

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
March 9, 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, March 9, 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*, March 4, 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. 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 for items on the agenda.

Student Council

Ms. Abigail Bender and Maddie Larsen, representatives from Papillion La Vista South High School, reported for the Student Council. Students at Papillion La Vista South have recently completed their 2026-27 course registration. ACT Prep is in full swing as students prepare for the Pre ACT or ACT on March 24. The Titan boys basketball team qualified for state, as did the Monarchs, and both championship games will kick off on March 11. PLSHS Wrestling had 11 boys and 4 girls qualify for state. The PLSHS Girls bowling team competed at State as a team. The Titan Theater program is gearing up for 'Diary of Anne Frank' March 26-28. The Titan Band and Choir groups continue to have great seasons, with numerous trophies and individual awards. The Titan Dashers team raised \$17,000 for the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. PLSHS Student Council is gearing up for a blood drive and the 2026 senior sunset. The new Student Council officers will be appointed in a couple weeks. Pro Start Culinary Arts won another state championship. Mr. Landon Hauge won the district speech coach of the year.

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 noted that the Monarch/Titan unified basketball game is tomorrow night at PLHS. Dr. Rikli attended the annual Battle of the Books competition at PLHS.

Dr. Rikli recognized Read Across America week and Liberty Day being celebrated across the district. Dr. Rikli thanked Dr. Settles and Dr. Meyers for hosting the final Community Closet event for this school year.

Dr. Rikli attended the NJROTC's celebration dinner at Tiburon Golf Course.

Dr. Rikli reminded the Board and community of the state boys basketball tournaments being held this week in Lincoln. Dr. Rikli introduced and welcomed Mr. Brenden Trout, who will be serving as principal at Prairie Queen Elementary starting next fall.

Board Comments

Mr. Bailey attended a liaison lunch at Bell Elementary. Mr. Bailey will attend a MABE meeting this week, as well as Pizza and Bingo at Carriage Hill.

Ms. Butler attended a liaison lunch at Ashbury Elementary.

Mr. Madler attended the NASB Legislative Conference last week.

Mr. Lodes attended multiple events across the district.

Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler reported the committee had met. Agenda items discussed included the new baseball safety netting, district radio upgrades, potential middle school land purchase, the Foundation Field track project, legislative issues, and transportation.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Ms. Wood reported the committee had not met.
- Curriculum and Americanism Committee: Mr. Bailey reported the committee had not met.

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, bills, out of state travel and personnel, and board minutes of February 23, 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Ms. Wood to (1) approve the Foundation Field track replacement project as presented by Nemaha Sports Contracting LLC for the amount of \$1,183,400.80 and (2) to delegate authority to and authorize the Superintendent of Schools or Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for the school district to sign, execute and deliver such construction contracts, sign and approve any change orders, pay the contract price and other expenses related to the construction projects and take all other action necessary to complete any requirements or obligations under the construction projects and contracts. 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 Ms. Wood and seconded by Mr. Bailey to adopt the proposed goals and objectives for the 2026-2031 PLCS Strategic Plan. 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.

Discussion/Information Items

The Series 3000 Board Policies are up for annual review. If there are changes proposed or recommended, please send them to Mr. Richards. Any changes will be presented as discussion items at the March 23rd board meeting, with possible action at the April 13th board meeting. If there are no changes recommended, the Board will acknowledge review of the Series 3000 Board Policies at the March 23 board meeting.

Mr. Richards provided the board with a legislative update, noting the current 60-day short session has 19 days remaining. Mr. Richards highlighted two bills of concern, LB 1219 and LB 1050. Mr. Richards also noted the importance of monitoring package bills and being prepared to communicate with senators on short notice regarding the impact of legislation on the district. Dr. Rikli added concerns regarding LB 1050's removal of parental rights in retention decisions and the potential impact of LB 1219 on the district's ability to recruit and retain quality teachers and staff.

Communication

Public testifiers who addressed the Board: Angie Cantrell, Stefanie Barton, Angie Fair, and Rebecca Baruth.

Board President Lodes reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Lodes adjourned the meeting at 6:56p.m.

Skip Bailey, Secretary
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