

**PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27**  
**Board of Education Proceedings**  
**October 12, 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 6:00p.m., Monday, October 12, 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*, October 7, 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 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Brian Lodes and seconded by Dr. Fred Tafoya to approve the absence of Mr. Chuck Zurcher from the October 12, 2020, board meeting. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Tafoya, Fisher, Brasfield, Lodes, and Witt. Nays: None. Motioned carried.

Communication

Ms. Cristin Fischer, parent of the District, approached the Board to discuss the ADA (American Disability Act) and clear masks in our schools. Ms. Fischer thanked our board for requiring masks during school. She however is asking the District to hire deaf educators for our deaf and hearing-impaired students. Ms. Fischer is asking that staff wear clear masks for the hearing-impaired students.

Student Council

Luke Schmiesing and Emily Ashburn, representatives from Papillion La Vista South High School, reported for the Student Council. Luke & Emily began by thanking the Board for opening schools back up successfully. PLSHS has a partnership with National Math & Science Initiative (NMSI) which supports our students and staff in AP Math, Science, and English. PLSHS has received \$23,000 from NMSI to support our AP classes. This year the school musical production will be the *Sound of Music*. Clubs have started successfully with no cancellations. There will be a virtual Leadership conference for DECA, Student Council, and Skills USA. Fall sports have not had any cancellations due to COVID. Wednesday, October 7 State Softball will take place in Hasting, NE. The PLSHS softball team is ranked #6 and play #1 ranked PLHS as the opening game on Wednesday. The volleyball team and cross-country teams are having an outstanding year.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rikli provided a report of highlights and activities he has attended this past month. Dr. Rikli recognized Annette Eyman, Director of Communications, for the NCSA (Nebraska Council of School Administrators) Distinguished Service Award.

The end of the first quarter was Thursday, October 1 and has been very successful. Fall break for students was October 9 and 12.

Dr. Rikli hosted the second Student Advisory meeting with discussion centered around Equity in Action. Dr. Settles chaired the conversation with the students about diversity and inclusivity and what is working and what the District needs to work on.

Dr. Rikli and the Admin team have been visiting with staff to reiterate the importance of being vigilant in the COVID safety measures. Weekly meetings continue with Superintendents, Sarpy and Douglas County Health Director, Sarah Schram, and we continue to track the risk dial which currently is in the yellow zone which is the moderate risk zone. COVID numbers are moving up and we don't want to relax our health measures. We need to continue to wear masks, to social distance, wash our hands, and other practices for our health safety and to keep our schools open.

The Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation kicked off the virtual Gala Saturday, October 10 and the event will run through October 16<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Rikli encouraged the public to visit the Foundation's website to participate in the live auction to support the Foundation.

The first State softball game will be played in Hastings, NE on Wednesday, October 7 @ 11:30am against the #1 team, PLHS vs the #6 team, PLSHS. The game will be live streamed if you are unable to attend.

#### Board Comments

Ms. Witt attended a Liaison Lunch at La Vista West Elementary, and the discussion centered around the second quarter of school and the Remote Learning Program.

Mr. Lodes also attend a Liaison Lunch at Trumble Park Elementary. Discussion was directed to the second quarter school specifically directed to the Specials classes, finding a room and moving the teachers off their mobile carts.

#### Committee Reports

- Building & Grounds & Finance: Mr. Lodes reported the committee had not met.
- 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 Ms. Fisher and seconded by Dr. Tafoya 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: Fisher, Brasfield, Lodes, Witt, and Tafoya. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Witt and seconded by Dr. Tafoya to approve the Board meeting minutes of September 28, 2020. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Brasfield, Lodes, Witt, Tafoya, and Fisher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodes and seconded by Ms. Fisher to approve the suggested revisions to the 2020/21 District Calendar. Ms. Fisher appreciates the effort that was put into the revision of the calendar. Mr. Brasfield likes how the proposed changes are staggered so that staff can recharge throughout the year. There were no comments from the audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Lodes, 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 total of 15 applications for the 2020/21 school year for early retirement. There were no comments from the Board or audience. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Witt, Tafoya, Fisher, Brasfield, and Lodes. Nays: None. The motion carried.

#### Discussion/Information Items

Dr. Rikli on behalf of Mr. Doug Lewis, introduced Mr. Scott Keene of Piper Sandler and Company to present on the District's General Obligation and Refunding Bonds, Series 2020B. The District will need additional funding to facilitate the bond construction schedule over the 2021 fiscal year. Interest rates continue to be favorable for bonds allowing opportunities for savings to the District in refunding existing bonds. The resolution presented before the Board will allow the President or Vice-President of the Board to authorize the sale of bonds for these purposes in a timely manner within the parameters established by the Board. The current draft resolution authorizes an amount not to exceed amount of \$92,000,000 in General Obligation and Refunding Bonds. The draft authorizes \$52,000,000 in refunding bonds and \$41,000,000 in new money bonds. The bonds could be issued in one or more series on a taxable or tax-exempt basis. Section 2 of the resolution is provided with recommended parameters for the refunding. Action will be asked of the Board during the October 26 regular meeting of the Board.

Dr. Rikli on behalf of Mr. Lewis shared the proposed changes to the District's fundraising policies. Currently policy language regarding fundraising in the District can be found in board Policy #1405 - Solicitation in Schools, Policy #1409 - Special Projects Fundraising, and Policy #3203 - Periodic Financial Reporting and Money Handling.

The draft fundraising policy language is a three-tiered model which delineates based on the estimated project cost and the group doing the fundraising. The draft proposal will not eliminate any of the policies above. However, the procedure in Policy #3203 and #1405 pertaining to fundraising will be eliminated and included in the procedure of the new fundraising policy. Policy #1409 would become the new policy and the updated special projects policy would be numbered #1410 to provide an appropriate order for these two policies.

In the three-tiered model, tier one would apply to only student-based groups within the school or district. Tier two and tier three would apply to any group fundraising for projects with the identified estimated costs. Ongoing yearly commitments such as teacher grants from the Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation are excluded from these requirements.

The draft policy has been reviewed by the Board subcommittee, district administrators, high school principals, high school activities directors, building level administrators, the PTO, PTN, and Booster Club leadership. Action will be asked of the Board during the October 16 regular meeting of the Board.

Dr. Rikli brought to the Board's attention a request that has been made by Offutt School Liaison, Michelle Pridell. Ms. Pridell has contacted the District about the possibility of expanding the relationship between Offutt Air Base and the Papillion La Vista Community Schools. USAF Colonel Dayton has respectfully requested that PLCS consider allowing a representative to attend future Board of Education meetings once a month as a non-voting, military advisor. The Bellevue Public Schools Board of Education have included a military advisor at their regular meetings for several years. Approximately 9% of our District students have one or more parents serving in our armed forces. Mr. Brasfield asked board members if they would prefer to discuss the proposal further in a board subcommittee meeting. Board members agreed to have further discussion at a subcommittee meeting. At this time, it is noted the Board did not clarify which subcommittee the meeting would be held at.

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

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