

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of
the Kearney Public Schools Board of
Education
Tuesday, March 3, 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 March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda -

7.A.I. Recognition of the Kearney High School Dance Catz for their Runner-Up Finish in Class A High Kick at the Nebraska State Dance Championships and Earning the Academic Excellence Award -

7.A.II. Recognition of Kearney High School Social Studies Teacher, Kevin Witte for Being Selected as the Nebraska 3rd Congressional District Recipient of the Bertolas, Gildersleeve, Stoddard, Stone Award Presented by the Geographic Educators of Nebraska -

7.A.III. Recognition of Kearney High School Student Fulton Moyer for Winning the NSAA Class A State Bowling Championship -

7.A.IV. Recognition of the Kearney High School Girls Wrestling Team for their Runner-Up Finish at the NSAA Class A State Wrestling Championship, including State Champions Sloane Abbey and Stella Harbols -

7.A.V. Recognition of Kearney High School Boys Wrestling Team for their Runner-Up Finish at the NSAA Class A State Dual Championships -

7.A.VI. Recognition of Kearney High School Students as State Scholastic Art Award Winners and National Qualifiers -

7.A.VII. Recognition of Kearney High School Student Josslyn Flood for her Selection to Participate in the Annual National K-12 Ceramic Exhibition -

7.A.VIII. Legislative Update -

7.A.IX. Second and Final Reading Approval of Revised 4000 Section of Board Policies -

7.A.X. Approval of the Kearney High School Girls Basketball Trip to the Midwest Showcase, June 18– 20, 2026 in Kansas City, Missouri -

7.A.XI. Approval of the Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Knight Raider Meet, March 27–29, 2026 in Rockford, Illinois -

7.A.XII. Acceptance of Resignations and Retirements - Amber Berger, Amber Sklenar, Kathryn Peterson, Jordan Hughett, Megan Homolka, Kelli Bauer, Jennifer Meinecke, Mark Johnson -

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

7.B. Discussion of Potential 2016 Bond Refinancing Options -

7.C. Discussion of Potential Random Drug Testing at Kearney High School (Board Policies 5104 and 5405) -

7.D. Discussion of Kearney High School Graduation Dress Code Expectations -

7.E. Discussion of KPS K-12 AI Framework -

7.F. Discussion of KPS Board Retreats/Schedules -

7.G. Review and Discussion of the KPS Master Plan Projects -

7.H. Closed Session -

Move to enter into a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations for the 2026-2027 school year.

7.I. Open Session -

8. Adjournment -

Move to adjourn the meeting.