

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of
the Kearney Public Schools Board of
Education
Wednesday, August 6, 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 August 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda -

7.A.I. Recognition of Jason Owens, Principal at Hanny Arram Center for Success, for Being Named the Region IV Outstanding New Principal by the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals (NSASSP) -

7.A.II. Recognition of Amber Lewis, Principal at Horizon Middle School, for Being Named the Region IV Middle School Principal of the Year by the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals (NSASSP) -

7.A.III. Recognition of Erin Jones, Assistant Principal at Sunrise Middle School, for Being Named the Region IV Assistant Middle School Principal of the Year by the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals (NSASSP) -

7.A.IV. Presentation from Erikka Rhodes, JAG Career Specialist at Hanny Arram Center for Success about the JAG Program -

7.A.V. Construction Update - Lisa Amen with BD Construction -

7.A.VI. Notice of Settlement Claims -

7.A.VII. Acceptance of the Sunrise Middle School Parent Advisory Committee Annual Self-Audit Report for the 2024-2025 School Year -

7.A.VIII. Acceptance of the Kearney Band Parents Association Annual Self-Audit Report for the 2024-2025 School Year -

7.A.IX. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Pioneer Raider Meet, September 12-13, 2025 in Leavenworth, Kansas -

7.A.X. Recognition of the Kearney Education Association as the Exclusive Bargaining Agent for All Non-Supervisory Certificated Staff in the Kearney Public Schools for the 2027-2028 Contract Year -

7.A.XI. Approval of the 2025-2026 Kearney Public Schools Staff and Facilities Handbooks -

7.A.XII. Second and Final Reading Approval of New and Revised Board Policies - 1340 Community Relations; 4002 Personnel; 5001 Admission Requirements; 5401 Anti-discrimination, Anti-harassment & Anti-retaliation; 3290 Internal Controls; 3730 Procurement Plan; 4030 Transportation Employees & Form A; 5101 Student Discipline-Electronic Devices; 5004 Full-time and Part-time Enrollment; 5201 Promotion and Retention & Repeat Grade Form; 5202 Notification of Rights Under FERPA; 6420 Association Activities; 5503 (new) Foster Care Student Transportation; Rescission of 6260 Title I Parental/Community Engagement in Schools -

7.A.XIII. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff - Jordan Temme -

7.A.XIV. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Central Community College for Dual Credit Classes -

7.A.XV. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with UNK for Dual Credit Classes -

7.A.XVI. Approval of Kearney Public Schools Emergency Operations Plan -

7.A.XVII. Set the date for the Special Budget Retreat Meeting -

7.A.XVIII. Set the Date for the Annual Budget Hearing and Special September Board Meeting -

7.B. Review the 2024-2025 Onsite Mental Health Summary Review Provided by LiveWell Counseling -

7.C. Discuss the pIRHEG Pilot Project at Buffalo Hills -

7.D. Update on the Next Steps of the Board Policy Review Process -

7.E. Discuss the Potential Addition of the Solar Panel Field Array at Kearney High School -

7.F. Discuss the Potential Solutions for Middle School Enrollment Imbalances Including Feeder School Changes with Buffalo Hills, Kenwood and Emerson, as well as a Possible 6th/7th and 8th Grade School Model -

8. Adjournment -

Move to adjourn the meeting.