

Special Public Retreat Meeting
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Monday, January 29, 2024 at 6:00 PM
2nd Floor Staff Development Room, Administration Building
320 W 24th St
Kearney, NE 68845

1. Call to Order

President Gaasch called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 6:00 PM.

John Icenogle: Absent

Drew Blessing: Present

Steve Gaasch: Present

Kathy Gifford: Present

Paul Hazard: Present

4. Approval of Agenda

Move to approve the agenda of the meeting, as presented. This motion, made by Drew Blessing and seconded by Paul Hazard, Passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5. Agenda

5.A. Negotiations/Budget Update

- A basic settlement has been reached but KEA and the Board are having conversations about some language in certain areas. We will have a closed session at the committee meeting to finalize the details.

5.B. Facilities Plan Update

- Turf bids for playgrounds at elementary schools were shared by Trent. The Board asked for a plan for all elementary schools. Two bids were received. All have been on site to review the projects. The Board is reviewing.

5.B.I. Turf Playgrounds

5.B.II. Sunrise

5.B.II.a. Classrooms (FCS/IT)

- Reviewed as presented.

5.B.II.b. Athletic Complex

- The design showed track, football field, bleachers and press box - plans to start this as soon as possible. Mr. Hogue is working on the sound system and scoreboard.

5.B.II.c. Traffic Study/Parking Lots

- Dr. Loofe met with the city. Completed a traffic study throughout the year to develop this plan. Options will be considered.

5.B.III. Glenwood

- Complete renovation of the kitchen as it hasn't been done since the building opened. Adding a fire/sprinkler system.

5.B.III.a. Water Storage

- It is not on the municipal water system, so we have to have water storage for the sprinkler system.

5.B.III.b. East Hallway/Exit

- Secure entrance on west and add east entrance/exit on the long corridor to meet current safety codes.

5.B.III.c. Sensory Room/Long-Term Planning

- There is a possibility that this may be added near the media center.

5.B.IV. Current Projects Update (Buffalo Hills, Windy Hills, Horizon, Park)

- Board members were updated on the progress at Buffalo Hills and plans for projects at Windy Hills, Horizon and Park.

5.B.V. Central Entrance

- Jacob presented a possibility to make the secure entrance on the southwest part of the building.

5.B.VI. ROTC

- Not at this time based on response from the military - KPS is on the wait list if more funds become available.

5.B.VII. KHS Girls Wrestling Room/Multi-Purpose Space

- A two-phase plan being considered, unsure of if/when this might happen:
 - Girls wrestling and multipurpose room
 - ROTC rooms
- Funding sources were presented for the Board's consideration of these facility plans.

5.B.VIII. District Safety Enhancements

5.B.VIII.a. Security Film

- Vestibule windows - \$63,138. Hopefully, by the beginning of next school year.

5.B.VIII.b. T-Mobile Radios

- Certain administrators have been testing - all dead zones are gone. It is much better financially to use these rather than other devices. Still checking on flock cameras.

5.B.IX. Financial Review/Project Funding

- Conversations with Northland to seek funding options.

5.C. Artificial Intelligence Policy Development

- Reviewed several documents from other districts and feedback and thoughts from administration from all levels. Board members are encouraged to reflect on this.

5.D. In District Travel Policy

- Policies 3350 and 3360- Dr. Loofe has done some work to revise KPS current practices. Board needs to reflect.

5.E. Board Policy Revision

- The Board needs to process and decide.

5.E.I. Full policy revision last completed in 2017

5.E.II. Would we like to begin this effort again in 2024?

5.E.III. If so, what should this process look like?

5.E.III.a. Community Groups

5.E.III.b. District Leaders

5.E.III.c. Board Committees

5.E.III.d. Perry Law Firm Policy Service

5.E.III.d.1. Board Member Monthly Review and Approval

6. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Notice of Meeting

This meeting was publicized in the Kearney Hub on January 25, 2024; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Kathy Gifford, Secretary