

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
September 14, 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 6:20p.m., Monday, September 14, 2026, following the Budget 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*, September 2, 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, at the conclusion of the Budget Hearing; call to order, roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the posting of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law were completed at that time. Board members present were: Ms. Elizabeth Butler, Mr. Marcus Madler, Mr. Brian Lodes, Ms. Lisa Wood, Mr. Skip Bailey, Ms. SuAnn Witt.

Student Council

Student Council representatives from Papillion La Vista High School were excused from attending this evening's meeting due to inclement weather. Their report will be rescheduled for an upcoming meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report of highlights and activities. Dr. Rikli offered thanks to district veterans and first responders in recognition of the 25th anniversary of September 11, and noted the tribute programs held at Papillion La Vista South and other district schools. Dr. Rikli reported on Homecoming activities, including the Titans' win over Lincoln Northeast, and looked ahead to Monarch Homecoming following the Monarchs' win at Grand Island. Dr. Rikli reported the district has launched its first Liaison Lunch series, continued one-on-one succession planning visits with building administrative teams, and is kicking off Student, Teacher, and Classified Staff Advisory groups this week.

Board Comments

Ms. Butler attended the PLCS Foundation Board Meeting.

Mr. Madler attended the Community Closet event on August 29, and the NASB Area Membership Meeting.

Mr. Bailey attended the NASB Area Membership Meeting and a MABE meeting.

Ms. Wood watched the Titan/Monarch football game from the comfort of her home and commented on the Media Academy's coverage of the game.

Mr. Lodes attended various cross country meets.

Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler reported the committee had met. Agenda items included the 2026-2027 budget, as reviewed by Mr. Richards during the Budget Hearing, and continued conversations regarding the potential middle school land purchase.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Ms. Wood reported had met. Agenda items included student enrollment priorities, the impact of in-district transfers and open enrollment on enrollment across the district; an update on the Voluntary Separation program; and personnel updates, including the upcoming retirement of Mr. Brett Richards.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Mr. Bailey reported the committee had met. Agenda items included Tier 3 special education services and associated costs; growth in special education enrollment; district goals, and planned use of Comprehensive Literacy State Development grant carryover funds.

Action Items

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Madler to approve the Action by Consent items as listed. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Madler, Lodes, Wood, Bailey, Witt, Butler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Ms. Butler to acknowledge the review of Policy Series 8000, Board Organization and Operation. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Wood, Bailey, Witt, Butler, Madler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Dr. Tammy Voisin, on behalf of Dr. Seery, presented the district's 2026-2027 goals. The first goal, an achievement goal, targets a 7% or greater improvement in K-12 English Language Arts achievement by the end of the 2026-2027 school year. This is measured through MAP Reading Growth (grades K-3), NSCAS state assessment results (grades 3-8), and ACT results (grade 11). The second goal, a systems goal, focuses on improving the efficiency of building-level Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) teams and ensuring guaranteed intervention time is built into each building's schedule. This goal is supported through the district's contract with Dr. Judy Elliott's team using Comprehensive Literacy State Development grant funds. The Board discussed the goals and asked clarifying questions regarding timing of results and how individual buildings will set their improvement targets.

Dr. Rikli shared his 2026-27 performance goals with the Board. The Papillion La Vista Schools Board of Education, working in collaboration with the Superintendent, developed several goals for the 2026-27 school year. These draft goals will serve as the foundation for Dr. Rikli's annual Superintendent evaluation by the Board of Education during the 2026-27 school year. The Board will be presented with a final summary of his progress for the 2026-27 school year. The five proposed goals are: 1. Implement Board-adopted District Strategic Plan Action Steps, 2. Implement enhanced communication and engagement strategies for District staff, students, and residents, 3. Implement updated Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Technology priorities, 4. Expand District Staff Recruitment, Retention, and Succession Planning Strategies, 5. Implement operational, facility, and building safety projects. A copy of the Superintendent's three-year contract is available for patron review on the district website in accordance with Nebraska's Superintendent Contract Transparency Act.

Dr. Bell presented information regarding Policy 4143, the Temporary Early Retirement Incentive policy. A total of 81 staff members are eligible for the incentive this year. The administration proposed the Board approve up to 15 applications for the 2026-2027 school year, consistent with recent history. Dr. Bell also proposed a language change to Policy 4143 to reference the "current school year" rather than a specific year. This policy applies only to certificated teachers and does not apply to administrators.

Communication

Public testifiers who addressed the Board: Lori Moss.

Board President Lodes reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Lodes adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.

Skip Bailey, Secretary

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