

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education

**Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 5:00 PM
Kearney High School Concert Hall and Theater
2702 West 11th 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 5:02 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 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

6. Discussion of Potential K-5 Elementary Alternative School

- Mr. Mundorf presented along with several others to assist in understanding the needs of the K-5 Elementary Alternative School. The Board asked clarifying followup questions.

7. Public Participation/Comment

- Patrons addressed the Board.

8. Agenda

8.A. Preview of the November 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda

8.A.I. Recognition of Coach Nate Polacek and KHS Cross Country Runner Abigail Burger as the 2024 State Champion in Class A

8.A.II. Resolution of Support of Military Students and Families

8.A.III. District Financial Audit Report

8.A.IV. Annual Update of the Employee Benefit and Depreciation Funds

8.A.V. Presentation by Jen True, Principal at Buffalo Hills Elementary, on MTSS/Supporting Students at All Tiers

8.A.VI. Announcement of "American Education Week" November 18-22, 2024. On Tuesday, November 19, Kearney Public Schools and UNK will Co-Host a Reception for New Staff Members and Members of the Community in the UNK Regional Engagement Center from 4:00 to 5:30 PM

8.A.VII. Acceptance of the Kearney Bearcat Boosters Annual Self-Audit Report for the 2023-2024 School Year

8.A.VIII. Acceptance of the Resignations or Retirements of Kelly Melson, Sidney Enochs, Melisa Dobish, Shelly Whitaker, Tracy Schall, Lynn Lebsack, Londyn Rupprecht, Janice Polk, Paige Garringer, Chris Preble, Karen Fusby, and Cami Drozd

8.A.IX. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff - Wendy Castillo, Courtney Feeney, and Emily Abed

8.A.X. Approval of a 5-Year Contract with Centegix for School Safety Rapid Notification, Emergency Mapping, and Visitor Management Systems in All KPS Schools at a Cost of \$143,700 Per Year

8.A.XI. Approval of BD Construction as the Construction Manager at Risk for the Central Elementary Secured Entrance and Kearney High School South Construction Addition as Recommended by the KPS Board Committee

8.A.XII. Approval of the Lease Purchase Agreement in the Amount of \$12,000,000 with NebraskaLand Bank for the KHS South Construction Projects Based on the KPS Board Committee Recommendation (The lease purchase will be a 7-year agreement at an annual percentage rate of 3.74%)

8.A.XIII. Approval of the 2025-2026 School Calendar

8.A.XIV. Approval of the First Reading of Revised Board Policy 5415 School Wellness

8.A.XV. Conduct a Performance Evaluation of the Superintendent

8.A.XVI. Closed Session for the Protection of the Public Interest or for the Prevention of Needless Injury to the Reputation of an Individual and if Such Individual Has Not Requested a Public Meeting

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

8.A.XVIII. Closed Session for the Performance Evaluation of the Superintendent and Superintendent Contract Negotiations

9. Discuss Next Steps for K-5 Elementary Alternative School

- Board members asked Mr. Mundorf for clarification of questions from public participation. Additional questions and answers were discussed.
- Board consensus was to continue to have meetings in the KHS Concert Hall and Theater.

Move to schedule a town hall meeting in November. 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

10. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Move to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Amy Barth, 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 November 2, 2024; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Kathy Gifford, Secretary