

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
February 23, 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, February 23, 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*, February 18, 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 publicly stated a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is posted at the entrance to the Board Room. Mr. Lodes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken. Board members who were present: Ms. SuAnn Witt, Ms. Elizabeth Butler, Mr. Marcus Madler, Mr. Brian Lodes, Ms. Lisa Wood and Mr. Skip Bailey. There were no comments from the Board or audience.

Communication

There were no public testifiers for items on the agenda.

Military Advisory

Colonel Mark Russell shared the monthly Offutt Air Force Base updates. Colonel Russell thanked the PLCS district for their support in the Kindergarten Fair. The Colonel spoke about a few workshops coming up including a teen budgeting workshop on March 12 and a spring social event for EFMP and home schoolers on April 30. The Colonel also spoke about the air show returning to the base in August.

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 mentioned last week was short due to the holiday and two snow days. Dr. Rikli also briefed the Board on the snow day decisions made. Dr. Rikli thanked Dr. Shureen Seery and Dr. Voisin for their work on the community advisory meeting held last week for the Strategic Plan. The Sub and Para conferences were held on February 16 at PLSHS with a large attendance. Dr. Rikli reminded the community about the next Community Closet event this Saturday at La Vista Middle School. Dr. Rikli spoke about the Leadership Cohort visiting the State Capitol last week, and thanked Dr. Settles for her work in coordinating that visit. Dr. Rikli recognized Ms. Rachel Stevens who has been selected as G. Stanley Hall's new assistant principal. Dr. Rikli spoke about a letter he received from Senator Holdcroft congratulating the PLSHS Girls Volleyball team for winning the 2025 NSAA Class A volleyball state championship title. This achievement was introduced as a resolution and will become a part of the permanent record of the 109th legislative second session. Dr. Rikli attended the unified basketball game at Liberty Middle school. Dr. Rikli introduced a video that was marketed for La Vista Middle School from Dr. Villarreal and his team.

Board Comments

Ms. Butler attended the unified basketball game and her first Foundation Board meeting.

Ms. Wood attended a liaison lunch at Trumble Park. Ms. Wood also attended the strategic plan meeting last week and the unified basketball game.

Mr. Madler had the weekly NASB legislative call today. Mr. Madler also attended a liaison lunch at La Vista Middle School.

Mr. Bailey reminded the Board about a legislative workshop coming up.

Mr. Lodes attended the NASB Board President Retreat and a liaison lunch at Liberty Middle School. Mr. Lodes also attended a unified basketball game at PLSHS.

Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler reported that the committee has not met.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Ms. Wood reported that the committee has met. Agenda items discussed were the Teammates coordinator position, sign language interpreter positions to be filled, updates on internal transfer requests, and open staff positions left to be filled.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Mr. Bailey reported that the committee has met. Agenda items discussed were the strategic plan, and the High Ability Learner program.

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, personnel, and board meeting and the American Civics Hearing minutes of February 9, 2026, as presented. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Butler, Madler, Lodes, Wood, Bailey and Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Witt and seconded by Mr. Madler to accept Policy 1000 – Public Relations and Communications changes to policy #1410 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Ms. Wood to approve entering into a purchase agreement with Apple Computer, Inc. for a total purchase amount of \$1,341,600.00 to replace the existing staff fleet of Macbook Airs. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Wood, Bailey, Witt, Butler and Madler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the Adjustment of School District Boundaries Interlocal Agreement between Springfield Platteview Community Schools and Papillion La Vista Community Schools of an estimated 75.035 acres in the Shadow Creek North subdivision as presented and on file with official district records and the processing of school Reorganization Plan(s) to Transfer and Attach Property by a Change of Boundaries in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement under and pursuant to the Learning Community Reorganization Act (Sections 79-4,117 to 79-4,129) and other Nebraska laws and that the Board President, Vice President or Assistant Superintendent of Business Services be authorized to execute and deliver the Agreement and implement and administer the transactions thereunder for and on behalf of this school district. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Wood, Bailey, Witt, Butler, Madler and Lodes. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Madler to acknowledge the review of Series 2000 Board Policies. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Bailey, Witt, Butler, Madler, Lodes and Wood. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Mr. Dan Kauk, Director of Facilities, and Mr. Mark Torczon of Lamp Rynearson provided the Board with an update on the planned replacement of the Foundation Field track. Mr. Kauk noted the track is over 22 years old, exceeding its approximate 20-year life expectancy, and has reached a point where repairs are becoming increasingly difficult. The project will be funded through the special building fund. Mr. Torczon explained the track replacement will consist of a rock subbase, three layers of asphalt, and a rubber membrane. He noted that bids are going out this week with contracts to follow shortly thereafter. Construction is anticipated to begin as soon as school is out with a completion date of August 1st, prior to the start of football season. Mr. Torczon added that feedback was gathered from track coaches and athletic directors at each high school, and modifications were incorporated into the design. Board members raised concerns about potential weather delays, referencing similar delays experienced during the Monarch track replacement. Mr. Torczon acknowledged weather as an unpredictable factor but noted that liquidated damages and a per diem penalty clause are being incorporated into the bid to incentivize timely completion.

Dr. Shureen Seery and Dr. Tammy Voisin presented the Board with an update on the district's strategic planning process. Dr. Seery provided background noting that the strategic plan sets the vision for the district for the next five years, engages stakeholders, and sets priorities for funding and actions around student learning. Dr. Seery reminded the Board that the community advisory group met this past summer to review stakeholder feedback, fiscal data, and student achievement data, producing six themes that were assigned to action teams. Over the last six months, those teams researched best practices and conducted a cost-benefit analysis before formulating the goals and objectives presented this evening. The six strategic plan goals address: student mental health and equitable access to behavioral and social supports; building a culture of rigor, grit, and perseverance; expanding access to advanced classes, AP coursework, internships, and college credit opportunities; creating a consistent district-wide academic pathway planning system for grades 6 through 12; meaningful community engagement fostering a culture of belonging and student success; and sustaining a passionate and engaged staff through strategic retention, recruitment, and professional growth. Dr. Seery noted that implementation teams will be formed to develop actionable steps and timelines for each goal. The goals and objectives will be brought back to the Board for formal adoption before implementation work begins, with periodic updates to follow.

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Public testifiers who addressed the Board: Ms. Stefanie Barton

Board President Lodes reviewed the future board calendar.
Board President Lodes adjourned the meeting at 7:07p.m.

Skip Bailey, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
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