

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of
Education
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 5:00 PM
2nd Floor Staff Development Room, Administration Building
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 5:03 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 Drew Blessing, 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. Presentation from Scott Steinbook, Kearney High School Business and Finance Teacher, about a Proposed Business and Career Trip To London

7.B. Preview of the September 8, 2025 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Agenda

7.B.I. Annual Budget Hearing

7.B.I.a. Close Hearing

7.B.II. Final Property Tax Request Hearing

7.B.II.a. Close Hearing

7.B.III. Recognition of Kearney High School Student Andrew Petzet for Marching with the Troopers Drum and Bugle Corps who Placed 10th in the World Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana

7.B.IV. Presentation from Stephanie Green, Kearney High School Librarian, and Jake Oertle, Kearney High School Business Teacher on the KHS Class Intercom Program

7.B.V. Presentation from Sergeant J.C. Small with the Kearney Police Department on the 2024-2025 Annual SRO Update

7.B.VI. Construction Update

7.B.VII. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Ozark Raider Meet, September 26-27, 2025 in Marshfield, Missouri

7.B.VIII. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Waynesville Raider Meet, October 3-4, 2025 in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

7.B.IX. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Smith-Cotton Raider Meet, October 10-11, 2025 in Sedalia, Missouri

7.B.X. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Air Capitol Raider Meet, October 17-18, 2025 in Wichita, Kansas

7.B.XI. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Truman Raider Meet, April 17-18, 2026 in Independence, Missouri

7.B.XII. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Black Hills Raider Meet, April 24-25, 2026 in Rapid City, South Dakota

7.B.XIII. Adoption of Budgets for the Kearney Public Schools for the 2025-2026 School Year

7.B.XIV. Approval of Property Tax Requests for the 2025-2026 School Year

7.C. Review the 1000's Section of Board Policy

7.D. Superintendent Evaluation Process and Timelines

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

7.F. Discuss any Additional Information Needed and Potential Next Steps in the Middle School Rebalancing Conversation and Decision

Move to table for further discussion at the October committee meeting. 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

8. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Move to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Drew Blessing, 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 30, 2025; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Drew Blessing, Secretary