

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of
the Kearney Public Schools Board of
Education
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 5:00 PM
1st floor Administration Building Conference
Room
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 January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda -

7.A.I. Reorganization of the Board of Education for 2025 -

7.A.I.a. Election of the President of the Board of Education for 2025 -

7.A.I.b. Election of the Vice President of the Board of Education for 2025 -

7.A.I.c. Election of the Secretary of the Board of Education for 2025 -

7.A.II. Recognition of Mrs. Jeana Peterson - Orchestra Teacher at Horizon and Sunrise Middle Schools, as the 2024 Outstanding String Teacher of the Year -

7.A.III. Announcement and Recognition of "Nebraska School Board Member Week," January 26 - February 2, 2025 -

7.A.IV. Presentation By Meredith Johnson, Principal of Emerson Elementary on Core Connections -

7.A.V. Report on Activities of NASB Legislative Committee -

7.A.VI. Approval of the Check Signing Authority for 2025 for the Kearney Public Schools at Nebraskaland Bank as President and Secretary of the Board of Education, and Dr. Chris Loofe and Jenae Dahlstedt -

7.A.VII. Approval of the Second and Final Reading of Revised Board Policy 3290 Internal Controls -

7.A.VIII. Acceptance of Resignations and Retirements - Barbara Wegner, Nate Garringer, Crystal Warner and Melinda Reid -

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

7.A.X. Approval of the Employment of Administrative Staff - Jenn True -

7.A.XI. Approval of Board Committee Assignments for 2025 - Committee on American Civics and Negotiations Committee -

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

7.B. Discuss the January Special Retreat Topics and Set Agenda for the Meeting -

7.C. Discuss the Potential Expansion of the Hanny Arram Center for Success -

7.D. Discuss a Recent Survey of KHS Students and Staff and Next Steps for Naming the New Multipurpose Facility at KHS -

7.E. Discuss and Report on the Appeal Decision of the Book "Empire of Storms" -

7.F. Closed Session for the Purpose of Conducting a Strategy Session with Respect to a Real Estate Purchase -

7.G. Return to Open Session -

8. Adjournment -

Move to adjourn the meeting.