

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of
the Kearney Public Schools Board of
Education
Wednesday, April 9, 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 April 14, 2025 Public Hearing & Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda -

7.A.I. Public Hearing & Review of American Civics Education Policy & Requirements -

7.A.II. Recognition of the Kearney High School Dance Catz and Head Coach Meggie Rusher for Winning their First-Ever State Dance Championship and Earning the Academic Excellence Award -

7.A.III. Recognition of the Kearney High School Cheerleading Team and Coaches Ashley Bush and Tammy Rehtus and for their First-Ever State Runner-Up Finish -

7.A.IV. Recognition of Kearney High School Student Carsyn McBride and Head Coach Trey Schlender for Winning the First-Ever Class A State Girls Wrestling Championship -

7.A.V. Recognition of Kearney High School Student Kaedun Goodman and Head Coach Ryan Bauer for Winning 2nd Place at the Class A Boys State Wrestling Championships -

7.A.VI. Recognition of the Kearney High School Football Team and Head Coach Brandon Cool for Receiving the 2024-2025 National Football Foundation National High School Academic Excellence Award -

7.A.VII. Recognition of Kearney High School FCCLA State Champions, Ty Royal and Kassidy Clark for Placing 1st in the Chapter Service Project Display, Level 3 -

7.A.VIII. Announcement of the 2025 Kearney Public Schools/Kearney Public Schools Foundation "Celebration of Excellence" Reception -

7.A.IX. Presentation by Mark Johnson, Principal at Sunrise Middle School, on the Intensive Care Unit at Sunrise Middle School -

7.A.X. Legislative Update -

7.A.XI. 2025 NASB Federal Advocacy Report -

7.A.XII. Approval of Kearney High School Wrestling Summer Team Camp Trip, June 8-12, 2025 in Fort Dodge, Iowa -

7.A.XIII. Approval of Kearney High School Girls Basketball Trip to the Midwest Showcase, June 12-14, 2025 in Kansas City, Missouri -

7.A.XIV. Approval of Kearney High School Volleyball Trip for the Kansas State Team Camp, July 10-12, 2025 in Manhattan, Kansas -

7.A.XV. Acceptance of the Resignations of Mackenzie Klimek, Dax VanLengen and Cherie Kluender -

7.A.XVI. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff - Shana Orr -

7.A.XVII. Approval of the Employment of Administrative Staff - Steven Woodside -

7.A.XVIII. Approval of Check Signing Authority for 2025 for Meagan Kershner, Director of Finance -

7.A.XIX. Approval of the 2025-2026 Transportation Handbook -

7.A.XX. Approval of OpenSciED as the New 9-12 Science Curriculum for a Period of ____ Years Beginning in the 2025-2026 School Year -

7.A.XXI. Approval of "The Leader in Me" as the new K-8 Social-Emotional Curriculum for a Period of ____ Years Beginning in the 2025-2026 School Year -

7.B. Discuss Board Policy 5004 Dual Credit Enrollment -

7.C. Discuss "The Leader in Me" as the New District SEL Curriculum for Grades K-8 -

7.D. Discuss the 9-12 OpenSciED Curriculum Adoption -

7.E. Discussion of District High-Ability Learning -

7.F. Discussion of Monthly Board Small Group Discussions -

7.G. Recognition of Pastor Mitch Ivey and Grace Church for KPS Support in 2024-2025 -

7.H. Board Policy Review - Current Policies and Discrepancies with Handbooks -

8. Adjournment -

Move to adjourn the meeting.