

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

Kearney Public Schools Board of Education

Wednesday, May 7, 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 5:01 PM.

Amy Barth: Present

Drew Blessing: Present

Niki Deeds: Present

Paul Hazard: Present

John Icenogle: Present

Amanda Smallcomb: Present

5. Approval of Agenda

Move to approve the agenda of the meeting, as presented. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Amanda Smallcomb, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6. Public Participation/Comment

7. Agenda

7.A. Preview of the May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda

7.A.I. Recognition of Hanny Arram Center for Success Student Braedyn Ramer for Being Selected to Represent Nebraska as a Voting Delegate at the National Career Development Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana

7.A.II. Recognition of Kearney Public Schools Special Education Director, Melisa Dobish for Receiving the Nebraska Association of Special Education Supervisors, Friend of Special Education Award

7.A.III. Presentation by Catherine Gundersen, Principal, and Amber Taylor, Assistant Principal at Northeast Elementary School, on Kindness Bands and Activities

7.A.IV. Legislative Update

7.A.V. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff - Ariana Bishop and Sara McCoy

7.A.VI. Approval of the Bid for Milk Products in the Kearney Public Schools for the 2025-2026 School Year

7.A.VII. Approval of the Bid for Bread Products in the Kearney Public Schools for the 2025-2026 School Year

7.A.VIII. Set the date of Monday, June 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for the Summer Special Retreat Meeting of the Board of Education

7.B. Discuss Horizon and Sunrise Middle School 8th Grade Band Students Performing at the National Veterans Ceremony in Washington, D.C., on November 11, 2025

7.C. Discuss Board Committees and Assignments

7.D. Discuss the Potential of Adding a 4th School Resource Officer in Partnership with the City of Kearney and Amending Our Financial Agreement to Reflect the City Paying for Two SRO's and KPS Paying for Two SRO's

7.E. Discuss and Review 2024-2025 KPS Staff Pulse Surveys

7.F. Discuss Support for Windy Hills and Glenwood Elementary Teachers Moving Buildings

7.G. Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing a Personnel Matter

- The Board entered closed session at 7:16 PM.

Move to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Niki Deeds, Passed.

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

Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7.H. Return to Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 7:59 PM.

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

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

Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Notice of Meeting

This meeting was publicized in the Kearney Hub on May 3, 2025; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Drew Blessing, Secretary