PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
October 26, 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 26, 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 21, 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: Mr. Marcus Madler, Mr. Brian Lodes, Ms. Lisa Wood, Ms. SuAnn Witt and Ms. Elizabeth Butler.

A motion was made by Ms. Witt and seconded by Ms. Wood to approve the absence of Mr. Skip Bailey from the October 26, 2026, board meeting. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Wood, Witt, Butler and Madler. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Recognition

Dr. Rikli recognized the Papillion Middle School girls cross country team as the Nebraska Junior High Cross Country State Champions. Dr. Rikli noted the state meet, hosted by the Papillion La Vista South coaching staff, began in 2012. The meet has grown from 348 runners in two races, to feature more than 1,200+ athletes across six races. Board members congratulated the team and thanked the coaches and families for their support.

Military Advisory

Colonel Samshair provided the Military Advisory report. The Offutt Halloween Extravaganza will be held Thursday, October 29, at the Child and Youth Development Complex. The Offutt tree lighting event will be held Thursday, December 3. Registration for the Model United Nations conference on November 2 has been extended through October 28 at noon for interested Papillion La Vista students. Colonel Samshair thanked the teachers who attended deployment training.
Dr. Rikli reminded military families of the approaching deadline to complete federal impact aid paperwork for military dependents.

Presentation

Dr. Seery introduced the district's three middle school principals, Dr. Jen Carson of La Vista Middle School, Mr. Tim Johnson of Papillion Middle School, and Dr. Troy Juracek of Liberty Middle School, to present on the middle school philosophy and exploratory experiences that engage students. The principals explained that the middle school model, rooted in research and Rule 10, offers age-appropriate exposure to a variety of pathways. Exploratory classes run in seven-week rotations ("pents"), five per year, allowing students to take 10 to 20 exploratory classes by the end of eighth grade. Year-long offerings include band, chorus and eighth grade

Spanish, which is a high school level course. The principals described club connections, such as robotics, art, yearbook and STEM, and how these experiences prepare students for high school academies, fine arts and Advanced Placement courses. Board members thanked the principals and shared their appreciation for the middle school teaming model and the opportunities available to students.

Communication
No Public testifiers testified.

Superintendent's Report
Dr. Rikli provided a report of highlights and activities. Dr. Rikli thanked the community for attending the meeting and those watching from home. Dr. Rikli thanked Dr. Seery, Dr. Hilderbrand and the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment team as Outdoor Ed wraps up this week with Bell and Hickory Hill Elementary. Dr. Rikli thanked Carol Joy Holling Camp for its ongoing investment in the facility. Dr. Rikli shared that the district is working to fill two administrative openings: principal of Liberty Middle School, following the retirement of Dr. Juracek at the end of the year, and Director of Special Services, following the promotion of Dr. Tammy Voisin. Dr. Rikli shared that the Papillion La Vista South choir was invited by the Nebraska School Activities Association to sing the national anthem at the Class B state football championship at Memorial Stadium on November 24. Mr. Jeff Spilker, principal of Papillion La Vista South High School, was named the 2027 NSASSP (Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals) High School Principal of the Year. Dr. Rikli thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the Military Leadership Academy Symposium hosted by the U.S. Army National Guard in Lincoln. Dr. Rikli thanked Dr. Christopher Villarreal and the administrative team for the Apple Pick-Me-Ups for staff, featuring Wicked Caramel Apples of Plattsmouth. Dr. Rikli also met with the Student Advisory group for its second meeting of the year, which discussed the academy programs and selection process led by Ms. Jabens and her team.
Dr. Rikli reminded the Board and community about the next Community Closet event on November 7, with a focus on winter coats, gloves, scarves and hats. In response to a question from Mr. Madler, Dr. Rikli shared that donations of winter clothing may be dropped off at any school building or at the Administration Office.

Board Reports
Ms. Witt attended a liaison breakfast at G. Stanley Hall.
Ms. Wood attended a liaison breakfast at Papillion Middle School and a TeamMates Board meeting
Mr. Lodes encouraged the community to research candidates in local elections. He congratulated the Papillion La Vista South boys cross country team on finishing as state runner-up and all individual medalists, and congratulated both the Monarchs and Titans football teams on hosting home playoff games on Friday at 4:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Madler reported the committee had not met.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Ms. Wood reported the committee had met. Agenda items discussed were Nebraska Statute 79-880. Ms. Wood noted that the change will require updates to the application, several Board policies (including professional boundaries and social media) and staff handbooks, and that the district is gathering information from area districts. Personnel matters were also discussed.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Dr. Seery reported in Mr. Bailey's absence that the committee had not met.

Action Items
A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Ms. Wood to approve the Action by Consent Items: The meeting agenda, finance, out of state travel, minutes from the Board Meeting of October 12, 2026, items as presented. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Wood, Witt, Butler, Madler, and Lodes. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Ms. Butler approve the change in school boundaries from Bell Elementary to Rumsey Station for the Bellino Land Development at 72nd and Cedardale, the Trumble Hills Development at 66th and Cedardale, and the undeveloped land north of Hwy 370 and west of 48th Street as identified on the attached map and description in the Background information above. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Butler, Madler, Lodes, Wood. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Madler and seconded by Ms. Wood to approve the replacement of school radios district-wide with Motorola radios at each school for $186,785.25 from First Wireless as presented. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Butler, Madler, Lodes, Wood, and Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Dr. Seery, Ms. Alex Olson, Director of Curriculum and Secondary Education, and Ms. Missy Jabens, CTE and EL Administrator, provided a recap of the high school visioning process discussed at the October Board retreat. The process began in 2016 with community partners, parents, staff, students and Board members, and included visits to 11 high school campuses and 42 community presentations. Implementation began in fall 2018. Stakeholders prioritized balanced enrollment between the two high schools, planning for growth and a third high school, and equal programming at both high schools. Presenters highlighted several accomplishments since implementation began. Spanish was added at the middle school level, and the Metro Jump Start program now gives students early college and career opportunities. Skilled and technical sciences programs expanded to include small engines and welding, and the Project Lead the Way biomedical program was added to the Health Academy. Bond projects expanded both high schools and added freshman wings, and boundaries were adjusted in 2019 to balance enrollment. The district also added AP offerings, updated its curriculum cycle, expanded internships, and created a skilled and technical sciences endowment through the PLCS Foundation. Work toward an AP Capstone program is ongoing. Dr. Rikli noted that the district has purchased land for a potential third high school and that the district has re-engaged RSP for updated enrollment projections. Dr. Rikli asked the Board to consider whether this philosophy should continue to guide decisions on future facilities. In response to a question from Mr. Madler about future community engagement, Dr. Seery and Dr. Rikli shared that the district would re-engage the community before considering a third high school, which is estimated to be seven to ten years away.

Board President Lodes reviewed the future board calendar.
Board President Lodes adjourned the meeting at 7:04p.m.

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