

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of
Education
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Wednesday, December 4, 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 5:00 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 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

6. Public Participation/Comment

- Patrons addresses the Board.

7. Agenda

7.A. Preview of the December 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda

7.A.I. Holiday Music Provided by Sunrise Middle School Under the Direction of Stacie Blackmore

7.A.II. Special Recognitions of Outgoing Board Members - Steve Gaasch and Kathy Gifford

7.A.III. Annual "State of the Schools" Report

7.A.IV. Follow-up Report from the NASB Annual Education Conference

7.A.V. Set the Date for the January Winter Retreat Meeting of the Board of Education as January 27, 2025, 6:00-9:00pm.

7.A.VI. Approval of the Second and Final Reading of Revised Board Policy 5415 School Wellness

7.A.VII. Discuss and/or Approve a Building Name for the Kearney High School South New Building

7.A.VIII. Acceptance of Resignations and Retirements - Mark Stute and Alexandria Policky

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

7.A.X. Approval of the First Reading of Revised Board Policy 3290 Internal Controls

- This is based on recommendations by Perry Law Firm to update.

7.A.XI. Approve Drew Blessing, Jason Mundorf, and one other board member to attend the NASB Federal Advocacy Conference in Washington D.C. March 16-19, 2025

7.A.XII. Approval of the Superintendent's Contract Commencing July 1, 2025

7.A.XIII. Closed Session for the Purpose of Conducting a Strategy Session in Regard to Negotiations for the 2025-2026 School Year

7.B. Book Challenge Update "Me, Earl, and the Dying Girl"

- Mr. Mundorf updated Board members on the process.

7.C. Student Representative of the School Board

- Board members discussed.

7.D. Winter Retreat Topics

- Board members made suggestions and were encouraged to send any further ideas to Mr. Mundorf.

7.E. Discussion of K-5 Alternative School Possibilities and Next Steps

- Board members discussed next steps.

7.F. Closed Session for the Purpose of Conducting a Strategy Session in Regard to the Superintendent's Contract Negotiations

- The Board moved to closed session at 6:48.

Move to closed session for the purpose of conducting a strategy session in regard to the Superintendent's contract negotiations. 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

8. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

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 November 30, 2024; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Kathy Gifford, Secretary