

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
January 13, 2020

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, January 13, 2020. 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*, January 8, 2020. 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 Valerie Fisher 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. Ms. Fisher led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken. All board members were present: Mr. Chuck Zurcher, Dr. Fred Tafoya, Mr. Brian Lodes, Ms. SuAnn Witt, Ms. Valerie Fisher, and Mr. Bret Brasfield. There were no comments from the Board or audience.

Communication

There were no comments regarding items not on the agenda.

Student Council Report

Ryleigh Parrack and Emily Ashburn, representative from Papillion La Vista South High School, reported for the Student Council. Preparation for the ACT testing is taking place during Titan Time. Class selections will take place for the 2020/21 school year during January 21-23. Show Choir competition was held at PLSHS with 4 groups participating. Auditions will be held at the end of the month for the upcoming production. The winter formal will be held January 18 at PLSHS. Unified sports will be holding their Polar Plunge February 8 @ 10:00am. Winter sports, dance and cheer teams are in full swing. For the first time PLSHS will host a Coffee Talk for parents and community members on January 21 at 8:30am. Ryleigh and Emily thanked the Board for the student's new schedule during finals week.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report of highlights and activities he has attended this past month. The 106th Legislature, Second Session convened the 60-day short session January 8. For the first ten days bills can be introduced with the conclusion of introduction January 23. The 60-day short session is set to adjourn sine die on April 23.

Interviews will be conducted for new principal positions at PLSHS and Anderson Grove. PLSHS interviews will be conducted on January 30 with Anderson Grove interviews on February 3. The announcement of both positions will take place the early part of February.

Dr. Rikli reminded the Board if they wanted to attend the January 22 PDK Dinner and the NSBA Conference in Chicago to contact Ms. Baranko.

Dr. Rikli reminded the Board members who are up for re-election in November 2020 that the last day to file for incumbents is February 18 and March 2 is the last day for non-incumbents to file.

Board Comments

Mr. Lodes attended a Liaison Lunch at Golden Hills and La Vista Middle School. Mr. Lodes also attended the PLHS vs PLSHS girls and boys' basketball games on January 11. Ms. Fisher commented on how calming the Hickory Hill therapy dog makes staff and students feel. Ms. Fisher met the dog during the Liaison Lunch that was held at Hickory Hill.

Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Zurcher reported the committee had not met.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had met. Items to be discussed under discussion on the agenda.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Mr. Brasfield reported the committee had not met.

Action Items – Annual Business

Election of officers for 2020: President Fisher temporarily turned over the meeting to Superintendent Rikli to elect the Board President. Dr. Rikli requested nominations for the Office of President. Mr. Zurcher motioned to nominate Mr. Bret Brasfield as President, Mr. Brian Lodes as Vice President, Ms. SuAnn Witt as Secretary, and Ms. Valerie Fisher as Treasurer, Dr. Tafoya seconded the nominations. A motion to close the nominations for all positions was made by Mr. Zurcher and seconded by Mr. Lodes.

There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Zurcher, Witt, Lodes, Tafoya, Fisher, and Brasfield. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The meeting was turned back to Board President Mr. Brasfield. There were no comments from the Board or audience.

Papillion La Vista Community Schools Board officers for 2020 are:

- President – Bret Brasfield
- Vice President – Brian Lodes
- Secretary – SuAnn Witt
- Treasurer – Valerie Fisher

A motion was made by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Zurcher to approve the Action by Consent Annual Business items:

1. Authorize Vice-President to sign in absence of President, Secretary or Treasurer
2. Authorize Superintendent to sign for all Monies, Title Funds, Federal, State and Counties Monies and Bank Business
3. Authorize use of Facsimile Stamp
4. Designate Depositories (American National Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Bank of Nebraska, Bank of the West, PFM Asset Management LLC (NSDLF+), U.S. Bank, First National Bank, Cobalt Federal Credit Union, and Five Points Bank)
5. Designate *Papillion Times* as official newspaper for notification of meetings. Additional posting locations if needed: Sarpy County Court House, both High Schools, Papillion Public Library, and La Vista Public Library and the District website
6. Resolution for Line of Credit

There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Zurcher, Tafoya, Fisher, Witt, and Brasfield. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Mr. Zurcher to approve the 2020 board meeting dates as presented. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Lodes, Tafoya, Fisher, Brasfield, and Zurcher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Action Items – Monthly Business

A motion was made by Ms. Witt and seconded by Ms. Fisher to approve the Action by Consent Items: The meeting agenda, bills, 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, Tafoya, Fisher, Brasfield, Zurcher, and Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Zurcher and seconded by Mr. Lodes to approve the Board meeting minutes of December 9, 2019. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Tafoya, Fisher, Brasfield, Zurcher, Witt, and Lodes. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Mr. Zurcher to (1) approve the lump sum bid and authorizes and approves the construction contract with Prairie Construction Company for the low bid amount of Nine Hundred Eleven Thousand dollars (\$911,000.00) for the Papillion La Vista High School Tennis Court project, and (2) delegates authority to and authorizes, approves and directs the President of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services or a Designee for the School District to sign, execute and deliver such construction contract, sign and approve any change orders, retain necessary professionals for assistance, pay the contract price, change order increases, and expenses related to the construction project and site preparation work and take all other action necessary to complete any requirements or obligations under the construction project and contract. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fisher, Brasfield, Zurcher, Witt, Lodes, and Tafoya. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Mr. Zurcher to (1) approve the lump sum bid and authorizes and approves the construction contract with Ronco Construction Company for the low bid amount Two Million Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty dollars (\$2,216,650.00) for the Papillion La Vista South High School Parking Lot project, and (2) delegates authority to and authorizes, approves and directs the President of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services or a Designee for the School District to sign, execute and deliver such construction contract, sign and approve any change orders, retain necessary professionals for assistance, pay the contract price, change order increases, and expenses related to the construction project and site preparation work and take all other action necessary to complete any requirements or obligations under the construction project and contract. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Brasfield, Zurcher, Witt, Lodes, Tafoya, and Fisher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Ms. Witt to approve the Political Representation Contract for thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$39,000.00) plus expenses from Catalyst Public Affairs as presented. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Zurcher, Witt, Lodes, Tafoya, Fisher, and Brasfield. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Dr. Kati Settles, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources provided a report on proposed staffing needs for the 2020-2021 school year. The recommendation from the Administration included increases to the certified staff full time equivalencies (FTEs) 8.5 for general education, and 4.5 FTEs for Special Education, with an additional 5.0 FTEs if needed to meet the needs of a growing student population. The estimated budget impact of staffing as noted above is \$916,000.

Dr. Settles brought to the Board information related to Early Retirement Applications. Every year the District accepts 15 applications for retirement. This year 16 applications were received for 2019-20. After consideration of all factors the Board is considering approving the additional application that was submitted.

Ms. Shureen Seery, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, reviewed with the Board the next steps for the District's strategic planning process. The Cambridge Strategic Planning Group facilitated by Dr. Kevin Castner, will hold a three-day planning session February 10, 11, & 12. A variety of internal and external stakeholders including students, teachers, parents, classified staff, building principals, business leaders, and community members have been invited to attend. After the three-day session the next step will be to take the plan to the planning team.

Board President Brasfield reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Brasfield adjourned the meeting at 7:04p.m.

SuAnn Witt, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
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