

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Published in the *Lucas-Sylvan News* on September 25, 2025, and October 2, 2025, and on the website of the county election office of any county where the Election is to be conducted not less than 21 days prior to the Election and shall remain on the website until the day after the Election)

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407, RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS (RUSSELL)

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 407, Russell County, Kansas (Russell) (the "District"), has heretofore, pursuant to resolution duly adopted, declared it advisable to make and finance certain improvements to District facilities pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 25-2018(f), K.S.A. 72-5457, and K.S.A. 72-5458 *et seq.* Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the District that a bond election has been called and will be held on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Unified School District No. 407, Russell County, Kansas (Russell), issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$13,500,000, to pay the costs to construct, furnish and equip: (a) improvements, renovations and additions to Simpson Elementary School, including new music rooms and storm shelters, building improvements, and ADA improvements; (b) improvements, renovations and additions to Bickerdyke Elementary School, including new commons areas and storm shelters, HVAC, plumbing and electrical improvements, building improvements, and ADA improvements; (c) improvements and renovations to Russell Junior-Senior High School, including HVAC, plumbing and electrical improvements, building improvements, and security and ADA improvements; and (d) all improvements related thereto (the "Project"); and pay costs of issuance and interest on the Bonds during construction of the Project, all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 25-2018(f), K.S.A. 72-5457, and K.S.A. 72-5458 *et seq.*?

To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, press the word "Yes" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes" on the paper ballot. To vote against it, press the word "No" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "No" on the paper ballot.

YES
NO

The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M., on November 4, 2025, the election day. The voting places in the District, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:

Voters Residing In Precinct

Gorham City, Big Creek and Winterset Townships Russell City Wards I, 2, and 3

Russell City Ward 4, Grant, Lincoln, and Russell Townships Bunker Hill City, Center and Fairfield Townships

That part of USD 407 in Paradise and Waldo Townships That part of USD 407 in Ellis County, Kansas

Will Vote At

Gorham Senior Center
South Room of 4-H Building
North Room of 4-H Building
Bunker Hill Fire Station
Waldo Senior Center
VFW Hall

Location

99 Clifford St., Gorham, KS 67640
702 Fairway Drive, Russell, KS 67665
702 Fairway Drive, Russell, KS 67665
850 Elm St., Bunker Hill, KS 67626
610 Iva Avenue, Waldo, KS 67673 204 E. Main Street, Victoria, KS 67671

Early voting is available at the Russell County Election Office during regular business hours, beginning October 20, 2025. Early voting will end at Noon on November 3, 2025.

The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot. Registered voters are eligible to vote by advance voting ballot upon application to the Election Officer at the address set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117 *et seq.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Capital Improvement Fund ("CIF") has been established in the treasury of the State of Kansas to assist school districts with making principal and interest payments on voted general obligation bond issues. The amount of CIF funding each school district receives is based on a formula prescribed by statute and implemented by the State Board of Education ("Bond State Aid"). Based

on the current formula, the District expects to receive Bond State Aid in the approximate amount set forth below to assist with making the principal and interest payments on the Bonds. No assurance can be given that Bond State Aid will continue at this or any amount in future years.

The following additional information is provided by the District with respect to compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120a and K.S.A. 12-6,122. This information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable by the District. Certain portions of this information are based upon projections. No assurances can be given that these projections will be accurate as of the date of issuance of the Bonds due to changing market conditions, any changes in assessed valuation of the District, changes in the amount of state financial aid received by the District and other matters unknown or unavailable at this time. The projected rates of property taxation to be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds are based upon the current assessed valuation of the District, the assumed principal repayment schedule and the average interest rates from recent bond issues for similar types of financings and the current level of Bond State Aid the District would receive with respect to the Bonds, all as shown below.

