

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
Board of Education Proceedings
July 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, July 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*, July 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 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, Ms. SuAnn Witt, Dr. Fred Tafoya, Ms. Valerie Fisher, Mr. Bret Brasfield, and Mr. Brian Lodes. There were no comments from the Board or audience.

Communication

Ms. Patricia Conway-Boyd addressed the Board on the District's Policy #1409-Special Projects Fundraising. Ms. Conway-Boyd commented she has made a Public Records Request for all public records (emails, text messages and/or written correspondence) by any PLCS Board of Education Member and/or any of the PLCS Central Office employees, and both High School Admin employees. Ms. Conway-Boyd informed the Board that she will be charged for the service of \$4,293.24 of which she has paid half (\$2,146.62). Ms. Conway-Boyd read what kind of penalty could occur if the request isn't met by the District.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report of highlights and activities he has attended this past month. Dr. Rikli addressed the Board and the public with a general plan that will be shared with parents for the fall reopening of our schools. A comprehensive plan will be shared at the next board meeting on July 27 with a Community engagement Facebook Live event on July 28. The District's Diversity and Inclusion plan will also be shared at the July 27 Board of Education meeting.

The USDA food program that the District has provided to our families has expanded to include a 30lb box of produce in addition to the weeks worth of food that is provided.

Our 2020 Seniors will have a "face to face" Graduation on August 2 at Baxter Arena. PLHS will commence at 1:00pm and PLSHS will commence at 5:00pm.

Dr. Rikli informed the Board that the District's annual Welcome Back event that is held at Werner Park will be cancelled for this upcoming school year. Due to health restrictions the District felt it would be safer to cancel, but the staff Greatness Awards will still be presented.

The Board Retreat is scheduled for August 24. Dr. Rikli asked board members to submit their agenda items they would like to discuss to Mr. Brasfield.

Board Comments

Ms. Fisher commented on her travel experience related to all states who are enduring the same kind of process to open their schools safely. Parent surveys are being used to provide insight to school districts for opening of their schools.

Mr. Brasfield had a Zoom meeting with Sarah Schram, Sarpy County Health Director to share the guiding resources that are used to determine the next steps related to COVID and the opening of our schools.

Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Zurcher reported the committee had met. Agenda items to be discussed during the meeting.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had met. Agenda items to be discussed during the meeting.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Ms. Fisher reported the committee had met. Agenda items to be discussed during the meeting.

Action Items

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

A motion was made by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Lodes to approve the Board meeting minutes and Student Fees Hearing Minutes of June 22, 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. Fisher and seconded by Ms. Witt to approve the Policy 6000 changes as presented. 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 Mr. Zurcher and seconded by Mr. Lodes to acknowledge the review of Series 7000 Board Policies. 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.

A motion was made by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Zurcher to approve student fees for elementary and secondary schools as presented. There were no comments from the Board. Mr. Dave Herbener addressed the Board asking for clarification on wearing masks and if it was mandatory. Mr. Lewis clarified the item was added in case they are required to wear. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Zurcher, Witt, Tafoya, Fisher, Brasfield, and Lodes. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Witt to approve the 2020-2021 School Meal Prices as presented. 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Mr. Zurcher to approve the Commercial Lease Agreement with Hope International University, doing business as Nebraska Christian College 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.

Discussion/Information Items

Mr. Brasfield moved the last discussion item, *Parent & Staff Survey Data-Item F* to the top of the Discussion items.

Ms. Annette Eyman, Director of Communications, provided a brief overview of the yearly staff and parent communication survey results that was taken in April/May and included 1310 staff responses and 4000 (61%) parent responses. The survey results were used to develop return to school plans and an updated communication plan. The survey overview included information how parents and staff receive the information from the District related to Remote Learning in the fall, if PLCS helped balance work and life for staff, overall communication with staff.

Mr. Doug Lewis gave an overview to the Board on the current policy language regarding fundraising which are found in the District's Policy #1405-Solicitation in Schools, Policy #1409-Special Projects Fundraising, and Policy #3203-Periodic Financial Reporting and Money Handling. The recommendation is to review Policy #1409 and develop a separate fundraising policy for fundraising activities with clear interpretation which are not considered special projects. Discussion included language for the developing of the policies.

