PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
October 12, 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, October 12, 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,* October 7, 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 present were: Ms. Lisa Wood, Mr. Skip Bailey, Ms. SuAnn Witt, Ms. Elizabeth Butler, Mr. Marcus Madler and Mr. Brian Lodes. All members were present.

Student Council

Piper Dougherty and Madeline Litecky, representatives from Papillion La Vista South High School, reported for the Student Council. This year's theme is "Built Different," which encourages students to challenge themselves, try new things and support one another. The school celebrated its academic letter recipients, with 125 seniors, 138 juniors and 147 sophomores recognized. The classroom focus this year is critical thinking and participation, and National Honor Society received a record number of applications ahead of its November 9 induction. In athletics, fall teams are having strong seasons. Volleyball, ranked second in Class A, hosts top-ranked Elkhorn North for senior night at Titan Arena. In fine arts, the marching band swept first place in all caption awards at the Elkhorn Band Invitational. Theater presented The Yellow Boat, and Shrek the Musical will take the stage November 5–8. Leo Club is helping plan Halloween Safe Night at Papillion Landing on October 22. Student Council hosted a successful homecoming, "Night in the Bayou," will attend the State Student Council Conference in Grand Island on November 7, and is preparing for its annual Make-A-Wish fundraisers.

Communication

No Public testifiers testified.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report of highlights and activities. Dr. Rikli thanked community members attending in person and watching online, and apologized for a more limited simulcast due to a camera malfunction. All schools were closed Friday for fall break, and staff returned Monday for professional development. Dr. Rikli attended the Para-Conference hosted at Papillion La Vista High School and thanked Dr. Bell and his team, as well as Ms. Wood for attending. Dr. Rikli also attended Marzano training for second-year teachers and thanked Dr. Seery and her team.

Dr. Rikli shared that fall staff pick-me-ups have begun under the leadership of Dr. Villarreal, with custom caramel apples from Wicked Apple being delivered to more than 1,800 employees. The district hosted the first Business and Elected Official Advisory meeting of the year, with approximately 20 participants. Mr. Richards provided bond facility updates, and the group discussed legislation and future topics. Dr. Rikli has been invited by the U.S. Army to attend a one-day Military Leadership Academy for education leaders at Camp Ashland later this week. Dr. Rikli commended the HR and Student Services team; pending Board approval, Dr. Tammy Voisin will serve as the new Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, succeeding Mr. Brett Richards, who will retire on or about June 30. The Director of Special Services position has been posted. The district has also received a letter of retirement from Liberty Elementary Principal Dr. Troy Juracek.
Dr. Rikli acknowledged Dr. Settles' continued absence and, on behalf of the district, extended love and support to Dr. Settles and her family following the loss of her son, Liam.

Board Comments
Ms. Wood attended the Para-Conference and noted the upcoming family engagement screening at Papillion La Vista High School - 'Counted Out' Documentary Screening and Facilitated Talkback.
Mr. Bailey attended a liaison breakfast at Portal Elementary.
Mr. Lodes attended the Metro Conference and Middle School Cross Country meets hosted at Walnut Creek and congratulated the Papillion Middle School girls team as state champions.

Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler reported the committee had met. Agenda items discussed were overview of tier 3 costs given by Dr. Seery and Dr. Voisin, middle school land purchase, radio purchases and elementary boundaries.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Ms. Wood reported the committee had not met.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Mr. Bailey reported the committee had not met.

Action Items
Mr. Madler requested an amendment to the October 1, 2026, Board Retreat minutes regarding the salary schedule discussion. The sentence stating Mr. Madler expressed concern that the gap between the teacher base and the administrator base "did not widen over time" will be amended to read "does not widen over time." A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Ms. Witt to approve the Action by Consent Items with the amended minutes: The meeting agenda, bills, out of state travel, personnel items, Tax Hearing and Board Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2026, the Board Retreat Minutes of October 1, 2026, as presented. 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 attached Papillion La Vista Community Schools Tax Request Resolution for the 2026-27 school year as presented.

Fund	Tax Request Amount	
General Fund	$96,803,019	tax levy $0.890789
Bond #4	$3,770,000	tax levy $0.036197
Bond #5	$4,200,000	tax levy $0.040326
Bond #6	$6,105,842	tax levy $0.057312
Bond #7	$5,263,000	tax levy $0.048555
Building Fund	$1,111,111	tax levy $0.010225
Total	$117,252,972	tax levy $1.083404

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.

A motion was made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Ms. Witt to approve the Option Enrollment Resolution for 2027-28 school year. There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Butler, Madler, Lodes, Wood, Bailey and Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Dr. Rikli provided a summary of the October 1, 2026, Board Retreat. Board retreats are publicly noticed meetings open to the public, and no action is taken. Five topics were discussed: high school boundaries; possible expansion of busing to the middle level; district surveys; Board accomplishments; and teacher and administrator salary schedules. Mr. Madler thanked the administration for their preparation and noted that salary schedule decisions must consider elevated health insurance costs. Mr. Lodes thanked the Board and administrative team. Dr. Rikli clarified that there will be no substantive changes to district busing until the transportation RFP is issued next fall, and that the RFP will specifically request a pay-to-ride proposal.

Dr. Villarreal presented a proposal regarding three development areas within the Bell Elementary boundary. The areas include Bellino 72, with approximately 800 apartments across 10 buildings; the area southwest of 66th Street and Cedardale Road, with approximately 235 lots; and over 200 acres of undeveloped land north of Highway 370 and west of 48th Street, zoned residential with no development plans filed. The proposal would assign these areas to Rumsey Station Elementary, La Vista Middle School and Papillion La Vista High School before any homes are sold or leases signed. This change would relieve enrollment pressure at Bell and help address the enrollment gap between the two high schools. No current residents would be affected. Board members expressed appreciation for the proactive approach, noted Rumsey Station's declining enrollment, and noted the change avoids students crossing 72nd Street and Highway 370. Dr. Rikli suggested outreach to realtors, and Dr. Villarreal shared that realtor folders with school information are being developed for active developments.

Mr. Richards reported that a radio committee of principals, assistant principals and Mr. Moore from Technology met at least three times since last spring. Current radios are aging and of mixed brands. The committee recommends a ratio of approximately 25 students to one radio at the elementary level plus special education needs, 20 radios per middle school and 30 radios per high school. The committee recommends Motorola radios, serviced locally by First Wireless. Mr. Moore expressed the proposed purchase is 475 radios for a total of $186,785.25, well below the original estimate, because district-wide communication through the Sarpy County radio system eliminates the need for additional repeaters. Board members discussed a replacement plan based on an expected six- to seven-year life, including building replacement costs into the depreciation fund, and expressed support for a consistent model across buildings.

Communication

No Public testifiers testified.

Board President Lodes reviewed the future board calendar.
Board President Lodes adjourned the meeting at 6:57pm.

Skip Bailey, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
Board of Education