

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
September 8, 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 6:18p.m., Monday, September 8, 2025, following the Budget 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*, September 3, 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: Mr. Brian Lodes, Ms. Lisa Wood, Mr. Skip Bailey, Ms. Elizabeth Butler, Mr. Marcus Madler, Ms. SuAnn Witt.

Student Council

Abigail Bender and Maddie Larsen, representatives from Papillion La Vista South High School, reported for the Student Council. The theme for the school this year is 'Titan Tough', focusing on displaying teamwork, a positive attitude, grit and humility. PLSHS Academic Letters were awarded to recipients this fall. The fall sports season is in full swing. The Volleyball team is currently the #1 team in Class A. The football team defeated the Papillion La Vista Monarchs in the Monarch/Titan game on Friday, August 29. Homecoming is on September 20 and the theme will be *Under the Sea*. The marching band has a new show: *Neon Cowboy* and their first competition on September 20.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report of highlights and activities. Dr. Rikli spoke about the conclusion of the first holiday for the school year, Labor Day.

Dr. Rikli talked about the Monarch/Titan games at the beginning of the year; football, volleyball, golf and softball. Dr. Rikli attended the Community Closet event last Saturday at La Vista Middle School. There were 126 families in attendance for the event and around 8,600 items were distributed. The next event is scheduled for October 18. Dr. Rikli reminded the Board and community about the joint tax hearing on September 18 at 6:30pm at Bellevue University.

Dr. Rikli spoke about his upcoming meeting for the Commissioner's Superintendent Advisory Board in Hershey, NE. Dr. Rikli mentioned that the Monarchs are hosting homecoming this Saturday, September 13 and the Titan's will host homecoming next Saturday, September 20.

Board Comments

Mr. Lodes attended the PLSHS Academic Letter ceremony. Mr. Lodes attended the Titan Classic for Cross Country. Ms. Witt attended the Monarch football game last Thursday.

Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had met. Agenda items included the 2025/26 budget and tax parameters. Other committee discussions included potential land for a possible fourth middle school, and conversations with Verizon regarding a cell tower in the district.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had not met.
- 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, and the Board meeting minutes of August 25, 2025. 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.

Discussion/Information Items

Dr. Kati Settles provided information regarding the Voluntary Separation (Early Retirement Incentive) program and included a look at the historical numbers in applications over the last five years.

Dr. Rikli shared his 2025-26 performance goals with the Board. These goals will be discussed at the Board Retreat on September 11. The Papillion La Vista Schools Board of Education, working in collaboration with the Superintendent, developed several goals for the 2025-26 school year. These goals serve as the foundation for Dr. Rikli's annual Superintendent evaluation by the Board of Education during the 2025-26 school year. The Board will be presented with a final summary of his progress for the 2025-26 school year. 1. Implement new District Strategic Planning process, 2. Develop Communication & Engagement Strategies for District Staff and Residents, 3. Implement enhanced Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Technology priorities, 4. Expand District staff recruitment, retention, and succession planning strategies, 5. Implement plans for bond facility and safety projects. A copy of the Superintendent's three-year contract is available for patron review on the district website in accordance with Nebraska's Superintendent Contract Transparency Act.

Dr. Shureen Seery, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, and the Board of Education Curriculum Subcommittee discussed the Science standards with the state academic content standards as set forth in the Nebraska Department of Education Rule 10. After the Subcommittees review the group recommended the District adopt the Nebraska State Science Standards in the subject area of Science as presented. Approval of the Papillion La Vista Community School District's Science standards will go before the Board for action at the September 22, 2025 regular meeting of the Board.

Board President Witt reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Witt adjourned the meeting at 6:57pm.

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