

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
September 28, 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 following the Tax Request Hearing at 6:08 p.m., Monday, September 28, 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*, September 23, 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 Tax Request Hearing conducted prior to this meeting.

Military Advisory

Lt. Col Samshair shared the monthly Offutt Air Force Base updates. The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission Annual Business Meeting will take place October 13-16 in Indiana, where Ms. Tina Luderman and Deputy Commissioner Dr. Ford will represent Offutt and Nebraska. Offutt will host its first annual Model United Nations High School Conference on November 2. The 55th Force Support Squadron will host a Halloween Extravaganza on October 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Military and Family Life Counselor, Ms. Bonnie, is offering professional training for PLCS staff throughout this month and November.

Student Council

Graysen Matt, representing the Papillion La Vista High School Student Council, shared highlights from the Monarchs. The Student Council organized Homecoming on September 19. Seniors gathered for Senior Sunrise. Layla Endres was named a National Merit Semifinalist. The jerseys of softball standouts Peaches James and Jordy Bahl were retired. Grayson recognized former Monarchs Will Hubert and Luke Lindenmeyer, now leaders in Division I college football. Also recognized were brothers Hudson and Bennett Carrico, who serve as drum majors for the University of Nebraska and Papillion La Vista High School. At the Academic Excellence Ceremony, 359 sophomores, juniors, and seniors with a 4.0 GPA or higher were recognized. Additional highlights included the all-junior practice ACT, a Color Guard Penny War fundraiser through November 24, and DECA cookie sales. The girls golf team has medaled 16 times this season, including a first-place finish by Addison Kloeckner at the Lincoln North Star Invitational, and placed seventh of 17 teams at the Metro tournament. The marching band placed sixth at the Titan Classic. Dr. Rikli also recognized Monarch graduate Eric Ingwersen, a member of the Nebraska football team.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report of highlights and activities from this past month. Dr. Rikli thanked the community members attending the meeting and those watching online.

Both high schools have celebrated their Homecomings, and the end of the first quarter is approaching. Fall break will take place the second week of October, including a professional development day.

Dr. Rikli thanked Dr. Seery and Dr. Hilderbrand for coordinating Outdoor Education for sixth grade students despite challenging weather.

Dr. Christopher Villarreal hosted a family engagement night at Central Office with approximately 260 attendees, in partnership with area businesses and district staff.

La Vista Middle School and Liberty Middle School have been named Unified Champion Schools. The District now has both high schools, two of three middle schools, and two elementary schools, Prairie Queen and Anderson Grove, recognized as Unified Champion Schools.

Dr. Rikli reminded the Board of the Board Retreat on Thursday, October 1, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Administration Office, which is open to the public. Dr. Rikli also shared that an employee hearing is scheduled for October 29, and that Mr. Chad Meisgeier, Assistant Superintendent at Millard Public Schools, has been recommended to serve as hearing officer. The appointment will be brought to the Board at the next meeting.

Board Reports

Ms. Witt attended a liaison lunch at Papillion La Vista High School.

Ms. Wood attended the celebration recognizing Mr. Zac Konrad as the Nebraska Teacher of the Year, and recognized Ms. Lisa Elsasser, who was also a finalist for the award.

Mr. Lodes attended a liaison lunch at Parkview Heights Elementary. Mr. Lodes thanked the student councils and administrative teams at both high schools for organizing Homecoming activities.

Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler reported the committee had not met.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Ms. Wood reported the committee had not met.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Mr. Bailey reported the committee had not met.

Communication

No Public testifiers testified.

Action Items

A motion was made by Ms. Witt and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the Action by Consent Items: the meeting agenda, finance, travel and the minutes from the Budget Hearing and Board Meeting on September 14, 2026, as modified to correct the minutes to reflect that Board President Lodes adjourned the meeting. 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. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Wood to approve the Superintendent's 2026-2027 Performance Goals, as presented. 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 Ms. Wood and seconded by Ms. Witt to approve the annual updates to Policy 4143, Temporary Early Retirement Incentive, as presented. 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the adoption of the Papillion La Vista Community Schools budget for 2026-27 as presented on the attached Budget Resolution and State Budget

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

Discussion/Information Items

The Director of Student Services, Ms. Missy Stolley, shared with the Board the Option Enrollment Resolution. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-238, this resolution establishes buildings that will be declared closed to option enrollments for the 2027-28 school year. No option enrollment applications will be accepted at Ashbury Elementary, Bell Elementary, Lincoln View Elementary and Papillion Middle School. The resolution will take action at the October 12 meeting of the Board.

Board President Lodes reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Lodes adjourned the meeting at 6:41p.m.

Skip Bailey, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
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