

**PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27**  
**Board of Education Proceedings**  
**March 9, 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 March 9, 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*, March 4, 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 Bret Brasfield 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. Brasfield led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were: Mr. Chuck Zurcher, Dr. Fred Tafoya, Ms. Valerie Fisher, Ms. SuAnn Witt, Mr. Bret Brasfield, and Mr. Brian Lodes. 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. The Academic Award of Excellence was held February 13 with 99 Juniors and 104 Seniors receiving awards. Show Choir had an amazing finish to their season with a win at their last show. March 26 and 27 the next school production showing will be *Murder Takes the Veil*. The Speech club participated at Nationals with a good showing. DECA is preparing to go to State for competition. This week is Inclusion Week. Winter sports are wrapping up. The boys' basketball team will compete at State Thursday, March 12 and they will be playing Millard North. Parent teacher conferences had a good turnout. April 18<sup>th</sup> Prom will be held at Baxter Arena.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report of highlights and activities he has attended this past month. Dr. Rikli shared what the District is doing with regards to the Coronavirus. 1. Calls are being made on Monday morning, Thursday afternoon, and Sunday afternoon with NDE. 2. A task force is being initiated. 3. Posters of hand cleaning are being hung in all schools and buildings. 4. Cleaning is intensified for all buildings. Additional updates will be provided as new information comes in.

March 10 the District will host its second Parent Training Series. Ms. Karen Haase will visit the secondary schools to meet with students. There will be an evening Facebook live event which will focus on social media.

The District's Cognia Accreditation was held on Monday, March 1 through the 4<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Rikli thanked board members who participated. A report will be provided at a future meeting of the Board.

Dr. Rikli and Doug Lewis met with Senator Linehan to discuss the bill LB974. The District is keeping a close eye on this bill.

#### Board Comments

Mr. Brasfield thanked the Administration, Mr. Lodes, and Ms. Witt for their participation with the Cognia Accreditation and the interview that board members took place in.

#### Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Zurcher reported the committee had not met.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had met. Agenda items will be discussed at future board meetings.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Ms. Fisher reported the committee had not met.

#### Action Items

A motion was made by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Zurcher 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: Tafoya, Fisher, Witt, Brasfield, Lodes, and Zurcher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Witt and seconded by Dr. Tafoya to approve the Board meeting minutes of February 24, 2020. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fisher, Brasfield, Lodes, Zurcher, Tafoya, and Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Mr. Zurcher to approve the lump sum bid of Seventy-two thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$72,250.00) from Volvo Trucks of Omaha for the District food service truck as described. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Brasfield, Lodes, Zurcher, Tafoya, and Fisher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Dr. Tafoya to approve the ADJUSTMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT between Springfield Platteview Community Schools and Papillion La Vista Community Schools in the form as presented and on file with official district records and the processing of school district approved Reorganization Plan(s) to Transfer and Attach Property by a Change of Boundaries in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement under and pursuant to the Learning Community Reorganization Act (Sections 79-4,117 to 79-4,129) and other Nebraska laws and that the President, Vice President or Superintendent be authorized to execute and deliver the Agreement and implement and administer the transactions thereunder for on behalf of this school district. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Brasfield, Lodes, Zurcher, Tafoya, Fisher, and Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Mr. Zurcher to approve entering into an agreement with Unite Private Networks as presented to provide fiber connectivity to Ashbury Elementary School. 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.

#### Discussion/Information Items

Ms. Annette Eyman and Mr. Doug Lewis provided an update on PLSHS's PE Classroom. The District voters approved a \$109.9m bond initiative in May 2018. A major renovation and expansion at PLSHS was one of the projects on the bond list approved by the Board of Education. Major additions approved by the Board included new classrooms, STEM addition and the addition of a PE Classroom on the southeast corner of PLSHS. The Board

reviewed the purpose of the PE classroom, its dimensions, the student groups who will have access to it, and how the classroom will support student learning and fitness goals.

Ms. Fisher commented how she appreciated the recap of the renovation at PLSHS and how the PE classroom space has stayed true to its space during construction. It is a validation to the community the Board voted on a plan proposal and is now being built with the same size dimensions.

Mr. Brasfield thanked the Administration for their work on the presentation.

Dr. Tafoya commented that he was not on the Board during the time when PLSHS's project was voted on. He is happy that both schools will be constructed with similar facilities.

Mr. Zurcher will continue to listen to the public. He was on the Board when the action took place for the PLSHS project. It was his understanding that the PE classroom was a gym and only a gym. There will be a Buildings and Grounds sub committee meeting on Friday, March 13 with further discussion.

Mr. Lodes is glad that the District is looking closer at the marketing materials that were provided during the bond proposal. He wanted to make sure that the District was following what was previously relayed to the public.

Public Comments were made. After each speaker stepped away from the podium, Mr. Brasfield asked the room to raise their hands if they supported the speaker.

