health and Dental Insurance plan options remain the same reflecting the average 5.49% increase in EHA plan cost; Ten (previously seven) Accumulated Leave days may be sold back to the district annually with balance not to drop below 60 days; Personal Leave: Four (previously three) of the Accumulated Leave days may be used for personal leave.; Bereavement: Ten (previously five) days for loss of spouse, domestic partner, or child.

Board President Witt reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Witt adjourned the meeting at 6:54pm.

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