

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of
Education
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Wednesday, August 7, 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 5:02 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 5:02 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 Drew Blessing 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

6. Public Participation/Comment

7. Agenda

7.A. Preview of the August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda

7.A.I. Public Hearing for Additional Property Tax Request Authority

7.A.II. Recognition of Mrs. Tori Glandon, Vocal Teacher at Horizon Middle School, as the 2024 Outstanding Young Director of the Year

7.A.III. Recognition of Mr. Rick Mitchell, Band Teacher, and Kearney High School's Tri-M Chapter 4101 as the 2023-2024 Nebraska State Chapter of the Year

7.A.IV. Construction Update

7.A.V. Kearney Public Schools Foundation Report

7.A.VI. Acceptance of the Windy Hills Elementary School PTO Annual Self-Audit Report for 2023-2024

7.A.VII. Acceptance of the Kenwood Elementary School PTO Annual Self-Audit Report for 2023-2024

7.A.VIII. Approval of the Kearney Public Schools 2024-2025 Facilities Handbook

7.A.IX. Recognition of the Kearney Education Association as the Exclusive Bargaining Agent for All Non-Supervisory Certificated Staff in the Kearney Public Schools for the 2026-2027 Contract Year

7.A.X. Discuss, Consider and Take Possible Action to Increase the District's Overall Property Tax Request Authority Up to an Additional 5% or Other Maximum as Permitted by Law, Above the Base Growth Percentage

7.A.XI. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with UNK for Dual Credit Classes

7.A.XII. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Central Community College for Dual Credit Classes

7.A.XIII. Approval of the Kearney Public Schools Emergency Operation Plan

7.A.XIV. Set the Date for the Special Budget Retreat Meeting

- Discussed possible dates for the Budget Retreat meeting. August 28, 2024 was suggested and seemed to work for everyone.

7.A.XV. Set the Date for the Annual Budget Hearing and Special September Board Meeting

- Discussed possible dates for the approval of the budget, September 16, 2024 was suggested.

7.A.XVI. Suspend Board Policy 1130(a-b) Addressing the Board

7.B. Discuss the 2024-2025 Budget Projections

- There is limited knowledge about budget pieces due to the legislative session still being in progress. No decisions were made at this time.

7.C. Discuss the Potential Lease Purchase Agreement with Northland Financial

7.D. Discuss Potential Construction Projects for 2024-2025

7.E. Discuss a Potential New Board Policy for Fundraising/Naming Rights of Facilities

- Several other schools' procedures were shared with the Board for their review.

7.F. Review of Policies 5412 and 6225 on High Ability Learners for Possible Revision or Rescission

- A decision was made to rescind policy 6225 as it is a duplicate of policy 5412 and 5412 was approved by the Board.

7.G. Discuss Revision of Board Policy 5006 Option Enrollment

- The wording of policy 5006 was reviewed to bring it up to date.

7.H. Determine the Board Negotiations Team for the 2025-2026 Contract Year

- Decided to recommend John Icenogle, Paul Hazard and Drew Blessing as the Board Negotiations Team for the 2025-2026 school year.

7.I. Discuss the Board Policy Review Process Timeline

- It was recommended that the attorneys begin the review of KPS policies so that the Board can begin to work on the complete policy review.

7.J. Update on Sports Co-op Agreement for 2024-2025

- Discussion was had in reference to the NSAA's guidance.

8. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 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 August 3, 2024; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Kathy Gifford, Secretary