

**PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS #27**  
**Budget Hearing 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 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 24, 2020. The Budget Hearing was held at the Papillion La Vista Community School District Administration Office, 420 South Washington Street, Papillion, Nebraska.

Notice of the Budget Hearing was provided in advance by publication in the *Papillion Times*, August 19, 2020. Notice of the hearing 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. Printed copies of the detailed budget were available to the public at the meeting. The proceedings, hereafter shown, were taken while the convened hearing was open to the attendance of the public.

Call to Order

Board President Bret Brasfield called the hearing to order, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and publicly stated a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is posted at the entrance to the Board Room. All board members were present at the meeting. Roll Call was taken: Ms. SuAnn Witt, Ms. Valerie Fisher, Mr. Bret Brasfield, Mr. Chuck Zurcher, Dr. Fred Tafoya, and Mr. Brian Lodes.

Budget Hearing

The purpose of the hearing was to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2020-2021 budget and to consider amendments relative thereto.

Doug Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, reviewed the proposed 20120-2021 budgets for all funds. A breakdown of the general operating budget, special building fund, and bond fund was presented along with anticipated expenditures and revenue. The General Fund Budget will increase 3.04% overall. The Non-Grant portion of the budget increased 3.09% over last year. Staffing has increase in instruction, special education and support services with the development of the remote learning program across all grade levels, the opening of Ashbury Elementary and the expansion of the high schools. The District will establish a depreciation fund to fund the district technology replacement cycle. Budget categories which increased above 5% were Special Education, Special Education Student Services, Board of Education, Office of the Principal, General Administration, and Transfers Other State.

State Aid decreased \$1,489,189 over the previous year. The cash reserve needed to balance the 2020-21 budget of \$2,009,040 which is approximately 4.9% of the current budget. Strong home sales and continued development growth resulted in a property valuation increase of 6.08%.

Property values increased in the District 6.08% due to strong home sales and the increase in housing development in the District. The District levy for the General Fund is at \$1.03341, a decrease of .01355 due

mostly to the reduction in the voluntary separation program. The District will maintain the Special Building Fund levy of \$0.025. The levy will be utilized for turf replacement and field improvements at Papillion La Vista High School. Budget increases are mainly due to bond work in the District. Additional bonds will need to be sold during 2020-21. The Bond Fund levy is \$0.23213, an increase of \$0.01345. Bond 6 levy increased in levy as new debt was released for bond construction projects. The total levy including bond funds will be \$1.29063, the same as last year

The budget will be voted on at the September 14, 2020 meeting of the Board, and the approved budget will then be submitted to the State and County by September 20, 2020. A Tax Request hearing will be held prior to the September 14, 2020 meeting. Action on the Tax Request will take place at the September 28, 2020 meeting of the Board.

An opportunity was given for board members to ask further questions and for community patrons to provide input and ask questions. There being no further discussion or questions, the hearing was adjourned by Board President Brasfield at 6:16pm.

SuAnn Witt, Secretary  
Board of Education