

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of  
the Kearney Public Schools Board of  
Education  
Wednesday, May 7, 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 May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda -

7.A.I. Recognition of Hanny Arram Center for Success Student Braedyn Ramer for Being Selected to Represent Nebraska as a Voting Delegate at the National Career Development Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana -

7.A.II. Recognition of Kearney Public Schools Special Education Director, Melisa Dobish for Receiving the Nebraska Association of Special Education Supervisors, Friend of Special Education Award -

7.A.III. Presentation by Catherine Gundersen, Principal, and Amber Taylor, Assistant Principal at Northeast Elementary School, on Kindness Bands and Activities -

7.A.IV. Legislative Update -

7.A.V. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff - Ariana Bishop and Sara McCoy -

7.A.VI. Approval of the Bid for Milk Products in the Kearney Public Schools for the 2025-2026 School Year -

7.A.VII. Approval of the Bid for Bread Products in the Kearney Public Schools for the 2025-2026 School Year -

7.A.VIII. Set the date of Monday, June 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for the Summer Special Retreat Meeting of the Board of Education -

7.B. Discuss Horizon and Sunrise Middle School 8th Grade Band Students Performing at the National Veterans Ceremony in Washington, D.C., on November 11, 2025 -

The Horizon Middle School 8th grade band has been invited to participate in the National Veterans Ceremony in Washington, D.C. on November 11, 2025. They will attend as the Kearney 8th Grade Band, combining Horizon and Sunrise Middle School band students. The group would like to start the fundraising process as soon as possible.

7.C. Discuss Board Committees and Assignments -

7.D. Discuss the Potential of Adding a 4th School Resource Officer in Partnership with the City of Kearney and Amending Our Financial Agreement to Reflect the City Paying for Two SRO's and KPS Paying for Two SRO's -

7.E. Discuss and Review 2024-2025 KPS Staff Pulse Surveys -

7.F. Discuss Support for Windy Hills and Glenwood Elementary Teachers Moving Buildings -

7.G. Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing a Personnel Matter -

7.H. Return to Open Session -  
Move to return to open session.

**8. Adjournment -**

Move to adjourn the meeting.