

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of
Education
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 5:00 PM
2nd Floor Staff Development Room, Administration Building
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 5:04 PM.

John Icenogle: Absent

Amy Barth: Present

Drew Blessing: Present

Steve Gaasch: Present

Kathy Gifford: Present

Paul Hazard: Present

4.A. Excuse Absent Board Member

Move to excuse absent Board member John Icenogle from the meeting. This motion, made by Drew Blessing and seconded by Amy Barth, 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. Approval of Agenda

Move to approve the agenda of the meeting, as presented. This motion, made by Amy Barth 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

6. Public Participation/Comment

- Patrons addressed the Board.

7. Agenda

7.A. Preview of the October 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda

7.A.I. Recognition of Amber Lewis, Principal at Horizon Middle School, for being Named the Region IV Principal of the Year and the Outstanding New Principal of the Year by the Nebraska Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)

7.A.II. Presentation by Bryant Elementary School on the "Top Dog" Program

7.A.III. Construction Update

7.A.IV. K-12 Financial Literacy Presentation

7.A.V. Acceptance of the Bryant Elementary Parent Advisory Committee Annual Self-Audit Report for the 2023-2024 School Year

7.A.VI. Acceptance of the Meadowlark Elementary Parent Advisory Committee Annual Self-Audit Report for the 2023-2024 School Year

7.A.VII. Acceptance of the Kearney High School Theater Boosters Annual Self-Audit Report for the 2023-2024 School Year

7.A.VIII. Approval of the FFA LCCC Steel Days Welding Scholarship Contest Trip, October 16-18, 2024 to Cheyenne, Wyoming (*with no direct costs incurred by the school district*)

7.A.IX. Approval of the KHS Orchestra Trip, May 29–June 1, 2025 to Denver, Colorado (*with no direct costs incurred by the school district*)

7.A.X. Approval of the Kearney Public Schools Substitute Handbook for the 2024-2025 School Year

7.A.XI. Second and Final Reading and Approval of Revised Board Policy 7300 Naming Facilities, for Fundraising/Naming Rights of Facilities

7.A.XII. Approval of Paul Hazard to Serve as the Kearney Public Schools NASB Voting Delegate for the 2024 State Education Conference

7.A.XIII. Acceptance of the Retirement Resignation of Teresa Schnoor

7.A.XIV. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff - Sharon Argueta-Gonzalez

7.A.XV. Approval of the Request to Purchase Two Ford F150 Trucks as Maintenance/Facilities Vehicles Through the State Purchasing Contract at a Total Cost of \$84,720

7.A.XVI. Adoption of the Kearney Public Schools Option Enrollment Resolution for the 2025-2026 School Year

7.A.XVII. Closed Session for Negotiation and Strategy Discussion with Respect to the 2025-2026 Collective Bargaining

7.B. Centegix Presentation

7.C. Discuss the Potential of Glenwood Elementary as a K-5 Alternative Education Site for 2026-27 and Beyond

- This item was moved up on the agenda to accommodate the public in attendance.

- 7.D. Threat Assessment Responses
- 7.E. KCLC Programming
- 7.F. New Construction CM@Risk Timelines/Dates
- 7.G. Lease Purchase Financing Update
- 7.H. MONA/Central Elementary Art MOU Discussion
- 7.I. Board Meetings at the UNK Regional Engagement Center
- 7.J. KHS South Construction - Naming Suggestion

8. Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by Amy Barth 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

Notice of Meeting

This meeting was publicized in the Kearney Hub on October 5, 2024; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Kathy Gifford, Secretary