

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS #27
BOARD RETREAT PROCEEDINGS
August 24, 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 1:00 p.m., Monday, August 24, 2020. The meeting was held at the Hy-Vee, 11650 S. 73rd Street, Papillion, NE 68046.

Notice of the meeting was provided in advance by publication in the *Papillion Times*, August 19, 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. All board members were present: Ms. Valerie Fisher, Ms. SuAnn Witt, Mr. Bret Brasfield, Mr. Brian Lodes, Dr. Fred Tafoya, and Mr. Chuck Zurcher.

Dr. Rikli thanked the board members for giving their time to attend the meeting. Mr. Brasfield also thanked board members and the Admin for all their hard work. Principals Jerry Kalina and Jeff Spilker were in attendance.

Policy/Fundraising:

Mr. Doug Lewis, Assistant Superintendent of Business, provided recommendation to the District's Fundraising Policy. The proposal was submitted as a Tier concept proposal and will be project based. The proposal submitted will not include projects associated with the Papillion-La Vista Schools Foundation. All projects will require an application to start the process of authorization.

1. Tier One: \$10,000 or less. School affiliated student-based clubs or organization only. Tier One requires Principal authorization.
2. Tier Two: School affiliated student-based clubs or organizations with fundraising for projects costing between \$10,001 and \$49,999. All projects fundraised by PTO, Booster Club and school support organizations. Tier Two requires Principal or Director authorization, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, and the Superintendents authorization.
3. Tier Three: All fundraising for projects \$50,000 or more regardless of organization or purpose. Follows Board Policy #1409. Tier Three requires Principal or Director authorization, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, and approval from the Board of Education.

Ms. Witt questioned the accountability of each PTO or Booster Club. Mr. Lewis responded that each club has a treasurer and checking account and organizational by-laws. It is not the District's responsibility to reconcile the PTO and Booster Clubs bank accounts.

Ms. Fisher clarified with Mr. Lewis that all PTO's and Booster Clubs will submit their projects through Tier Two. Mr. Lewis confirmed.

Mr. Lodes agrees with the new Tier layout he commented that it makes the clubs accountable for their fundraising efforts.

Mr. Kalina and Mr. Spilker like the new Tier proposal. They agree with the accountability for all clubs and their fundraising efforts.

The question was asked – what if there is failure to submit an application and follow the procedure laid out. The fundraiser may risk the chance of loosing their funds that were raised.

Mr. Brasfield asked board members if there should be a task force commenced to provide feedback on the current proposal. Mr. Lewis will take suggestions into consideration when putting the Tier language together as a policy.

Responding to emails and public comment:

Ms. Witt questioned the Board's position and the amount of time that would be allowed for public comments made and directed to board member during board meetings for board members to respond. Dr. Rikli provided the District's protocol related to the Facebook Live comments made during board meetings. The responses to questions are either made from Dr. Rikli directly or from our Communications Department. Dr. Kati Settles suggested that the questions could be also answered through our Board Sub Committee meetings. Ms. Witt believes that the public responses need to be made on a timely matter preferably during a board meeting. Mr. Lodes replied that Sub Committee chairs need to provide an update to all board members who are not on the committee so that they are kept apprised on subject items that were discussed at Sub Committee meetings.

Board and Community protocol at meetings:

Dr. Tafoya commented that any kind of disrespect to our Administration will not be acceptable from the public during board meetings. After much discussion it was noted that the language in our Policy #8306 contains the language which will be implemented on the public comment sheets the public submits for comment.

District Election Boundaries:

Mr. Brasfield asked board members for their opinions regarding balancing the District's board positions – three from the north side of the District and three from the south side of the District. Currently the District's structure is set up "At Large" for election. After discussion Mr. Brasfield asked members to table the discussion with a possibility of bringing the subject back at a later time frame.

School Calendar:

Ms. Fisher brought to the Board a suggestion that they look at extending Winter Break. The reason is to give staff additional time to regroup and the classrooms and facilities to be thoroughly cleaned.

Ms. Shureen Seery, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, gave the Board an update on the staff and the adjustments that have been made to also teach remotely. Ms. Seery shared the number of hours that have to be taught in order to meet Rule 10 for Seniors. After discussion it was decided that the Administration would look at the 2020/21 school calendar and bring recommendations to the Board.

Bond Facilities:

Mr. Lewis shared with the Board an update on each of the facilities under construction at this time.

School Reopening Update:

Dr. Rikli shared that he has visited all schools and observed the morale in the schools is good. Students and staff are wearing their masks with mask breaks. Elementary school start and end times were altered for social distancing purposes. Ms. Seery provided insight on the District's Remote Learning program that was initiated due to COVID. Dr. Settles gave a staff update with regards to staff teaching remotely and staff teaching in person.

Dr. Rikli shared his proposed goals for the 2020/21 school year. The Board suggested that item "Execute updated Diversity and Inclusivity programs" be moved to the second item. Dr. Rikli will send out the goals to Board members for their review.

Dr. Rikli shared the administrators that intend on retiring in the upcoming years. The timeline and process for hiring was shared for the positions that will be available.

Strategic Planning Update and Diversity and Inclusive Plan agenda items were tabled for later meetings.

There being no further business, at 4:31 p.m. Board President Brasfield adjourned the meeting.

SuAnn Witt, Secretary
Board of Education
Papillion La Vista Community Schools