

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

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 5:00 PM

2nd Floor Staff Development Room,

Administration Building

320 W 24th 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. 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.

7. Agenda -

7.A. Preview of the December 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda -

7.A.I. Holiday Music Provided by Sunrise Middle School Under the Direction of Stacie Blackmore -

7.A.II. Special Recognitions of Outgoing Board Members - Steve Gaasch and Kathy Gifford -

7.A.III. Annual "State of the Schools" Report -

7.A.IV. Follow-up Report from the NASB Annual Education Conference -

7.A.V. Set the Date for the January Winter Retreat Meeting of the Board of Education as January 27, 2025, 6:00-9:00pm. -

7.A.VI. Approval of the Second and Final Reading of Revised Board Policy 5415 School Wellness -

7.A.VII. Discuss and/or Approve a Building Name for the Kearney High School South New Building -

7.A.VIII. Acceptance of Resignations and Retirements - Mark Stute and Alexandria Policky -

7.A.IX. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff -

7.A.X. Approval of the First Reading of Revised Board Policy 3290 Internal Controls -

7.A.XI. Approve Drew Blessing, Jason Mundorf, and one other board member to attend the NASB Federal Advocacy Conference in Washington D.C. March 16-19, 2025 -

7.A.XII. Approval of the Superintendent's Contract Commencing July 1, 2025 -

7.A.XIII. Closed Session for the Purpose of Conducting a Strategy Session in Regard to Negotiations for the 2025-2026 School Year -

7.B. Book Challenge Update "Me, Earl, and the Dying Girl" -

7.C. Student Representative of the School Board -

7.D. Winter Retreat Topics -

7.E. Discussion of K-5 Alternative School Possibilities and Next Steps -

7.F. Closed Session for the Purpose of Conducting a Strategy Session in Regard to the Superintendent's Contract Negotiations -

8. Adjournment -

Move to adjourn the meeting.