

The Sylvan USD #299 Board of Education held their monthly meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026 at Sylvan-Lucas Unified Jr./Sr. High School in Superintendent Starkey's office. Those board members present were Carl Nielsen, Kylo Heller, Randi Stoppel and President Marc Lovin and Glenda Battenhoff. Not present was Danelle Palmer. Also in attendance was Superintendent Jeff Starkey, Faron Kraft, and Angie Fallis. Guests included Katie Ryan.

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

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

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

President Lovin welcomed our guest.

It was moved by Raine Bradshaw and seconded by Kylo Heller to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

The board discussed the C & G Group proposal. No action was taken at this time.

Superintendent Starkey updated the board that Central Plains voted to close the Wilson Elementary building.

7:25 p.m. Danelle Palmer entered the meeting.

Superintendent Starkey presented the board with a summary of services provided by the Lincoln County Parents As Teachers program and the proposed increase for the program.

It was moved by Raine Bradshaw and seconded by Carl Nielsen to approve the proposed 4% increase to the Parent as Teachers program beginning the 2026-2027 school year through the 2028-2029 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Guest Stephanie Svaty arrived at 7:35 p.m.

K-6 Math Curriculum - It was moved by Raine Bradshaw and seconded by Kylo Heller to renew the K-6 Go Math for a six year period at a cost of \$40,597.20. Motion carried 7-0.

Jr/Sr High Cameras - Superintendent Starkey discussed with the board the bids received for the camera system at the junior/senior high school. It was moved by Raine Bradshaw and seconded by Danelle Palmer we proceed with Bankers Security new camera system for the jr/sr high school at a cost of \$30,533.00 with the additional annual open eye camera license of \$1,288.00 a year. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Starkey discussed with the board the following items: Staffing structure for the elementary school with K-6 Projections and current enrollment. He recommended hiring a teacher for Title Math, and a teacher for 4th-6th Social Studies with a potential for additional classes. We are working on a grant to convert the shop at the elementary school into a learning center. There will be an Open House at the elementary school for prospective students on April 6th.

KASB Legal Assistance Fund - It was moved by Raine Bradshaw and seconded by Carl Nielsen to renew the Legal Assistance Fund contract for the 2026-2027 school year for \$3,100.00 motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Glenda Battenhoff and seconded by Danelle Palmer to go to executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 20 minutes with Superintendent Starkey, and Mr. Kraft to stay. Motion carried 7-0.

The board entered executive session at 8:01 p.m

The board exited executive session at 8:22 p.m.

It was moved by President Lovin and seconded by Raine Bradshaw to go to executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 25 minutes with Superintendent Starkey and Mr. Kraft to stay. Motion carried 7-0.

The board entered executive session at 8:23 p.m.

The board exited executive session at 8:48 p.m.

Around the table discussion: The junior high music contest went well. It was stated they would like to see more supervision in the gym on that day. HS schedule will look different next year. South Central KS Storm volleyball appreciated us letting them use the gym for their volleyball practices. Superintendent Starkey mentioned we are waiting for the results of the KSDE audit.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

President to the Board

Secretary to the Board