

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
January 26, 2026

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, January 26, 2026. 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*, January 21, 2026. 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 Brian Lodes called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Lodes 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 who were present: Ms. Elizabeth Butler, Mr. Marcus Madler, Mr. Brian Lodes, Ms. Lisa Wood, Mr. Skip Bailey, and Ms. SuAnn Witt. There were no comments from the Board or audience.

Communication

There were no public testifiers.

Military Advisory

Colonel Mark Russell shared the monthly Offutt Air Force Base updates. The Colonel reminded the community about the importance of turning in the impact aid forms. The Colonel mentioned the Month of the Military Child will be coming up in April, and they are looking forward to celebrating. The Colonel spoke about a new idea being discussed regarding hosting a military signing day, for all interested in joining. Colonel Russell spoke about many upcoming events for military connected families that are being held at the base in the future.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report of highlights and activities he has attended this past month. Dr. Rikli thanked the community for attending the meeting and the community members that are watching the meeting on YouTube. Dr. Rikli addressed the cold weather day decision-making process, noting that the district considers multiple factors. Dr. Rikli highlighted the successful Title One event held at Papillion La Vista High School on Thursday, January 22, attended by approximately 900 people. He thanked Mr. Jason Ryan for hosting the event. Dr. Rikli provided updates on recent advisory meetings, including business elected official advisory, teacher advisory, and classified staff advisory. Dr. Rikli recognized two students for notable achievements: Arturo DeAsis from Papillion La Vista South High School, and Maya Waszak from Papillion La Vista High School. Dr. Rikli celebrated National School Board Recognition Week, thanking the Board members. A video was shown featuring student testimonials about what they love about school and the district.

Board Comments

Ms. Wood attended a liaison lunch at Walnut Creek. Ms. Wood also attended the Title One event last week, and the NASB Legislative Issues Conference today.

Ms. Witt attended the NASB Legislative Issues Conference today.

Mr. Madler attended the Title One event and the NASB Legislative Issues Conference.

Mr. Bailey attended a liaison breakfast at Carriage Hill. Mr. Bailey also attended a MABE meeting where Matt BelKa discussed legislative bills, and received updates from ESU3.

Mr. Lodes attended a liaison lunch at G. Stanley Hall.

Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler reported the committee had not met.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had not met.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Mr. Bailey reported the committee had met. Items discussed were the state of the schools report, the strategic plan and the rule 10 audit.

Action Items – Monthly Business

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Witt to approve the Action by Consent Items: The meeting agenda, finance, out of state travel and personnel, and board meeting minutes of January 12, 2026, as presented. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Madler, Lodes, Wood, Bailey, Witt, and Butler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Dr. Settles acknowledged that the incorrect summary sheet was included in the board packet for the teacher contract agreement item. She clarified that nothing had changed since the board last discussed this matter. The Board acknowledged the error and determined to proceed with the action.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Ms. Witt to approve a two year contract agreement for teachers reflecting a year 1 of \$41,325 in 2026-27 and a year 2 base of \$41,550 for 2027-28 with vertical and horizontal movement both years along with all other language provisions as presented. There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Wood, Bailey, Witt, Butler and Madler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Madler proposed an amendment to Policy 8004 to change the definition of board member from; anyone duly elected according to state law who has taken the oath of office; to; anyone duly elected or appointed according to Nebraska state law and who has taken the oath of office. A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Mr. Bailey to amend Policy 8004 as stated. Roll call vote on the amendment: Ayes: Wood, Bailey, Witt, Butler, Madler and Lodes. Nays: None. The amendment carried. A motion was made by Ms. Witt and seconded by Ms. Butler to approve the recommended changes to the 8000 policy series as described and as amended. Roll call vote on the main motion as amended: Ayes: Bailey, Witt, Butler, Madler, Lodes and Wood. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the interlocal boundary agreement with Springfield Platteview Community Schools as presented. There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Butler, Madler, Lodes, Wood and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Madler to acknowledge receipt of the audit report for fiscal year 2024-2025. Mr. Madler asked for clarification on federal funding appearing in fiscal year 2025-26, and Mr. Richards confirmed that one and three-quarters of federal funding will appear in the current fiscal year.

There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Butler, Madler, Lodes, Wood, Bailey, and Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

The district's lobbyist, Tim Gay from Catalyst Public Affairs, provided an ongoing list of bills that the district will be following during the 109th Legislature session. Mr. Gay shared there were 545 bills introduced for the session, 14 incumbents including Speaker Arch are in their final year, and 10 districts are up for reelection. Mr. Gay invited the Board to attend future legislative hearings.

Dr. Villarreal brought the proposed changes for the Policy 1000 series to the Board for review. Board members should send any suggested changes to Dr. Villarreal, who will present potential changes to the subcommittee.

Board President Lodes reviewed the future board calendar.
Board President Lodes adjourned the meeting at 7:18p.m.

Skip Bailey, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
Board of Education