Projected Summary of Project Costs	
Sources of Funds	
Bonds to be Issued	\$13,500,000
Interest Earnings	500,000
Total	\$14,000,000
Uses of Funds	
Project Costs (including architectural/engineering services)	\$13,500.00
Interest During Construction	300,000
Issuance Expenses (including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)	200,000
Total	\$14,000,000

Projected Summary of Bond Issue Repayments	
Principal payments over 20 years	
Average Interest Rate	5.50%
Total Interest Cost to Maturity (2025)	\$9,859,673
Assessed Valuation (2025)	\$94,813,291
Average Annual Principal and Interest Payments	\$1,167,984
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from Bond State Aid	\$0
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from District funds	\$1,167,984

Average Annual Property Tax Mill Levy Rate for Principal and Interest Payments

Total (without any Bond State Aid)	12.000 Mills
District Portion (with current level of Bond State Aid)	12.000 Mills

The election officer conducting the election will be the Election Officer of Russell County, Kansas, whose address is 401 N. Main Street, Russell, Kansas 67665. DATED: August 27, 2025

/s/Kristi Whitman, Election Officer (SEAL) Russell County, Kansas

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ORDER FOR CLOSING OF REGISTRATION BOOKS BEFORE CITY/SCHOOL GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 2025

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2311(a)(3), notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of October, 2025 all registration books for the city/school general election will close at the end of regular business hours. Registration books will remain closed until the 5th day of November, 2025.

Witness my hand and seal of my office this 17th day of September, 2025.

/s/ Dawn M Harlow
Lincoln County Election Officer

RUSSELL CO. HEALTH NURSE TO BE IN LURAY AND LUCAS

The Russell County Health Nurse will be in the northern half of the county on **Thursday, October 2, 2025**

The Luray Clinic will be held at the **Luray Community Center from 10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.** In Lucas the clinic will be held at the **Lucas Golden Age Center (Senior Center) from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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CITY/SCHOOL ELECTION GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE NOVEMBER 4, 2025

CITY OF BARNARD

Vote for One or Fewer for each Position
MAYOR
Randall S. Pickering, Barnard
COUNCIL MEMBERS
Position 1
Nancy Houghton, Barnard
Position 2
Travis Zirkle, Barnard

CITY OF BEVERLY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vote for One or Fewer for each Position
Position 3
Christopher D. Bell, Beverly
Position 4
Joel D McCosh, Beverly
Position 5
No candidate filed

CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER

Vote for One or Fewer for each Position
MAYOR
Travis Schwerdtfager, Lincoln
COUNCIL MEMBERS
Ward I Position II
Melodee K. Larsen, Lincoln
Ward II Position II
Elijah Keever, Lincoln

CITY OF SYLVAN GROVE

Vote for One or Fewer for each Position
MAYOR
Ryan Gier, Sylvan Grove
COUNCIL MEMBERS
Position 1
Brent Pahls, Sylvan Grove
Position 2
Grant Gutierrez, Sylvan Grove

POST ROCK EXTENSION DISTRICT

Vote for One or Fewer for each Position
Position 3
Brady Coover, Barnard
Position 4
No candidate filed

USD 112

Vote for One or Fewer
Position 2 (unexpired term)
No candidate filed

USD 239

Vote for One or Fewer for each Position
Position 4
Hannah Bowles, Ada
Tara Chesney, Minneapolis
Position 5
Brandon Sauers, Minneapolis
Shonda L Meitler, Delphos
Position 6
No candidate filed

USD 298

Vote for One or Fewer for each Position
Member 1 Position 1
Jason Coover, Lincoln
Member 1 Position 3
Jessica Kobbeman, Lincoln
Member 1 Position 5
Dale Romesburg, Lincoln

USD 299

Vote for One or Fewer for each Position
Member 1 Position 5
Danelle Palmer, Luray
Member 2 Position 4
Randi Stoppel, Sylvan Grove
Member 2 Position 6
Kylo Heller, Hunter

SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTING PLACES Unified School District 112

