

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
March 23, 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 23, 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 18, 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.

As of March 17, 2020, the State of Nebraska, Office of the Attorney General issued an Executive Order No. 20-03 Corona Virus-Public Meetings Requirement Limited Waiver. The meetings will be held via Facebook Live for all public members to view board meetings.

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. In addition to the Open Meetings Law Mr. Brasfield stated the new Public Meeting Requirement Limited Waiver provided by the Office of the Attorney General-Per Executive Order No. 20-03 Corona Virus. Mr. Brasfield led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Communication

There were no comments regarding items not on the agenda.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report of highlights and activities he has attended this past month. Dr. Rikli shared this is the first time the District has ever held a public board meeting via Facebook Live during his 7-year employment. Dr. Rikli asked the public to submit questions they may have. Until further notice the Board will continue holding meetings on Facebook Live.

La Vista Middle School and Golden Hills Elementary hosted the District's first free breakfast and lunch meal pickup to families on March 23. Over 1000 families received breakfast and lunch for five days. The next date for food distribution will be March 30.

The District's Teaching and Learning initiative launched today, with online Padlet resources provided to students. There were some issues with the Padlet servers crashing however, our Technology department addressed the issue and it is working now.

April 30 is the official date our Governor and Health Department said schools will not return to school. The District's goal is to return to school on May 1.

Dr. Rikli thanked Governor Ricketts for joining weekly conference calls and providing the opportunity for stake holders to ask questions. Calls are also being made on Monday mornings, Thursday afternoons, and Sunday afternoons with NDE for updates during the COVID-19.

On March 26 @ 6:00 pm the District will host a Facebook Live event for the community. Community members will have the opportunity to ask questions they may have with regards to the COVID-19 and District planning.

Dr. Rikli shared what next steps will be taken for the Central Office staff. As of now staff are working at the office and Cabinet will reevaluate at the end of the week for the coming weeks.

Board Comments

Ms. Witt congratulated the Administration for providing the Karen Haase Facebook Live event. The event was very well received by students, families and our community.

Mr. Lodes attended a Liaison Lunch at Portal on March 10.

Mr. Brasfield expressed his appreciation to the District's leadership during this difficult time.

Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Zurcher reported the committee had met. Agenda items will be discussed at this meeting with other items to be discussed at future board meetings. Mr. Zurcher also addressed the previous board agenda item regarding the PLSHS PE Performance Center. As this time the Board will be postponing this discussion item until the public can physically attend board meetings.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Mr. Lodes 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 Mr. Zurcher and seconded by Ms. Fisher 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: Tafoya, Fisher, Brasfield, Lodes, Zurcher, and Witt. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Zurcher to approve the Board meeting minutes of March 9, 2020. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fisher, Brasfield, Lodes, Zurcher, Witt, and Tafoya. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Witt and seconded by Mr. Lodes to approve entering into an agreement with Sirius Computer Solutions to purchase wireless network system hardware and software in the amount of \$417,792.68. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Brasfield, Lodes, Zurcher, Witt, Tafoya, and Fisher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Zurcher to approve the five (5) year master subscription agreement with Titan Solutions for Twenty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Five Dollars per year (\$23,605.00/year). There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, Zurcher, Witt, Tafoya, Fisher, and Brasfield. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Prior to the next two motions an update on COVID-19 and what the District has been asked to provide Classified and Certified staff from our attorneys was presented by Ms. Annette Eyman, Dr. Kati Settles, and Ms. Shureen Seery.

1. *COVID-19 General Authority Resolution*: Due to COVID-19 requiring school closures, General Authority Resolution: Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve a resolution authorizing Superintendent action in light of school closure (or possible school closure.)

Resolution:

WHEREAS, the school district is facing closure based on the statewide outbreak of COVID-19; and WHEREAS, the President, the Governor, and the County of Sarpy have declared a state of emergency, and in the event of a disaster, emergency, or civil defense emergency, each school district may make emergency expenditures, enter into contracts, and incur obligations for emergency management purposes and to minimize the disruption to education services regardless of existing statutory limitations and requirements pertaining to appropriation, budgeting, or the manner of entering into contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to minimize disruption of the school district's operations and provide any authority necessary for the Superintendent or his or her designee to take any actions necessary during the closure;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Superintendent or his designee, in consultation with the Board President, is authorized to pay all claims and take any other action authorized by law during the emergency and any resulting school closure, which the board will review and approve once the board resumes regular operations.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Fisher to approve the General Authority Resolution for COVID-19 as identified above. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Zurcher, Witt, Tafoya, Fisher, Brasfield, and Lodes. Nays: None. The motion carried.

