

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of
the Kearney Public Schools Board of
Education**

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 5:00 PM

**Kearney High School Concert Hall and
Theater**

2702 West 11th Street

Kearney, NE 68845

1. Call to Order -

2. Open Meetings Act Announcement -

This is an open, public meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education, and a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in this room.

3. Board Meeting Decorum Expectations -

Kearney Public Schools welcomes all guests to our public meetings. It is the intention of the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education that all those present at the Board of Education meetings, whether Board members, KPS staff, or members of the public, act and treat each other with honor and respect. Guests are expected to refrain from speaking during the meeting unless asked to address the Board of Education by the Board President or during their allotted time in public participation. If anyone attending the meeting is determined by the President to be disruptive or a detriment to the procession of the meeting by their words or actions, that person or persons, may be asked by the President to leave the meeting at any time. Anyone who refuses to leave will be escorted from the meeting by either school personnel or a police officer and could be legally barred from attending future meetings. Thank you for helping us to have a respectful meeting forum for everyone to enjoy.

4. Roll Call -

5. Approval of Agenda -

Move to approve the agenda of the meeting, as presented.

6. Discussion of Potential K-5 Elementary Alternative School -

7. Public Participation/Comment -

Board meetings must have on the agenda, a specific time entitled Public Participation/Comment, during which patrons may address the Board on matters of general concern. No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting, nor shall such body require that the name of any members of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. Patrons wishing to address the Board during the Public Participation/Comment will be allowed up to three (3) minutes per speaker to express their view. Public Participation/Comment may not exceed thirty (30) total minutes. The Board-imposed time limits may be extended by a majority vote of the Board, following a motion to do so. Board action may not be taken on matters discussed during the Public Participation/Comment, unless the matter specifically appears on the prepared agenda. Board of Education members will refrain from expressing personal opinions during Public Participation/Comment.

Any members of the public desiring to address the body shall be required to sign in with the recording secretary prior to the start of the meeting and identify himself or herself, including an address, phone number, and name of any organization represented by such person, unless the address and phone number requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

8. Agenda -

8.A. Preview of the November 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda -

8.A.I. Recognition of Coach Nate Polacek and KHS Cross Country Runner Abigail Burger as the 2024 State Champion in Class A -

8.A.II. Resolution of Support of Military Students and Families -

8.A.III. District Financial Audit Report -

8.A.IV. Annual Update of the Employee Benefit and Depreciation Funds -

8.A.V. Presentation by Jen True, Principal at Buffalo Hills Elementary, on MTSS/Supporting Students at All Tiers -

8.A.VI. Announcement of "American Education Week" November 18-22, 2024. On Tuesday, November 19, Kearney Public Schools and UNK will Co-Host a Reception for New Staff Members and Members of the Community in the UNK Regional Engagement Center from 4:00 to 5:30 PM -

8.A.VII. Acceptance of the Kearney Bearcat Boosters Annual Self-Audit Report for the 2023-2024 School Year -

8.A.VIII. Acceptance of the Resignations or Retirements of Kelly Melson, Sidney Enochs, Melisa Dobish, Shelly Whitaker, Tracy Schall, Lynn Lebsack, Londyn Rupperecht, Janice Polk, Paige Garringer, Chris Preble, Karen Fusby, and Cami Drozd -

8.A.IX. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff - Wendy Castillo, Courtney Feeney, and Emily Abed -

8.A.X. Approval of a 5-Year Contract with Centegix for School Safety Rapid Notification, Emergency Mapping, and Visitor Management Systems in All KPS Schools at a Cost of \$143,700 Per Year -

8.A.XI. Approval of BD Construction as the Construction Manager at Risk for the Central Elementary Secured Entrance and Kearney High School South Construction Addition as Recommended by the KPS Board Committee -

8.A.XII. Approval of the Lease Purchase Agreement in the Amount of \$12,000,000 with NebraskaLand Bank for the KHS South Construction Projects Based on the KPS Board Committee Recommendation (The lease purchase will be a 7-year agreement at an annual percentage rate of 3.74%) -

8.A.XIII. Approval of the 2025-2026 School Calendar -

8.A.XIV. Approval of the First Reading of Revised Board Policy 5415 School Wellness -

8.A.XV. Conduct a Performance Evaluation of the Superintendent -

8.A.XVI. Closed Session for the Protection of the Public Interest or for the Prevention of Needless Injury to the Reputation of an Individual and if Such Individual Has Not Requested a Public Meeting -

8.A.XVII. Closed Session for Negotiation and Strategy Discussion with Respect to the 2025-2026 Collective Bargaining -

8.A.XVIII. Closed Session for the Performance Evaluation of the Superintendent and Superintendent Contract Negotiations -

9. Discuss Next Steps for K-5 Elementary Alternative School -
Move to schedule a town hall meeting in November.

10. Adjournment -

Move to adjourn the meeting.