

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of  
Education  
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education  
Wednesday, June 5, 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 5:00 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. Board Meeting Decorum Expectations**

**4. Roll Call**

Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM.

Amy Barth: Present

Drew Blessing: Present

Steve Gaasch: Present

Kathy Gifford: Present

Paul Hazard: Present

John Icenogle: Present

**5. Approval of Agenda**

Move to approve the agenda of the meeting, as presented. 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. Public Participation/Comment**

- One patron addressed the Board.

**7. Agenda**

**7.A. Preview of the June 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda**

7.A.I. Recognition of Head Coach Broc Howard the KHS Boys Track Team as 2024 State Champions

7.A.II. District Construction Update

7.A.III. Approval of the Revised Transportation Handbook for the 2024-2025 School Year

7.A.IV. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff

7.A.V. Approval of the Bid for Milk Products in the Kearney Public Schools for the 2024-2025 School Year

7.A.VI. Approval of the Bid for Bread Products in the Kearney Public Schools for the 2024-2025 School Year

7.A.VII. First Reading of New and Revised Board Policies

7.B. High School Cell Phone Policy Update/Announcement

7.C. Annual Policy Review

- Policy was reviewed for updates as required by changes in legislation.

7.D. Human Resource Retention Analysis - 2018-2024

7.E. Finalize Summer Board Retreat Agenda Topics

7.F. Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Negotiations for the 2024-2025 School Year

- Moved to closed session at 7:25 PM.

Move to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations for the 2024-2025 school year. 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

7.G. Return to Open Session

- Returned to open session at 8:02 PM.

Move to return to open session. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Paul Hazard, Passed.  
Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Steve Gaasch: Yea, Kathy Gifford: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

## 8. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Move to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Paul Hazard, 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 June 1, 2024; radio stations KGFW and

KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

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Kathy Gifford, Secretary