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, March 22, 2021. 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 *Papillion Times*, March 17, 2021. 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. All board members were present: Ms. Valerie Fisher, Mr. Brian Lodes, Ms. SuAnn Witt, Mr. Skip Bailey, Mr. Marcus Madler, and Dr. Fred Tafoya. There were no comments from the Board or audience.

**Communication**
There were no comments regarding items not on the agenda.

**Recognition**
Dr Rikli recognized three fifth grade students at Prairie Queen Elementary, Luke Freeman, Barron Jungman, and Nathan Waggoner for the Facebook Engineer of the Week Award. Also recognized were PLSHS’s National Merit Award Finalists, Ellenna Divingnzzo, Xander Muniz, and Gracie Sunde.

**Military Liaison Advisor**
Lt. Colonel Andy Stewart shared the monthly Offutt Airforce Base updates, challenges, and career opportunities that occur at Offutt. Lt. Colonel Stewart reported on the status of the base runway. As of March first, all planes have been moved to Lincoln with construction underway. The estimated completion for the runway is September 2022. This summer the demolition will begin first with rebuilding the flood plain floor and then the construction of the buildings that were lost. Leadership changes will take place also this summer.

**Presentation**
Dr. Julee Sauer, Director of Secondary Curriculum, Dr. Angie O’Hanlon, PLHS Assistant Principal, Ms. Stephanie Kimball, PLHS Math Teacher, Mr. Jeff Spilker, PLSHS Principal, and Ms. Megan Kelly, PLSHS Math Teacher provided the Board a presentation on Secondary MOEC Math Professional Development Project. Since the 2018-2019 school year, PLCS secondary schools have been participating in a math professional development series sponsored by the Metropolitan Omaha Education Consortium (MOEC). Secondary math teachers, principals, and the secondary curriculum director have been learning alongside one another and beside participants from other Metro Omaha secondary schools, including all 24 area high schools. Presenters shared an overview of the professional development & its positive impacts so far.
**Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Rikli reported on the highlights and activities he has attended this past month. Dr. Rikli welcomed back students and staff from spring break last week. The District’s officially in the fourth quarter of the school year.

We continue to monitor the COVID infection numbers. The District will continue to watch the Sarpy/Cass County Health Department Risk dial for up to date COVID information. On Saturday, March 13 the third vaccine clinic was hosted at PLSHS with educators throughout Sarpy and Cass County being vaccinated. Dr. Rikli thanked Dr. Kati Settles and her team, Ms. Annette Eyman and her team, PLEA volunteers, the District Nurses, and all other volunteers for their work and time they put into the running the clinics.

Congratulations was directed to the new Assistant Principal at Papillion La Vista South High School, Mr. Jano Jones. Mr. Josh Siske from PLHS and Mr. Bubba Penas from PLSHS both accepted the new Assistant Activities Director/Dean of Students positions.

Mr. Tim Gay and Ms. Kaitlin Reece from Catalyst Public Affairs, the District advocates, arranged meetings with Senator Arch and Senator Blood to visit about the District’s legislative priorities.

Commencement is planned for May 9 and to be held at Baxter Arena. PLSHS is at 1:00pm and PLHS is at 5:00pm. Masks and social distancing will be a requirement for all attendees.

**Board Comments**

Ms. Witt, Mr. Bailey, Ms. Fisher, Mr. Lodes all commented on how well ran the vaccine clinic was in addition to how happy volunteers were the entire day. They also thanked all the volunteers who helped with the clinic. Mr. Lodes commented on how nice it is to see spring sports being held throughout the District since last spring they were cancelled due to the COVID restrictions.

**Committee Reports:**

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Dr. Tafoya reported the committee had not met.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Ms. Witt reported the committee had not met.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Ms. Fisher reported the committee had not met.

