

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of
Education
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 5:00 PM
1st floor Administration Building Conference Room
320 W 24th Street
Kearney, NE 68845**

1. Call to Order

President Gaasch called the meeting to order at 5:04 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 5:04 PM.

John Icenogle: Absent
Amy Barth: Present
Drew Blessing: Present
Steve Gaasch: Present
Kathy Gifford: Present
Paul Hazard: Present

- Mr. Icenogle arrived at 5:10 PM.

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, Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Steve Gaasch: Yea, Kathy Gifford: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5. Agenda

Attendance Update Taken at 5:10 PM.

John Icenogle: Present

5.A. Preview of the April 8, 2024 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Agenda

5.A.I. Public Hearing & Review of American Civics Education Policy & Requirements

5.A.II. Recognition of Head Coach Nate Garringer and the KHS eSports Team as 2024 State Champions

5.A.III. Recognition of Art Teacher Katrina Olmstead and KHS Students Kally Ostermeyer and Shayne Brown for their Selection to Participate in the 27th Annual National K-12 Ceramic Exhibition

- 5.A.IV. Recognition of Art Teachers Natasha Hahn, Katrina Olmstead, and Charlotte Dvorak, and KHS Students, Abbie Bausch, Vivianne Beck, Edith Hall, Quinn Peralta Trejo, Evangelina Wilterding, and Myka Otten, as State Scholastic Art Award Winners and National Qualifiers
- 5.A.V. Presentation by the Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board and Recognition of Resolution 02.14.23 - Youth Mental Health Resources and Coordination
- 5.A.VI. Presentation by the Hanny Arram Center on the Real World Academy
- 5.A.VII. Legislative Update
- 5.A.VIII. Announcement of the 2024 Kearney Public Schools/Kearney Public Schools Foundation "Celebration of Excellence" Reception
- 5.A.IX. NASB Legislative Committee Report
- 5.A.X. Approval of the KHS Wrestling Team Summer Camp Trip to Brookings, South Dakota, June 8-12, 2024
- 5.A.XI. Acceptance of the Resignations of Hallie Snyder, Ashley Mostek, Amber McKay, Tennille Allison, Keaton Klimek, Emily Ripp, Kinzy Dibbern, Terah Maaske, Jacqueline Arens, Sara DeMers, and the Retirement Resignation of Mary Dubas
- 5.A.XII. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff - Nicole Lopez, Rebekah Andersen, Shannon Blaschko, Megan Spicka, Halle Nachtigal, Sydney Weiler, Jennifer Meinecke, Amy Schroder, Lydia Behnk, Julian Beltran-Dorado, Zachary Werner, and Jordan Lawn
- 5.A.XIII. Approval of the Employment of Administrative Staff - Haley Mentzer and Jeff Schwartz
- 5.A.XIV. Approval of the Second and Final Reading of New Board Policy 6288 - Artificial Intelligence
- 5.A.XV. Approval of the First Reading of Revised Policy 3350 - Staff Travel and Reimbursement (*replacing previous Board Policies 3350 & 3360*)
- 5.B. Review the Concepts of the Kearney Teachers Tomorrow (KTOM) Program and Fiscal Support Needed
- 5.C. Review the Cost of Renovation of a Common Space at Kenwood Elementary
- 5.D. Review the KPS Proposed Library Protocols
- 5.E. Discuss the Board Meeting Structures in Light of LB 43
- 5.F. Closed Session to Discuss Collective Bargaining Strategies
- Moved to closed session at 7:06 PM.

Move to closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategies. This motion, made by Paul Hazard and seconded by John Icenogle, Passed.
Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Steve Gaasch: Yea, Kathy Gifford: Yea, Paul Hazard:

Yea, John Icenogle: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.G. Return to Open Session

- Returned to open session at 8:00 PM.

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

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

6. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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

Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: 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 March 30, 2024; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Drew Blessing, Secretary