Ms. Patricia Conway Boyd, community member, shared several concerns with the construction of the PLSHS PE Classroom. She asked the Board how you can explain the reason for the height in the new constructed PE classroom after the project has been built. Ms. Boyd commented although she was on the Board during the vote to approve the PLSHS addition she does not recall BCDM or the District proposing a ceiling height of 18-foot for the addition. The high ceilings is what turns the PE classroom from a gym to an athletic training facility. Ms. Boyd stated the marketing video that was presented was made after the Board voted on the project. Ms. Boyd also commented that NJROTC does not need the addition to have 18-foot ceilings for them to hold their drills. Ms. Boyd provided a letter to all board members after which she started to read to the Board.

Dr. Vincent Lindenmeyer, community member and retired military, shared how the District needs to provide equality in its values in association with its strategic plan. When perception isn't shared correctly and there is inequity it needs to be resolved before future bond issue are discussed. Dr. Lindenmeyer read the remaining part of the letter that Ms. Boyd started to read to the Board.

Lt. Colonel Carl Lewandowski, NJROTC instructor for the District explained that our NJROTC program is open to both the Monarchs and the Titans. He also explained the regulations of the US Navy's JROTC have in place in order for our NJROTC program in order to compete. The current space is inadequate for the program.

Ms. Jill O'Donnell, PE Department Chair at PLSHS, commented on the curriculum for PE and the inadequate space there is in order to fulfill the curriculum. With the proposed new space PLSHS will be able to provide new opportunities and additional instruction for students and will be able to move around more safely.

Mr. Jerry Freeman, community member, alumni from PLHS, and parent of two boys who attend PLSHS spoke next. Mr. Freeman is the President of the PLSHS Booster club and was asked to help raise funds for the new PE classroom facility for all the students at PLSHS not just the sports related activities. Mr. Freeman thanked the Board for their leadership in keeping both high schools at the same level of expectations.

Mr. Dan Werner, community member, PLSHS parent, and PLSHS Raise the Bar Campaign Chair, shared his history of involvement with the need for a larger facility at South. Mr. Werner spoke on the controversy of the

name of the facility. He made comment that the Omaha World Herald reported the name of the facility The Athletic Performance Center was their words and not The Raise the Bar Campaign's words. The campaign booklet calls the facility the PE classroom. The fundraising communication plans were not shared right away because of fundraising 101 the silent phase. With the guidance of the Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation, the campaign was discussed and executed flawlessly.

Mr. Eric Rees, community member and parent of students at PLHS spoke next. Mr. Rees explained to the Board how his daughter who plays softball is not able to throw softballs at PLHS due to space. He asked the Board why the height of the proposed PE classroom needs to be the size it is being built. Mr. Rees asked board members if his daughter and other students from PLHS would be able to use the new facility after it was completed since PLHS students use PLHS's swimming pool.

Mr. Benji Cunningham, community member and parent of students at PLHS, questioned the dimensions of the PE classroom proposed. Mr. Cunningham finished reading the letter that Ms. Boyd provided.

Mr. Greg Stieren from BCDM presented the preliminary design for Carriage Hill Elementary School's addition and renovation. This will be the seventh project to be bid from the 2018 bond referendum approved by the community. Final documents will go out to the printer's March 11, 2020 with a bid opening scheduled for April 8, 2020.

Mr. Lewis gave a Legislative overview. Bills that the District is following include LB1080, LB1131, LB1076, LB640, LB1001, LB751, LB1186, and LB974. Mr. Brasfield asked Mr. Lewis what the impact of LB974 would be if it were to pass. The first three years the District would lose approximately \$5 million dollars. Mr. Brasfield thanked Mr. Lewis for keeping board members up to date on the bill status'.

Mr. Lucas Bingham, Director of Technology, provided information to the Board on our Wireless Network System Hardware and Software. The District released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for wireless network system hardware and software and is currently evaluating responses. The RFP was released in conjunction with the Federal Communication Commission's E-Rate program. E-Rate provides funding assistance for such hardware purchases for public school districts and libraries. The District's wireless network infrastructure serves PLCS staff, students and guests daily and is slated for replacement based on the technology plan hardware and budget cycles. This periodic refresh and hardware upgrade will allow continued utilization of the District's network and fiber backbone. Additionally, PLCS currently operates four different wireless systems from three different manufactures across our facilities to provide wireless network/Internet (WiFi) service. The scope of the RFP is to replace the multiple existing systems with one unified system to support reliable wireless access across our campuses.

The Series 3000 Board Policies are up for annual review. If there are changes proposed or recommended, they will be presented as discussion items at the March 23 board meeting, with possible action at the April 13 board meeting. If there are no changes recommended, the Board will acknowledge review of the Series 3000 Board Policies at the March 23 board meeting.

Board President Brasfield reviewed the future board calendar.  
Board President Brasfield adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

SuAnn Witt, Secretary  
Papillion La Vista Community School District  
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