**Action Items**

A motion was made by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Dr. Tafoya to approve the Action by Consent Items: The meeting agenda, finance, out of state travel and personnel items as presented. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Witt, Bailey, Madler, Tafoya, and Fisher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Witt and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the Board meeting minutes of March 8, 2021. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Bailey, Madler, Tafoya, Fisher, and Lodes. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Witt and seconded by Ms. Fisher to approve the three-year Superintendent’s contract with Dr. Andrew Rikli at a salary of $243,235.00 for 2021-22. Ms. Settles explained the added fringe benefit to the contract – “H-Cell phone stipend as described in the Administrator’s Handbook.” Dr. Rikli thanked the Board members for their faith in his leadership. Ms. Witt made a comment related to other districts that have spoken highly of Dr. Rikli’s leadership and she is grateful for his work and leadership with the District. There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Bailey, Madler, Tafoya, Fisher, Lodes, and Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.
A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Madler to approve the administrative salary and benefits as presented for 2021-22 including a certified administrator base salary of $70,155 and a minimum salary increase of 3.29% for certified administrators. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Madler, Tafoya, Fisher, Lodes, Witt, and Bailey. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Witt to acknowledge the review of Series 3000 Board Policies. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Tafoya, Fisher, Lodes, Witt, Bailey, and Madler. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Mr. Tim Gay and Ms. Kaitlin Reece from Catalyst Public Affairs provided an update on the legislative bills that the District is monitoring. Bills with significant impact on our school include LB 54, LB 281, LB 364, LB 408, and LB 452. Mr. Gay and Ms. Reece continue to be in contact with the Senators who are debating the bills and providing representation for our district. Mr. Gay asked that our board members and administration continue to provide letters and calls to the Senator for encouragement.

Ms. Shureen Seery, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, provided an update on Rule 10 Compliance: Instructional Time Update for 2020-21. Each year the District is required to meet all Nebraska Department of Education Rule 10 requirements to remain a state accredited school in Nebraska. Instructional time is one of the requirements. Ms. Seery updated the Board on the current instructional time for the 2020-21 school year with consideration of days called off due to weather. Rule 10’s yearly hour requirements are 1. 400 hours for Preschool, 2. 1032 hours for Elementary, and 3. 1080 hours for Secondary. Currently the District has used five days of weather closings which is two days over the three days that were built into the calendar. In March the State of NE’s Commissioner revised the Rule 10 by adding 12 hours due to extreme weather events beyond those already planned in the school calendar. He also added if school systems need to adjust because of COVID-19 impact or extreme weather, other accommodations can be made. The Commissioner amended the Rule 10 hours by including development professional time and remote instruction that was set for the year. With these additional hours in place it puts our District’s instructional time requirements over the allotted requirements. The District’s Administration recommended to the Board that we stay with the current date of May 21 as the last day of school. The Board agrees with the recommendation to not make any extensions to the end of the school year. The last day of school will be May 21.

Ms. Annette Eyman, Director of Communications, provided an update on the District’s COVID-19 plans. The plans include safety procedures, masking, updated athletic and activity guidelines, and an option remote learning plan for families. Ms. Eyman shared the COVID focus that the District is seeing: 1. Take care of the physical, mental, and academic health of our students, staff, and families, 2. Provide necessary support and resources, 3. Continue to provide quality education to all students, and 4. Remain in school. Our district has vaccinated 1,605 staff members at this time. Ms. Eyman reported on the student and staff absences for quarantine and illness from the start of the school year until now. The next steps for the District are to stay on the current course, allow Graduation, Prom, 6th grade visitations to Middle School, and a modified Kindergarten Roundup. A COVID Recovery committee for the 2021/22 school year has been put in place to make decisions on remote learning, wearing masks, and social distancing.

Dr. Rikli on behalf of Mr. Lewis the District has received a district property transfer request from the agreement with Springfield Platteview Community Schools. The agreement allows a transfer of specified land into the Papillion La Vista Community School District if certain conditions are met. One of the conditions specified in the agreement is approval by the respective Boards of Education.
The property requested to be transferred is 74.93 acres on the Southwest corner of 114th and Schram Road currently referred to as Belterra. A map of the location was provided. Approval of the agreement will take place at the April 12 board meeting.

Board President Lodes reviewed the future board calendar. Board President Lodes adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Valerie Fisher, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
Board of Education