

**PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS #27**  
**Budget Hearing 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 6:00 p.m., Monday, September 8, 2025. The Budget Hearing was held at the Papillion La Vista Community School District Administration Office, 420 South Washington Street, Papillion, Nebraska.

Notice of the Budget Hearing was provided in advance by publication in the *Sarpy Times*, September 3, 2025. Notice of the hearing 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. Printed copies of the detailed budget were available to the public at the meeting. The proceedings, hereafter shown, were taken while the convened hearing was open to the attendance of the public.

Call to Order

Board President SuAnn Witt called the hearing to order, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and 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. Brian Lodes, Ms. Lisa Wood, Mr. Skip Bailey, Ms. Elizabeth Butler, Mr. Marcus Madler, Ms. SuAnn Witt.

Budget Hearing

The purpose of the hearing was to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2025-2026 budget and to consider amendments relative thereto.

Mr. Brett Richards, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, reviewed the proposed 2025-2026 budgets for all funds. A breakdown of Funds within the school district budget consists of the General, Depreciation, Bond Fund, Special Building, Activities, School Nutrition, Cooperative, and Student Fees. The General Fund Budget is proposed to increase 2.6% overall.

There is a 7.6% increase of the valuation due to new commercial properties, residential development, and continued rising home values in communities. State Aid increased 2.75% from the previous year, taking the District out of the equalization formula. A 3% property tax cap of overall local and state revenue means a maximum asking of \$111,539,393 total property taxes by law. Mr. Richards commented the district has hit the bottom for state aid equalization, unless there is a decline in enrollment or changes in legislation.

The budget will be voted on at the September 22, 2025, meeting of the Board, and the approved budget will then be submitted to the State and County by September 23, 2025. A Tax Request hearing will be held on September 22, 2025, prior to the regular board meeting. Action on the Tax Request will take place at the October 13, 2025, meeting of the Board.

There being no further discussion or questions, the hearing was adjourned by Board President Witt at 6:13pm.

Ms. Lisa Wood, Secretary  
Board of Education