

The Sylvan USD #299 Board of Education held their monthly meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026 at Lucas-Sylvan Unified Elementary School in the storm shelter. Those board members present were Carl Nielsen, Kylo Heller, Randi Stoppel, President Marc Lovin, Danelle Palmer and Glenda Battenhoff. Not present was Raine Bradshaw. Also in attendance was Superintendent Jeff Starkey, Faron Kraft, and Angie Fallis. Guests included Stephanie Svaty and Melissa Wacker.

The meeting was called to order by President Lovin at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by President Lovin and seconded by Kylo Heller to approve the agenda as amended to add Melissa Wacker as 4.01 Activity Participation and move the rest down. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Carl Nielsen and seconded by Danelle Palmer to approve the bills and financials as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

President Lovin welcomed our guest.

It was moved by Carl Nielsen and seconded by Glenda Battenhoff to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Starkey updated the board that there had been a protest petition filed against Central Plains for the closing of the Wilson Elementary building and they are waiting for KSDE to review. An open house was held on April 6th at the elementary school for prospective students from Wilson. They had a good turnout and a lot of positive feedback.

Superintendent Starkey presented the board with highlights of the USD 299 Charitable Foundation Meeting. The Foundation would like to form a second committee to run fund raising, and would like the school board to recommend a couple of projects to raise money for.

The Booster club would also like ideas for summer projects.

Melissa Wacker spoke to the board about the school policy Activity Participation at Prom. Her concern was she wanted to make sure that the policy was being followed throughout all school events and activities.

The board discussed the policy and will not make any changes to it at this time and the policy must be followed for all events.

Guest Stephanie Svaty gave the Site Council report.

Superintendent Starkey presented to the board KASB Policy - IIBGC updates. The policy was tabled until May to allow board members time to review and send questions to Superintendent Starkey.

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Personnel:

It was moved by Kylo Heller and seconded by Glenda Buttenhoff to accept the resignation of Mr. Brady Ryan at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Kylo Heller and seconded by Carl Nielsen to accept the resignation of Katie Ryan at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Glenda Buttenhoff and seconded by Danelle Palmer to accept the resignation of Rhonda Bland at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Danelle Palmer and seconded by Carl Nielsen to accept the Fall/Winter Supplementals as presented for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Kylo Heller and seconded by President Lovin to hire Ted Long as the 4-6 HGSS teacher and the Jr. High girls head basketball coach for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Randi Stoppel and seconded by Danelle Palmer to hire Justine Dlabal as the Title 1 Math teacher for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Starkey updated the board that they were still interviewing for an Elementary PE teacher.

It was moved by President Lovin and seconded by Kylo Heller to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 15 minutes with Superintendent Starkey and Mr. Kraft to stay. Motion carried 6-0.

The board entered executive session at 8:54 p.m.

The board exited executive session at 9:10 p.m.

It was moved by President Lovin and seconded by Kylo Heller to terminate the contract of Miss Sarah Ranker as grade school secretary effective immediately. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Glenda Buttenhoff and seconded by Carl Nielsen to hire Becky Whitmer as the Grade School Head Cook for the 2026-27 school year at a rate of \$16.00 an hour. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Randi Stoppel and seconded by Danelle Palmer to hire Angela Prester as grade school custodian for the 2026-27 school year at a rate of \$15.27 an hour. Motion carried 6-0

Around the table highlights: Multiple praises for the Speech Showcase, and how well our high school kids did at the Regional Music contest. Randi Stoppel updated the board on some of the things Booster Club is working on. Teacher appreciation is coming up soon.

It was moved by Glenda Buttenhoff and seconded by Kylo Heller to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

President to the Board

Secretary to the Board