

The Sylvan USD#299 Board of Education met on Monday August 20, 2026, at Sylvan-Lucas Jr./Sr. High School in the commons. Those board members present were, Glenda Buttenhoff, Carl Nielsen, President Kylo Heller, Danelle Palmer, Randi Stoppel, Marc Lovin and Raine Bradshaw. Also in attendance was Superintendent Jeff Starkey, Faron Kraft, Angie Fallis and guests Jennifer Feldkamp, Janet and Rod Seehafer, Tom Carney, Glen Ringler, Ben Kratky, Pam Meyer, Stephanie Svaty, Janet and Dale Vonada, Zach and Mary Hlad, Kevin Cain and David Dohe

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

It was moved by Raine Bradshaw and seconded by Danelle Palmer to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Raine Bradshaw and seconded by Glenda Buttenhoff to accept the bills and financials as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

President Heller welcomed our guests.

It was moved by Carl Nielsen and second by Danell Palmer to accept the consent agenda as corrected. Motion carried 7-0.

Old Business

Land transfer - Superintendent Starkey discussed with the board that if we do the land transfer we would not take possession until July 1, 2027. We would have to pay approximately \$50,000 for insurance on the building in Wilson. He also discussed when new board members would start being on the board.

Each board member got a chance to discuss their feelings on the possible transfer.

It was moved by Raine Bradshaw and seconded by Randi Stoppel to have President Heller sign the Agreement For Transfer of Territory Between Unified School Districts.

A roll call vote was taken results were:

President Heller - yes

Marc Lovin - yes

Danell Palmer - yes

Raine Bradshaw - yes

Carl Nielsen - yes

Randi Stoppel - yes

Glenda Buttenhoff - abstained from voting

Motion carried 6-1.

Baseball, Softball agreement - Mr. Kraft reviewed with the board the Baseball/Softball Cooperative agreement with Tipton. It was moved by Glenda Battenhoff to accept the Baseball/Softball Cooperative agreement with Tipton. Motion carried 7-0.

7:45 p.m. Kevin Cain, and David Dohe left.

New Business

Drug Testing Policy - Superintendent Starkey discussed with the board if we would like to keep the policy in place. After discussion, the policy remains but Superintendent Starkey will look into alternative ways for testing to be done.

Enrollment Projections Superintendent Starkey updated the board on the current projection of students for the upcoming year. They are as follows:

Kindergarten - 6th grade 159

7th - 8th - 42

9th - 12th - 81

Union Valley School - Superintendent Starkey discussed with the board that there is an old school building South of Vesper on Fox Drive and the deed does not make it clear if we are still in control of it. It was moved by Raine Bradshaw and seconded by Glenda Battenhoff to adopt Resolution To Dispose of A School District Building. Motion carried 7-0.

8:06 p.m. Janet and Rod Seehafer, Tom Carney, Glen Ringler, Ben Kratky, Pam Meyer, Janet and Dale Vonada, and Zach Hlad left the meeting.

2026 - 2027 Budget - Superintendent Starkey Discussed with the board the 2026 -2027 budget.

Unpaid Meal Charges - It was moved by Marc Lovin and seconded by Carl Nielsen to accept the Unpaid Meal Charges statement as corrected. Motion carried 7-0.

Disposal of Records - It was moved by Raine Bradshaw and seconded by Danelle Palmer to proceed with the disposal of school paperwork and food service papers from 2020-2021 or older as appropriate per policy. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Kylo Heller and second by Raine Bradshaw 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 7-0.

Board entered executive session 8:20 p.m.

Board exited executive session 8:35 p.m.

It was moved by Kylo Heller and seconded by Raine Bradshaw to hire Jessica Rhudolph as the Lincoln tech Route Driver for \$15.00 hour. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Starkey told the board that we are still looking for a Grade School driver for Wilson route and a replacement for the Vesper route. When school starts we will be picking students up in Dorrance.

Superintendent Starkey mentioned to the board that we paid off a school bus earlier this year so that in the event we need an additional bus we would have the funding for it.

2026-2027 Supplementals - It was moved by Raine Bradshaw and seconded by Carl Nielsen to approve the August list of Supplementals as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Raine Bradshaw and seconded by Danelle Palmer to adjust Kevin Palmer's job duties to 5th - 12th band at 20 hours per week at \$22.00 an hour. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Starkey stated we were still looking for a half-time cook, reading title aide and half time PE aide besides the Wilson route driver.

Around the table discussion: Lincoln Rec is starting and Lucas-Sylvan has volleyball and football teams participating and are looking for some coaches. Marc Lovin would like us to revisit school security at both schools. Mr. Kraft stated the new cameras were up and running at the jr/sr high school and gave a shout out to the Booster Club for the amazing paint job to the music room. Mr. Kraft and Mr. Brokes are working on upgrading the track area and he presented a draft of their plans to the board. Praise was given for the updates in the bathrooms. Concerns were raised on the number of girls out for junior high sports. The Booster Club will be holding a Back to School Bash.

Superintendent Starkey reviewed with the board that we had increases in both health insurance and property insurance this year. We are looking for someone else to do the bank reconciliations for the district. Hanssen Auctions will be holding the auction for our surplus items online. e us to find someone

It was moved by Glenda Buttenhoff and seconded by Carl Nielsen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

President to the Board

Secretary to the Board