- Mr. Zurcher commented the Policy #1409 does not need to be changed.
- Mr. Brasfield commented that clarification on #1409 and #1405 needs to be made. One policy needs to be developed so that people have complete direction on how to fundraise for the District.
- Ms. Fisher gave the background on why Policy #1409 was developed. She commented that whether schools have 1 or 3 fundraisers for the purpose of improving the district facilities or projects the policy needs to be clear on the dollar amount that needs to come to the Board for approval. The intent was developed; however, the language needs to be reworked so that the Board has understanding on what comes to the Board for approval versus what fundraising can be done without approval.
- Mr. Lodes agrees with Ms. Fisher's comments.
- Ms. Witt believes that we may need to develop a taskforce to reword the Policy #1409 for clarification.
- Dr. Tafoya also suggested that we monitor what the funds are being used for in the schools and that the District's fundraising policy was being followed correctly.

After much discussion Mr. Lewis will bring specific recommendations regarding all fundraising policies back to the Board at a future meeting.

Ms. Patti Conway-Boyd addressed the Board with regards to the Policy #1409. Ms. Conway-Boyd commented that the policy was violated and had the Board known of the PLSHS Titan fundraising back in January and not been kept in secret the Board would have done something about the fundraising. Ms. Conway-Boyd noted that the limit of \$50,000.00 that is defined in the Policy is not feasible for structural construction. It was also stated that the PLSHS Titan golf tournaments funds are going through the Midlands Community Foundation which to is a violation to the Policy #1409 in her opinion.

Mr. Lewis shared information that the District has contracted with CHI for athletic training services for the last 9 years. CHI informed the District in May they were discontinuing their athletic training program. The District reviewed several models to provide athletic training services at our high schools over the last month. The District has hired both current trainers as district employees to provide training services and work with students in the athletic training academy program. To fulfill duties and provide additional programs for our parents and students, the District will enter into a contract with The Nebraska Medical Center and UNMC Physicians to provide medical services at football games and oversee the athletic trainers.

Dr. Kati Settles shared with the Board that the Local 226 Paraprofessionals voted to ratify the two-year master contract on Monday, June 29, 2020. The contract provides an increase in wages of \$.32 for 2020-21 and an additional \$.32 for 2021-22. Paraprofessionals may request up to three days of personal leave in a given year (those hired before May 2000 will retain the availability of four personal days). The Contract will be presented as an Action item at the July 27 board meeting.

Dr. Kati Settles shared with the Board that the Local 226 Clerical staff ratified a two-year master contract on June 25, 2020. The contract provides an increase in wages of \$.50 for 2020-21 and an additional \$.50 for 2021-22. The Contract will be presented as an Action item at the July 27 board meeting.

Ms. Shureen Seery shared recommendations on the District Social Studies Standards. The Nebraska Rule 10 – 004.01B: School districts adopt academic content standards in the subject areas of reading and writing (language arts), mathematics, and science determined by each district to be measurable quality standards that are the same as, equal to, or more rigorous than the state academic content standards in Appendix A (English Language Arts Standards), Appendix B (Mathematics Standards), Appendix C (Science Standards), and Appendix D (Social Studies Standards) pursuant to 79-760.01 R.R.S., The deadline for school districts to adopt replacement academic content standards, will not extend past one year following the State Board’s adoption of new content standards. K-12 social studies toolbox committees have started to review and will begin to align Papillion La Vista’s social studies curriculum with Nebraska State social studies standards. Based on the information provided by the Curriculum Directors & Toolbox Leaders, we are recommending that the Papillion La Vista Community Schools adopt the State social studies standards. The recommendation will be an Action item on the July 27 board meeting agenda.

Dr. Fred Tafoya made a comment with regards to a speaker that addressed the Board. He stated that the District’s narrative is kindness and the speaker should not verbally disrespect our Superintendent.

Board President Brasfield reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Brasfield adjourned the meeting at 7:50p.m.

SuAnn Witt, Secretary
Papillion La Vista Community School District
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