2. *COVID-19 Employment for Classified Staff*: Due to COVID-19 requiring school closures, PLCS has Classified staff members reporting on a limited basis depending on employee group. The Board will discuss, consider, and take all necessary action on certain terms of employment for Classified staff members during this school closure.

A motion was made by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Lodes to approve emergency leave for absences related to COVID-19 and Return to Work Agreements for Classified staff as proposed. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Tafoya, Fisher, Brasfield, Lodes, and Zurcher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Dr. Kati Settles provided information on the leave for staff not covered by the collective bargaining agreement during COVID-19 closure. This may include classified specialists, executive assistants, and classified and certified administrators. An addendum to contracts was provided to the Board for review. The document gives the Superintendent the authority to enact the contents of the addendum until (a) the conclusion of the 2019-2020 contract year; or (b) the school district receives notification from the Nebraska Commissioner of Education COVID-19 transmission no longer poses a public health risk to the school district's population.

Mr. Doug Lewis introduced Mr. Scott Keene of Piper Sandler and Company to present on the District's General Obligation and Refunding Bonds, Series 2020. The District will need additional funding to facilitate the building schedule over the 2020 fiscal year. Interest rates are very favorable at this time. The resolution provided to the Board will allow the President or Vice-President of the Board to authorize the sale of bonds in a timely manner within the parameters established by the Board. The current draft resolution authorizes not to exceed \$52,500,000 in General Obligation and Refunding Bonds. The draft authorizes \$38,000,000 in new money bonds

and \$14,500,000 in refunding bonds. Section 2 of the resolution is provided with recommended parameters for the refunding. Further action on the resolution will take place during the April 13 regular meeting of the Board.

Mr. Lewis gave a Legislative overview. Due to the COVID-19 the Unicameral had recessed. As of today, however, the Legislative convened to pass LB1198 – Appropriate funds for the Governor’s Emergency Program – COVID-19 passed into final reading. It doesn’t appear the Unicameral will convene to finish the 106th Session, short session. They could call a special session during the summer if necessary.

Mr. Lewis provided information on the Carriage Hill addition and renovation bids that went out to the public. Bids will be opened at the Papillion La Vista Community Schools Administrative Office on April 8, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. for the project designated as PLCS-CARRIAGE HILL ELEMENTAY SCHOOL ADDITION & RENOVATION at 420 E. Centennial Rd, Papillion, NE 68046. The general nature of the project is the construction of approximately 7,200 square feet of new addition, 15,400 square feet of heavy renovation, 33,000 square feet of light renovation and associated site work improvements in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by BCDM Architects. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the school on March 24, 2020 at 4:00 PM CST. Notice of Advertisement for Bids was published in the *Papillion Times*. Plans and bidding documents were available to contractors on March 11, 2020. Discussion with review of the bids and formal action will take place at the April 13 regular board meeting.

Mr. Lewis reviewed with the Board changes to Policy 3000 Series-Business and Noninstructional Operations. Board members were asked to review the policy series as posted on the District website. 1. Policy #3001 General Fiscal Management and Borrowing - has been updated to include the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund investments. 2. Policy #3102 Board Preparation of Budget Proposal – has been updated based on recent legislation. 3. Policy #3201 System of Accounts – has been updated based on recent changes through NDE. 4. Policy #3304 District Funds – has been updated to clarify language. Discussion with approval of changes will be presented at the April 13 regular board meeting.

Board Policy 4000 - Personnel is due for the annual review during the month of April. Based upon the review of this policy, Dr. Settles asked if there would be recommended revisions, discussion would be held at the April 13, 2020 board meeting. Any changes would be acted at the April 27, 2020 meeting of the board.

Board President Brasfield reviewed the future board calendar.
Board President Brasfield adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

SuAnn Witt, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
Board of Education