

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of
Education
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Wednesday, August 6, 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 5:00 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 5:04 PM.

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

Excuse Mrs. Barth and Mr. Icenogle. This motion, made by Paul Hazard and seconded by Niki Deeds, Passed.

Amy Barth: Absent, John Icenogle: Absent, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

5. Approval of Agenda

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

Amy Barth: Absent, John Icenogle: Absent, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6. Public Participation/Comment

7. Agenda

7.A. Preview of the August 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda
Attendance Update Taken at 5:39 PM.

Amy Barth: Present

Attendance Update Taken at 6:18 PM.

John Icenogle: Present

- 7.A.I. Recognition of Jason Owens, Principal at Hanny Arram Center for Success, for Being Named the Region IV Outstanding New Principal by the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals (NSASSP)
- 7.A.II. Recognition of Amber Lewis, Principal at Horizon Middle School, for Being Named the Region IV Middle School Principal of the Year by the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals (NSASSP)
- 7.A.III. Recognition of Erin Jones, Assistant Principal at Sunrise Middle School, for Being Named the Region IV Assistant Middle School Principal of the Year by the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals (NSASSP)
- 7.A.IV. Presentation from Erikka Rhodes, JAG Career Specialist at Hanny Arram Center for Success about the JAG Program
- 7.A.V. Construction Update - Lisa Amen with BD Construction
- 7.A.VI. Notice of Settlement Claims
- 7.A.VII. Acceptance of the Sunrise Middle School Parent Advisory Committee Annual Self-Audit Report for the 2024-2025 School Year
- 7.A.VIII. Acceptance of the Kearney Band Parents Association Annual Self-Audit Report for the 2024-2025 School Year
- 7.A.IX. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Pioneer Raider Meet, September 12-13, 2025 in Leavenworth, Kansas
- 7.A.X. Recognition of the Kearney Education Association as the Exclusive Bargaining Agent for All Non-Supervisory Certificated Staff in the Kearney Public Schools for the 2027-2028 Contract Year
- 7.A.XI. Approval of the 2025-2026 Kearney Public Schools Staff and Facilities Handbooks
- 7.A.XII. Second and Final 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 (new) Foster Care Student Transportation; Rescission of 6260 Title I Parental/Community Engagement in Schools
- 7.A.XIII. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff - Jordan Temme
- 7.A.XIV. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Central Community College for Dual Credit Classes
- 7.A.XV. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with UNK for Dual Credit Classes
- 7.A.XVI. Approval of Kearney Public Schools Emergency Operations Plan
- 7.A.XVII. Set the date for the Special Budget Retreat Meeting

7.A.XVIII. Set the Date for the Annual Budget Hearing and Special September Board Meeting

7.B. Review the 2024-2025 Onsite Mental Health Summary Review Provided by LiveWell Counseling

7.C. Discuss the pIRHEG Pilot Project at Buffalo Hills

7.D. Update on the Next Steps of the Board Policy Review Process

7.E. Discuss the Potential Addition of the Solar Panel Field Array at Kearney High School

7.F. Discuss the Potential Solutions for Middle School Enrollment Imbalances Including Feeder School Changes with Buffalo Hills, Kenwood and Emerson, as well as a Possible 6th/7th and 8th Grade School Model

8. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Move to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Paul Hazard, 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 August 2, 2025; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Drew Blessing, Secretary