

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of
Education
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 5:00 PM
1st floor Administration Building Conference Room
320 W 24th St
Kearney, NE 68845**

1. Call to Order

President Gaasch called the meeting to order at 5 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

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 Drew Blessing and seconded by Kathy Gifford, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

5. Agenda

5.A. Preview of the February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda

5.A.I. Presentation by Horizon Middle School

5.A.II. Follow-up Report on Topics Discussed at the January 29, 2024 Board Special Retreat Meeting

5.A.III. Acceptance of the Retirement Resignation of Pat McFadden, and the Resignations of Nicole Andreasen and Sue Liveringhouse

5.A.IV. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff- Averie Clanton, 1st Grade Teacher at Kenwood Elementary School; Stephanie Flint, School Counselor at Central Elementary School; Laura Lucas 7th Grade ELA Teacher at Sunrise Middle School; Jody Nissen, Special Education Teacher at Bryant Elementary School; Mattie Traphagan, ELL Teacher at Northeast Elementary School; Sadie Uhing, Orchestra Teacher at Kearney High School; Cale Uhrmacher, Special Education Teacher at Sunrise Middle School; Abby Webb, Art Teacher at Bryant and Central Elementary Schools; Dee Westcott, Special Education Teacher at Buffalo Hills Elementary School; Heather Atkinson, 4th grade teacher

at Emerson Elementary School; Tori Lindner, kindergarten teacher at Glenwood Elementary School; NeLeigh Owens, kindergarten teacher at Kenwood Elementary School; Whitney Kuhn, counselor at Emerson Elementary School, for the 2024-2025 School Year; Elliot Lebsack, Social Science Teacher at Kearney High School and Whitney Lewis, Special Education Teacher at Kearney High School, Both Pending Certification, for the 2024-2025 School Year

5.B. 7th Grade Volleyball and Basketball Presentation Proposal

5.C. Transportation Fleet Requests for 2024-2025

5.C.I. Vans

5.C.II. Other Transportation Needs

5.D. 2024-2025 Technology Requests

5.E. Negotiated Agreement Language Requests

5.F. Windy Hills End of the Year Staff Days

5.G. Closed Session

- The Board moved to closed session for the purpose of discussing teacher negotiations at 6:10 PM.
- Mr. Icenogle was excused from the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Move to closed session for the purpose of discussing teacher negotiations. This motion, made by Kathy Gifford and seconded by John Icenogle, Passed.

Drew Blessing: Yea, Steve Gaasch: Yea, Kathy Gifford: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

5.H. Return to Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 7:43 PM.

Move to return to open session. This motion, made by Paul Hazard and seconded by Drew Blessing, Passed.

John Icenogle: Abstain (Without Conflict), Drew Blessing: Yea, Steve Gaasch: Yea, Kathy Gifford: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (Without Conflict): 1

6. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

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

John Icenogle: Abstain (Without Conflict), Drew Blessing: Yea, Steve Gaasch: Yea, Kathy Gifford: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (Without Conflict): 1

Notice of Meeting

This meeting was publicized in the Kearney Hub on February 3, 2024; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Kathy Gifford, Secretary