

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education**  
**Kearney Public Schools Board of Education**  
**Wednesday, March 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 p.m.

**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.

Amanda Smallcomb: Absent

Amy Barth: Present

Drew Blessing: Present

Niki Deeds: Present

Paul Hazard: Present

John Icenogle: Present

Excuse absent board member Amanda Smallcomb. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Amy Barth, Passed.

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

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**6. Public Participation/Comment**

**7. Agenda**

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

7.A.I. Recognition of Kearney High School Student Emma Heacock for Being Named a 2025 National Merit Scholarship Finalist

7.A.II. Recognition of Sunrise Middle School Student Aaron Vitalis, Who Has Been Selected as Artsonia's Artist of the Week, Grades 7-9, for February 2-8, 2025

7.A.III. Recognition of Sunrise Middle School Student Ayla Hollman, as a State Scholastic Art Award Winner and National Qualifier

7.A.IV. Recognition of Kearney High School Students Hannah Betke, Eleanor Bokenkamp, Nellie Clark, Maddison Martin, Emma Harwood, Mia Lindstrom, Giana Mueller, Ariaah Perez and Evangelina Wilterding, as State Scholastic Art Award Winners and National Qualifiers

7.A.V. Recognition of Kearney High School Students Corey Fields and Emma Harwood for their Selection to Participate in the Annual National K-12 Ceramic Exhibition

7.A.VI. Recognition of Kearney High School Students Mia Lindstrom and Addison Jezbera for Receiving the Prestigious Nebraska Young Artist Award

7.A.VII. Legislative Update

7.A.VIII. Approval of the Second and Final Reading of Revised Board Policy 5004 Dual Credit Enrollment

7.A.IX. Acceptance of Resignations and Retirements - Sharon Argueta-Gonzalez

7.A.X. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff - Mary Fries

7.A.XI. Approval of the Employment of Administrative Staff - Dr. Kent Edwards

7.A.XII. Ratification of Negotiated Agreement with Kearney Education Association

7.A.XIII. Approve a 5-year Request for Proposal from Family Physical Therapy for Athletic Training Services in Kearney Public Schools through the 2029-2030 School Year

7.B. 2024-2025 Cell Phone "Policy" Review & Update

7.C. Discuss the Potential Salary Increases/Percentages for Classified Staff, Classified Exempt Staff and Administrative Staff

7.D. Discuss the Proposed Student Fees for the 2025-2026 School Year

7.E. Renaming Glenwood Elementary School

## 8. Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Niki Deeds, Passed.

Amanda Smallcomb: Absent, Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## Notice of Meeting

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

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Drew Blessing, Secretary