

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
July 27, 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 6:03p.m., Monday, July 27, 2026, following the Parental Involvement Hearing. 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*, July 22, 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 Mr. Brian Lodes called the meeting to order and stated that the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and Open Meetings Law notification were taken care of at the Parental Involvement Hearing conducted prior to this meeting.

Military Advisory

Colonel Mark Russell shared updates from Offutt Air Force Base. Colonel Russell shared details on the upcoming Offutt Air & Space Show, August 8–9, 2026, the requirement for a free parking pass reserved in advance online, and the absence of a headliner act (Blue Angels/Thunderbirds) this year due to other engagements tied to the nation's 250th anniversary. Colonel Russell also shared that this is peak PCS (Permanent Change of Station) season and requested continued proactive support from the community and schools to ease the transition for military families, and shared details of an upcoming IEP/504 workshop for military families hosted by PTI Nebraska on Saturday, August 22, on base.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report on highlights and activities, thanking the community members in attendance and those watching online. Dr. Rikli shared that August 12 is a half day for most students and August 13 is a full day for all students, PK–12. Dr. Rikli shared that staff are returning in waves, including new administrators, clerical staff, and instructional staff, who returned that morning. Dr. Rikli shared details of the administrative team's back-to-school retreat and the NDE Administrator Days in Kearney. Dr. Rikli thanked the Board and community for the recent ribbon cutting and opening of Lincoln View Elementary, the district's 17th elementary building. Dr. Rikli shared that the PLCS Foundation's annual gala will be held Saturday, August 15, at the Beardmore Event Center, and that a Board retreat has been scheduled for October 1, 2026.

Board Comments

Mr. Lodes echoed Dr. Rikli's thanks to Board members, staff, and custodial staff for their work preparing Lincoln View Elementary for its opening.

Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler reported the committee has not met.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Ms. Wood reported the committee met July 23. Topics included current student enrollment status, with a more complete report to follow in the coming months, and ongoing personnel updates. Dr. Rikli noted that the school nurse position discussed by the committee has since been successfully filled.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Mr. Bailey reported the committee met and discussed a new state law requirement for posting Board of Education meetings, the 6000-series policy updates presented later in this meeting, the district's 2026–2027 goals, a new administrative professional development focus book, and upcoming hearings, including tonight's Parental Involvement Hearing and a future Americanism/Civics hearing.

Communication

There were no public testifiers who addressed the Board.

Action Items

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Witt to approve the Action by Consent Items: The meeting agenda, finance, the Student Fees Hearing and Board meeting minutes of July 13, 2026. 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 the attached sale of the Print Shop Purchase Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with the school district's Foundation as presented and designate the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services the authority to sign, execute, and deliver such Purchase Agreement and any documents or agreements called for in such sale Agreement and pay any additional closing fees associated with this transaction on behalf of PLCS.. Ms. Butler stated her full support for the item but disclosed that she serves on both the Board and the Foundation board and abstained from the vote out of an abundance of caution. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Wood, Bailey, Witt, Madler. Abstain: Butler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Ms. Witt to accept the changes to Policy 3406: Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds and Policy 4041: Relations With Employee Collective Bargaining Associations (per new LB 429), as presented. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Wood, Bailey, Witt, Butler, Madler, Lodes. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Madler to approve the attached 2026–27 student fees for elementary and secondary schools as presented, which includes a five-cent increase to breakfast and lunch. Board members thanked staff for working to keep fees reasonable for families. Mr. Richards noted new state legislation, supported by the Susan Buffett Foundation, that will provide free lunch this year to students who qualify for reduced-price meals, and reminded families that fee waivers remain available through their building principal for families who qualify for free or reduced-price meals, and that free/reduced applications may be updated at any point during the school year as circumstances change. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Bailey, Witt, Butler, Madler, Lodes, Wood. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Dr. Shureen Seery presented the district's Statements of Assurance for Rule 10 (each building principal has signed acknowledging compliance) and the Americanism and Multiculturalism Education statement required under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-724. Dr. Seery noted the district's social studies standards are not currently in the curriculum

update cycle, though the recently rolled-out Personal Finance course draws on the economics standards within social studies.

Dr. Seery presented recommended updates to the 6000-series -Instruction policies: deletion of Policy 6203 Driver's Education, which the district no longer offers directly; a language cleanup to Policy 6304 Extracurricular Activities updating "enrollment option program" to "option enrollment"; an update to Policy 6401 School Libraries adding language required by new law regarding parent access to the library catalog and checkout notifications; and a recommended retitling of Policy 6405 from "Controversial Issues" to "Controversial Issues and Curriculum Reconsideration" to better reflect its scope, with no change to the underlying process. In response to a Board member's question, Dr. Seery reported that approximately 55 curriculum reconsideration reviews were completed over the past three years, with three completed in the past school year, and noted the volume of requests has declined significantly.

Mr. Richards Board Policy 7000 - Construction is due for the annual review. Based upon the review of this policy, if there would be recommended revisions, discussion would be held at the August 10, 2026, board meeting. Any changes would be acted on at the August 24, 2026, meeting of the Board.

Dr. Settles presented the tentative clerical negotiated agreement for 2026–2028 with Local 226, which was ratified by clerical staff members. Highlights include: a two-year agreement effective September 1, 2026; a total compensation package increase of 3.5% for 2026–27 (2027–28 pay equals the 2026–27 rate plus an additional 1.62%); new-hire starting rates ranging from \$18.25 to \$18.90 per hour depending on job category; an employer NPERS contribution of 7.32%; an increase in bereavement leave to ten days for a spouse, domestic partner, or child; and a clarification that the one paid vacation day in spring applies to employees on 12-month contracts. The agreement will be brought back to the Board for action on August 10, 2026.

Dr. Settles presented the tentative paraprofessional negotiated agreement for 2026–2028, which was ratified by Local 226 Paraprofessional members. Provisions of the contract include: Dr. Settles shared results of an April 2026 survey of paraprofessionals (149 respondents), which identified hourly pay, benefits, and schedule flexibility as top priorities, and training, the student calendar, and insurance benefits as lower priorities. Highlights of the tentative agreement include: a two-year agreement effective August 1, 2026; a total compensation package increase of 3.5% for 2026–27; an increase in bereavement leave to ten days; an employer NPERS contribution of 7.32%; new-hire starting rates ranging from \$16.29 to \$17.93 per hour depending on job category; and wage increases for returning staff ranging from approximately \$0.67 to \$0.96 per hour in year one and \$0.28 to \$0.43 per hour in year two, depending on job category. A Board member shared a personal reflection on the impact paraprofessionals have on students and families.

There was no public comment on items not otherwise on tonight's agenda.

Board President Lodes reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Lodes adjourned the meeting at 6:48pm.

Skip Bailey, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
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