

Special Meeting
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 5:30 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 5:30 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 5:30 PM.

Drew Blessing: Absent

Steve Gaasch: Present

Kathy Gifford: Present

Paul Hazard: Present

John Icenogle: Present

3.A. Excuse Absent Board Member

Move to excuse absent Board member Drew Blessing from the meeting. This motion, made by Kathy Gifford and seconded by John Icenogle, Passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4. **Approval of Agenda**

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

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5. **Agenda**

5.A. Appointment of New Board Member

- Mrs. Gifford thanked Amy Barth for her interest in serving on the Kearney Public School Board of Education and thanked the committee for their work as well.
- Mr. Gaasch, as a member of the appointment committee, stated that there were twelve very qualified applications for this position, and the top five candidates were chosen to be interviewed. He noted that all five candidates would make excellent Board members, but

ultimately, after deliberations, Amy Barth was the clear choice. Mr. Gaasch voiced his appreciation for those who applied and interviewed, stating that he felt blessed to have such a great number of interested, qualified applicants.

Move to appoint Amy Barth to fill the vacancy on the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education created by the resignation of Mr. Dave Brandt, with the term of office to run from February 21, 2024, commencing upon administration of the oath of office, and shall continue for the remainder of the unexpired term of Dave Brandt, in accordance with the attached Resolution. This motion, made by Kathy Gifford and seconded by Paul Hazard, Passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5.B. Administration of the Oath of Office

- The oath of office was administered to new Board member Amy Barth.

6. **Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

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

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Notice of Meeting

This meeting was publicized in the Kearney Hub on February 17, 2024; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Kathy Gifford, Secretary

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of this school district, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §32-570, that, based upon the ballots cast by the members of the Board of Education, the Board of Education should and does hereby temporarily appoint Amy Barth, a qualified registered voter of the Kearney Public School District, to fill the vacancy created by Dave Brandt's resignation; said appointment is effective upon the passage of this resolution and shall commence upon administration of the oath of office, and shall continue for the remainder of the unexpired term of Dave Brandt.

The above Resolution having been read in its entirety, member Kathy Gifford moved for its passage and adoption. Member Paul Hazard seconded the same. After discussion and roll call vote, a vote was taken:

The following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of said Resolution: John Icenogle, Paul Hazard, Steve Gaasch, Kathy Gifford

The following members voted against the same: _____

The following members were absent or not voting: Drew Blessing

The above Resolution having been consented to by a majority of the members of the Board of Education was declared as [passed and adopted][not passed and not adopted].

DATED this 21st day of February, 2024.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KEARNEY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

By: _____

President

ATTESTED:

Kathy Gifford
Board Member