

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education

**Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 5:00 PM
1st floor Administration Building Conference Room
320 W 24th St
Kearney, NE 68845**

1. Call to Order

President Blessing called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

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. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM.

Drew Blessing: Present

Dave Brandt: Present

Steve Gaasch: Present

Kathy Gifford: Present

Paul Hazard: Present

John Icenogle: Present

4. Approval of Agenda

Move to approve the agenda of the meeting, as presented. This motion, made by Kathy Gifford and seconded by Steve Gaasch, Passed.

Drew Blessing: Yea, Dave Brandt: Yea, Steve Gaasch: Yea, Kathy Gifford: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5. Agenda

5.A. Preview of the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda

5.A.I. Holiday Music Provided by Central Elementary

5.A.II. Annual "State of Schools" Report

5.A.III. Follow-up Report from Attendees of the 2023 NASB Annual Education Conference

5.A.IV. Approval of the KHS FFA Missouri Welding Institute, 14th Annual Welding Competition Trip to Nevada, MO, January 24-25, 2024

5.A.V. Acceptance of the KHS Athletic Boosters Revised Annual Self-Audit Report for the 2022-2023 School Year

5.A.VI. Set the date for the January Special, Public Retreat Meeting of the Board of Education

5.A.VII. Acceptance of the Resignations of Ross Berggren and Megan Pahl

5.A.VIII. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff - Shawna Reger, 1st Grade Teacher at Central Elementary School and Jacqueline Kalkwarf, Business/Computer Teacher at Horizon Middle School, both pending certification, for the 2024-2025 School Year

5.A.IX. Approval of Administrative Employment Recommendation

5.A.X. Closed Session for the Purpose of Conducting a Strategy Session in Regard to the Superintendent's Contract Negotiations for the 2024-2025 School Year

5.A.XI. Discuss, Consider and Take Possible Action on the Superintendent's Contract Commencing July 1, 2024

5.A.XII. Closed Session for the Purpose of Conducting a Strategy Session in Regard to Negotiations for the 2024-2025 School Year

5.B. 2024-2025 Transportation Registration Changes

5.C. 2022-2023 Emergency Operations Plan Audit

5.D. Student Assistance Program Numbers/Stronger Connections Grant Update

5.E. November Professional Development Day Review

5.F. ASCEND Program 2023-2024

5.G. Duty Hours Discussion

5.H. 2024-2025 Staffing Requests

5.I. Closed Session

- The Board moved to closed session for the purpose of conducting a strategy session in regard to negotiations for the 2024-2025 school year at 7:00 PM. At 7:01 PM, Mrs. Gifford realized that she had a personal conflict of interest and excused herself from the closed session.

Move to closed session for the purpose of conducting a strategy session in regard to negotiations for the 2024-2025 school year. This motion, made by Kathy Gifford and seconded by Paul Hazard, Passed.

Drew Blessing: Yea, Dave Brandt: Yea, Steve Gaasch: Yea, Kathy Gifford: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.J. Return to Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 7:52 PM.

Move to return to open session. This motion, made by Dave Brandt and seconded by John Icenogle, Passed.

Kathy Gifford: Abstain (With Conflict), Drew Blessing: Yea, Dave Brandt: Yea, Steve Gaasch: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

5.K. Winter Retreat Topics

5.K.I. Facilities Plan Update

5.K.I.a. Turf Playgrounds

5.K.I.b. Sunrise Classrooms (FCA/IT)

5.K.I.c. Glenwood (Water/East Hallway Exit)

5.K.I.d. District Update (Buffalo Hills, Windy Hills, Horizon)

5.K.I.e. Central Entrance

5.K.I.f. Board Policy Update/Review

5.K.II. AI Policy Development

5.K.III. In District Travel Policy

5.K.IV. Strategic Plan Objectives

5.K.IV.a. ROTC Update

5.K.V. Board Policy Update/Review

6. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Move to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Kathy Gifford, Passed.

Drew Blessing: Yea, Dave Brandt: Yea, Steve Gaasch: Yea, Kathy Gifford: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Notice of Meeting

This meeting was publicized in the Kearney Hub on December 2, 2023; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Dave Brandt, Secretary