

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
August 25, 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 25, 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 13, 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 present were: Ms. Elizabeth Butler, Mr. Marcus Madler, Ms. SuAnn Witt, Mr. Brian Lodes, Ms. Lisa Wood and Mr. Skip Bailey,

Military Advisory

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Andersen shared the monthly Offutt Air Force Base updates. On September 5, 2025, Offutt will be hosting their end of summer bash and official opening of the new Base Lake facility. The Impact Aid for military dependents requests are due this time of year from parents. The Colonel asked that if the forms haven't been returned please do so. Lt. Colonel Andersen shared that the school liaison officers have partnered with the Exceptional Family Member Program and PTI Nebraska to host an organized workshop. This workshop will help families navigate IEP's, 504 plans and all transitional materials for parents and their children.

Communication

No Public testifiers testified.

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 welcomed back all staff to the start of our second full week of school and discussed the upcoming holiday break.

Dr. Rikli gave an update that he has visited all schools and buildings since the start of school.

The Foundation hosted their annual Back to School Soiree Gala at the Beardmore Center. Dr. Rikli thanked all six board members for their attendance at this event. Dr. Rikli spoke about the fundraising done at the event for projects such as the Community Engagement Center.

Dr. Rikli talked about the opportunity to attend a roundtable at ESU 3 with Congressman Bacon.

Dr. Rikli reminded attendees about the Monarch/Titan football game on Friday, with the Foundation hosting a tail-gate before the game.

Board Comments

Mr. Bailey wanted to remind the board members that his last Foundation Board meeting will be in November and they will need to start preparing for his replacement.

Ms. Witt shared that she attended the Papillion La Vista High School's Marching Band Preview Night last Friday.

Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler stated the next meeting will be next Friday morning.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Mr. Lodes shared their meeting is scheduled for September 15.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Mr. Bailey reported the committee had not met.

Action Items

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, personnel items, the Board meeting minutes of August 11, 2025. 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 Mr. Madler to approve the purchase agreement with Foundations Development, LLC as presented and designate the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services the authority to sign, execute, and deliver such Agreement and any documents or agreements called for in such Agreement for and pay any additional fees associated with this transaction on behalf of PLCS. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Lodes, Wood, Bailey, Butler, Madler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Mr. Lodes to approve the resolution authorizing the district to increase its base growth percentage up to 3% to determine its property tax request authority for the 2025-26 fiscal year. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Wood, Bailey, Butler, Madler, Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Dr. Shureen Seery shared an update on the PLCS Strategic Plan. Dr. Seery thanked Dr. Tammy Voisin and Dr. Christopher Villarreal for hosting the first Community Advisory Council meeting. Dr. Seery shared that the purpose of the Strategic Plan is to set the vision for the district over the next five years. Dr. Seery shared the next steps in the process. The 2025-2030 PLCS District Strategic Plan is currently under development with potential implementation starting in 2026.

Dr. Settles provided a staff and student enrollment update, and reported that her official numbers will be available in October. She stated they are up at all levels, K-12. Dr. Settles thanked the Board for offering the three growth positions. Dr. Settles shared that they have not filled the School Psychologist position or the 0.4 special education teacher position, at this time. They have contracted for a speech language pathologist position and a school psychologist position. The highest need for staffing continues to be paraprofessionals. Dr. Settles stated Preschool through 12th grade, we are up 48 students, for 12,117 students total. K-12 is up by 84 students. Dr. Settles shared she will be back later in the Fall for an official report.

Mr. Lee Denker, Executive Director of the Papillion-La Vista Schools Foundation, and Ms. Terri Dodds, Kids Club Program Director, provided an update on Kids Club's current enrollment and the programs that are provided to the staff and students of the district. Mr. Denker thanked the Board and administration for the work they do and an update was provided on the Foundation's funded programs that benefit the students and staff of the district. Mr. Denker briefed everyone on a new fundraising campaign called Growing Up Greater which will support the

construction of the Community Engagement Center. Mr. Denker shared details on the purpose of the Community Engagement Center.

Board President Witt reviewed the future board calendar.

A motion was made by Mr. Brian Lodes and seconded by Mr. Skip Bailey 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 an ongoing legal matter. 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.

Board President Witt recessed the meeting at 6:55p.m. to enter into the Executive/Closed Session.

Executive/Closed session ended at 7:50pm.

Board President Witt adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

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