

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of  
the Kearney Public Schools Board of  
Education  
Wednesday, February 4, 2026 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 February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda -**

7.A.I. Presentation from Stacie Blackmore, Music Teacher at Sunrise Middle School about the Sunrise Honor Choir Students Singing at the State Capitol -

7.A.II. Construction Update -

7.A.III. Legislative Update -

7.A.IV. Approval of Kearney High School Jazz Band Trip to the Greeley Jazz Festival, April 23–25, 2026 in Greeley, Colorado -

7.A.V. Approval of Kearney High School Band Trip to the Quad State Marching Contest, October 17, 2026 in Vermillion, South Dakota -

7.A.VI. Acceptance of Resignations and Retirements - Andrew Chadek, Jon Wegner, Audra Haas, Kati Burns, Chelsey Jacobitz, Kellee Vornhagen, Ranee Borowski -

7.A.VII. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff - Matthew Dahlke, Tatum Smith, Kinley Johnson, Morgan Semerad -

7.A.VIII. Approval of Bid for Chromebooks -

7.A.IX. First Reading Approval of the Revised 4000 Section of Board Policies -

7.A.X. Approval of the Naming Rights Agreement between Kearney Public Schools and Roger A. Mathiesen for Naming the Kearney High School Track as Mathiesen Track -

### **7.B. NSAA Transfer Policies and Happenings -**

7.C. Discussion and Potential Upgrades to the Kearney High School CHAT for the Theatre Production Program -

7.D. Review of the Kearney Public Schools HAL Programming -

7.E. Infrastructure Project Discussion -

### **7.F. Closed Session -**

Move to enter into a closed session for the purpose of conducting a strategy session in regard to negotiations for the 2026-2027 school year.

### **7.G. Return to Open Session -**

## **8. Adjournment -**

Move to adjourn the meeting.