

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 5:00 PM
1st floor Administration Building Conference Room
320 W 24th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

1. Call to Order

Vice President Hazard called the meeting to order at 5:03 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 5:03 PM.

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

Move to excuse absent Board member John Icenogle from the meeting. This motion, made by Paul Hazard and seconded by Amanda Smallcomb, Passed.

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

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

6. Public Participation/Comment

7. Agenda

7.A. Preview of the July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda

7.A.I. Public Hearing for Additional Property Tax Request Authority

7.A.II. Recognition of Head Coach Drew Danielson and the Kearney High School Girls Basketball Team for Receiving the 2024-2025 Nebraska Coaches Association Academic Excellence Award

7.A.III. Recognition of Head Coach Nate Polacek and the Kearney High School Girls Track Individual State Champions and Runners-Up

7.A.IV. Recognition of Kearney High School FFA 2025 National Qualifiers - Sheridan Swotek

7.A.V. KHS Report on the Class of 2025 Academic and Scholarship Achievements - Jeff Ganz

7.A.VI. Construction Update - Kent Cordes

7.A.VII. Board Reports

7.A.VII.a. Kearney Public Schools Foundation Report - Amanda Smallcomb

7.A.VIII. Consent Agenda

7.A.VIII.a. Approval of Kearney High School FBLA National Fall Leadership Conference Trip, November 6-9, 2025 in Phoenix, Arizona

7.A.VIII.b. Authorize the Superintendent or His/Her Designee to Dispose of All Obsolete Furniture, Books, Materials, and Equipment in the Most Favorable Manner to the District in Accordance with All Laws, Rules, and Regulations Pertaining to Such Disposition, for the 2025-2026 School Year

7.A.VIII.c. Designate Mr. Jason Mundorf as the Authorized Representative of the Kearney Public Schools to Sign All Claims and Forms for All Federal Programs for the 2025-2026 School Year

7.A.VIII.d. Designate Shelia Sanford and Meagan Kershner as the Authorized Representatives of the Kearney Public Schools to Sign All Claims for Reimbursement, as Well as All Federal, State, and Local Information Pertaining to the School Food Service Program, for the 2025-2026 School Year

7.A.VIII.e. Approval of the 2025-2026 KPS Handbooks (1. Athletics & Activities 2. K-12 Student Handbook and School Guidebooks, 3. Transportation)

7.A.IX. Regular Agenda - Personnel

7.A.IX.a. Acceptance of Resignation - Conner Beranek

7.A.IX.b. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff - Karla Rohde

7.A.IX.c. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the Resolution to Cancel the Employment Contract of Jill Hadwiger

7.A.X. Regular Agenda

7.A.X.a. Second and Final Reading Approval of New and Revised Board Policies - (6050 (new) Behavioral Intervention and Classroom Management; 4240 Safe Driving Record for Drivers

7.A.X.b. First Reading Approval of New and Revised Board Policies - 1340 Community Relations; 4002 Personnel; 5001 Admission Requirements; 5401 Anti-discrimination, Anti-harassment & Anti-retaliation; 3290 Internal Controls; 3730 Procurement Plan;

4030 Transportation Employees & Form A; 5101 Student Discipline-Electronic Devices; 5004 Full-time and Part-time Enrollment; 5201 Promotion and Retention & Repeat Grade Form; 5202 Notification of Rights Under FERPA; 6420 Association Activities; 5503 Foster Care Student Transportation; Rescission of 6260 Title I Parental/Community Engagement in Schools

7.A.X.c. Approve a Proposed Temporary Easement Requested by Kearney Regional Medical Center for the Expansion of 6th Avenue Near the Southeast Corner of Land Owned by Kearney Public Schools

7.A.X.d. Discuss, Consider and Take Possible Action to Increase the District's Overall Property Tax Request Authority Up to an Additional 5% or Other Maximum as Permitted by Law, Above the Base Growth Percentage

7.B. Discussion of a proposed temporary easement requested by Kearney Regional Medical Center for the Expansion of 6th Avenue Near the Southeast Corner of Land Owned by Kearney Public Schools

7.C. Discussion of a Proposal from Nelnet Regarding a Potential Solar Array at Kearney High School

7.D. Discussion of Proposed Board Policies

7.E. Discussion of Potential Options for Rebalancing Middle School Enrollment Numbers in the 2026-2027 School Year and Beyond

8. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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

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

Notice of Meeting

This meeting was publicized in the Kearney Hub on July 5, 2025; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Drew Blessing, Secretary