

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

Kearney Public Schools Board of Education

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 5:00 PM

1st floor Administration Building Conference Room

320 W 24th Street

Kearney, NE 68845

1. Call to Order

President Icenogle 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 5:06 PM.

Paul Hazard: Absent

Amy Barth: Present

Drew Blessing: Present

Niki Deeds: Present

John Icenogle: Present

Amanda Smallcomb: Present

Move to excuse absent board member Mr. Hazard. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Amanda Smallcomb, Passed.

Paul Hazard: Absent, Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: 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 Niki Deeds, Passed.

Paul Hazard: Absent, Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6. Public Participation/Comment

7. Agenda

7.A. Preview of the February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda

7.A.I. Recognition of Central Elementary School Being Named a National Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Distinguished School By the State Education Agency in Nebraska

7.A.II. Recognition of Kearney High School Senior, Drew Welch, For Achieving a Perfect Score on the ACT

7.A.III. Presentation by Chance Waggoner, Park Elementary School Principal on Student Leadership

7.A.IV. Construction Update

7.A.V. Legislative Update

7.A.VI. Approval of JROTC Truman Raider Meet Trip, April 26-30, 2025, to Independence, Missouri (*with no direct costs incurred by the school district*)

7.A.VII. Approval of the JROTC Black Hills Raider Meet Trip, April 25-26, 2025 to Rapid City, South Dakota (*with no direct costs incurred by the school district*)

7.A.VIII. Acceptance of Resignations and Retirements - Emma Allen, Chris Loofe, Kim Loofe and Suzanne Morgan

7.A.IX. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff - Kelli Bauer

7.A.X. Approval of the Employment of Administrative Staff - Alyssa Clay and Cassie Houser

7.A.XI. Approval of Bid for Chromebooks

7.A.XII. Approval of a Change to the 2024-2025 School Calendar

7.B. Tobin Buchanan Presentation - Bond Tenders

7.C. Dual Credit Enrollment (Policy 5004)

7.D. Update on 6-12 HAL Programming

7.E. Managing Significant Threats

7.F. Update on Middle School Scheduling Adjustments and Discussion of Future Enrollment

7.G. Facility Naming - KHS South and Glenwood

7.H. Update on Board Policy and Handbook Revisions

7.I. Closed Session

- The Board moved to closed session at 7:30pm.

Move to a closed session to discuss personnel matters, to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Amanda Smallcomb, Passed.

Paul Hazard: Absent, Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, John Icenogle:

Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.J. Return to Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 8:39pm.

Move to return to open session. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Amanda Smallcomb, Passed.

Paul Hazard: Absent, Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Move to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by Amy Barth and seconded by Amanda Smallcomb, Passed.

Paul Hazard: Absent, Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Notice of Meeting

This meeting was publicized in the Kearney Hub on February 1, 2025; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Drew Blessing, Secretary