

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS #27
Hearing to Set Final Tax Request
September 22, 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 22, 2025. The Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request was held at the Papillion La Vista Community School District Administration Office, 420 South Washington Street, Papillion, Nebraska.

Notice of the Tax Hearing was provided in advance by publication in the *Sarpy Times*, September 17, 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 Tax Hearing 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 at the meeting were: Mr. Skip Bailey, Ms. Elizabeth Butler, Mr. Marcus Madler, Ms. SuAnn Witt, and Mr. Brian Lodes.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Lodes to approve the absence of Ms. Lisa Wood from the September 22, 2025 board meeting. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Butler, Madler, Witt, Lodes and Bailey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Budget Hearing

The purpose of the hearing was to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the 2025-2026 final tax request.

Mr. Brett Richards, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, presented slides showing the revenue considerations for the tax request. There was a loss of \$550,000 in Title I allotment, an estimated increase of 4% of total package labor increases, a new SRO Sergeant position, Tier 3 alternative school costs, curriculum materials and technology costs, two new bus routes, and technology sustainability. Revenues and expenditures are expected to be around \$154 million for 2025-26 within the \$169.8 million dollar budget. Preliminary Valuations increased 7.6% for the District.

Mr. Richards shared that state aid has increased by 2.75%, compared to a loss of \$7,619,008 for 2024-2025. Mr. Richards stated the District is recommending a 4.2% overall tax revenue increase from 2024-25. The total proposed tax levy for 2025-26 is \$1.096547.

There being no further discussion or questions, the hearing was adjourned by Board President Witt at 6:07pm.

Ms. Lisa Wood, Secretary
Board of Education