The Voting places and the territory each serve are as follows:

Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District Training Room, 130 S Main St, Sylvan Grove, KS 67481

That part of USD 112, Golden Belt Township and Highland Township

Unified School District 239

The Voting places and territory to be served are as follows:

USD 298 Lincoln Jr Sr High School Storm Shelter, 701 E North St, Lincoln, KS 67455:

That part of USD 239, Logan Township and Salt Creek Township

Unified School District 298

The Voting places and territory to be served are as follows:

USD 298 Lincoln Jr Sr High School Storm Shelter, 701 E North St, Lincoln, KS 67455:

City of Lincoln Center

Unified School District 299

The Voting places and territory to be served are as follows:

USD 298 Lincoln Jr Sr High School Storm Shelter, 701 E North St, Lincoln, KS 67455:

That part of USD 299, Battle Creek Township, Grant Township, Indiana Township, Marion Township, and Valley Township

Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District Training Room, 130 S Main St, Sylvan Grove, KS 67481

That part of USD 299, Golden Belt Township, Highland Township, and Orange Township; all of Cedron Township, Hanover Township, Pleasant Township,

and Vesper Township, and the City of Sylvan Grove

Hunter Community Center, 109 1st St, Hunter, KS 67452:

That part of USD 299 from the following Townships in Mitchell County, Kansas: Blue Hill Township, Custer Township, and Round Spring Township.

Osborne Veterans Building, 123 W Main St, Osborne, KS 67473:

That part of USD 299 from the following Townships in Osborne County, Kansas: Covert Township, Delhi Township, Jackson Township, Valley Township and Winfield Township.

Lucas Community Center, 135 S Main, Lucas, KS 67648:

That part of USD 299, Fairview Township Russell County, Kansas. All registered voters in Lucas City, Russell County, Kansas.

Waldo Senior Center, 610 Iva Ave, Waldo, KS 67673

All of Luray Township, and Luray City, that part of USD 299, Waldo Township, Russell County, Kansas.

The hours of voting in all precincts of the County will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025. Advance voting begins in the Office of the Lincoln County Clerk, October 15, 2025. The deadline to apply for advance ballots to be mailed is October 28, 2025

/s/ Dawn M Harlow
Lincoln County Election Officer

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NOTICE TO ALL WILSON TELEPHONE COMPANY CUSTOMERS

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has recently increased the amount needed to maintain the federal universal service fund. Due to this adjustment, after October 1, 2025, you may see a change in the amount on your bill going to the Federal Universal Service Fund. This amount may continue to change quarterly, depending on actions taken by the FCC. The federal universal service fund program is designed to help keep local telephone services rates affordable for all customers in all areas of the United States.

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Public Testing of the Vote Tabulating Equipment October 10, 2025 10:00 a.m. In the Courthouse Meeting Room Lincoln County Courthouse 216 E Lincoln Ave Lincoln, KS 67455

Now accepting applications for U.S. Military Academy nominations

Congressman Derek Schmidt (KS-02) announced today that his office is now accepting applications from Kansas students seeking nominations to attend the United States military service academies for the Class of 2030.

Each year, Members of Congress may nominate a limited number of candidates for appointment to the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Students who receive a nomination are considered for appointment by the respective academy's admissions board.

"Service academies provide exceptional opportunities for young Kansans to pursue higher education while preparing to serve our country as officers in the Armed Forces," Schmidt said. "I encourage all qualified students who are interested in military service to apply."

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, at least 17 years old but not yet 23, unmarried and without dependents. Applicants seeking nomination from Congressman Schmidt also must reside in the 2nd Congressional District. A complete application packet must be submitted to Congressman Schmidt's Topeka office by October 15.

Detailed instructions, eligibility requirements and application materials are available on Congressman Schmidt's website at schmidt.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations.

Contact the Lucas-Sylvan News to get your business on the Business Board \$22.00 a month. (785) 525-6355