

**PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27**  
**Board of Education Proceedings**  
**August 10, 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, August 10, 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*, August 5, 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. Brian Lodes, Mr. Chuck Zurcher, Ms. SuAnn Witt, Dr. Fred Tafoya, Ms. Valerie Fisher, and Mr. Bret Brasfield. There were no comments from the Board or audience.

Communication

Mr. Jon LeBaugh, parent in the District, thanked Board members for their efforts in designing the return to school plan. Mr. LeBaugh commented that he felt the District should go 100% to remote learning.

Dr. James Wilson, UNO Biology Professor, addressed the Board with concerns about the return to school plan.

Mr. Justin Guy, parent in the District, asked the Board to consider reducing the size of classes if we are returning back to school at 100%.

Ms. Kathy Poehling, parent in the District and Educator in a different district, read the District's Mission statement to board members. Ms. Poehling expressed her concern with returning back at a 100%, saying it is not safe for students.

Ms. Justine Garman, Metro area educator and parent in the District, expressed her disappointment in the District's plan to return to school at 100%. She stated her concern with the classrooms and social distancing, saying classrooms cannot maintain six feet of distance between students.

Mr. Jordan Boyer, parent and educator, stated he also would like to be back in the classroom. However, he questioned is it safe to go back at 100% full capacity. Mr. Boyer asked the Board to consider returning back to school at 50% capacity.

Ms. Carol Schuster, Retired Educator and parent, also stated that the District should return back to school at 50% instead of 100%.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report of highlights and activities he has attended this past month. Dr. Rikli thanked the community and staff for their engagement and beliefs moving forward with the District. Dr. Rikli expressed how difficult the past 5 months have been as an educator with regards to the decisions and collaboration that have

been made so that students can return back to school safely. New staff started back on Tuesday, August 4 with the Veteran staff starting on Thursday, August 6. School will start on Tuesday, August 11 for K-7 grades for a half day. Wednesday, August 12 all students will start school. As of today, our class sizes are down from 21 per class size at the start of last year to 20 per class size this year. The remote learning will start on August 18 with 10% of our student population participating.

Our annual Back to School event was held virtually this school year due to the pandemic. During the annual Welcome Back event the District honors five Greatness Awards each year. For the 2020/21 school year the winners that were recognized were: Dawn Butterfield as the Elementary Certified, Cory Clemenger as the Secondary Certified, Cody Redford as the Rookie of the Year, Debbie Portofee as the Classified, and Joslyn Bunger as the Foundation's employee winner. Each of these winners is provided with a check that is funded through the Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation.

Dr. Rikli reminded Board members of the Board Retreat that is scheduled for August 24 @ Hy-Vee. There will be lunch provided prior to the meeting. He also asked if they have agenda items they would like to discuss to send to Mr. Brasfield.

Dr. Rikli thanked our PLEA and the teacher leadership who provided surveys to certified staff to get an understanding on how the staff feels about the plan to return to school. It was noted that PLEA doesn't represent the District's entire certified staff. Since the survey was not given to all our staff the District choose to send out a survey with five questions on returning to school. The response to the survey was very good with over 1000 staff participating.

Ms. Annette Eyman, Director of Communications, provided a demonstration to the Board on the new App that was developed in collaboration with Children's Hospital. There was no charge to the District for the app. The app will be used as a screening tool for families to prevent children from going to school if they are ill.

#### Board Comments

Ms. Fisher commented on the virtual welcome back. She felt it was presented very well and liked the new theme for the District – "Greatness Happens Together."

Ms. SuAnn Witt in addition to the remaining five board members attended the live Commencement on Sunday, August 2. Ms. Witt commented that it is always heartwarming attending graduation. Ms. Witt, Mr. Lodes, Mr. Zurcher, Dr. Tafoya all had the opportunity to tour some of our schools to see how they were set up for students returning to school. All the Board members thanked our Administration for their work on the plan to open the schools.

#### Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Zurcher reported the committee had not met.
- HR & Student Services Committee: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had met. Discussion was on the District's Remote Learning Plan.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Ms. Fisher reported the committee had met. Discussion was on the District's Remote Learning Plan.

#### 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: 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 approve the Board meeting minutes of July 27, 2020. 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. Lodes to approve the three-year extension for auditing services from of O'Donnell, Ficenec, Wills and Ferdig, LLP as presented. 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.

A motion was made by Dr. Tafoya and seconded by Mr. Lodes to approve entering into a purchase agreement with Connection Public Sector Solutions, as presented for a total purchase cost to PLCS of \$448,060.00 (four hundred forty-eight thousand sixty dollars). Mr. Lodes asked the question if by purchasing this technology does it give our secondary students one to one access? Ms. Seery replied, yes. However, we need to order ASAP due to shipping concerns. There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Tafoya, Fisher, Brasfield, Lodes, and Zurcher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

#### Discussion/Information Items

Mr. Pat Carson, Principal BCDM, and Mr. Greg Stieren presented a preliminary design for La Vista West Elementary School's addition and remodeling. La Vista West is the eighth of eleven building projects from the 2018 bond referendum approved by the community. Bids are scheduled to be opened in December of 2020.

Dr. Kati Settles, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, provided an update of the student enrollment for the 2020-21 school year. As of August 10, enrollment is at 11,738: K-12 grades and 296 for Preschool. 687 Elementary students will move to remote learning, 214 Middle School, and 281 High School students have opted to remote learning. Overall the District has 12,137 students enrolled. The average class size is 20.08.

The Series 8000 Board Policies are up for annual review. Dr. Kati Settles asked that if there are changes proposed or recommended, to please submit to her. Should there be changes they would be presented as discussion items at the August 24 board meeting, with possible action at the September 14 board meeting.

Board President Brasfield reviewed the future board calendar.

Board President Brasfield adjourned the meeting at 7:19p.m.

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