

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Wednesday, October 8, 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 5:02 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.

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

Excuse absent board member Mr. Icenogle. 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 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

6. Public Participation/Comment

- One patron addressed the Board.

7. Agenda

7.A. Review the Nebraska Solar Professionals Solar Panel Array Proposal for the KHS Roof along with ALICAP Insurance Guidance and Determine Whether to Move Forward

7.B. Review the Sunrise Middle School Parking Lot Renovation Proposal

- 7.C. Presentation from Dr. Sutton on the 2025-2026 Transportation Request Proposal
- 7.D. Preview of the October 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda
 - 7.D.I. Recognition of Kearney High School's Production of Seussical Earning Top Honors at Nebraska Theater Academy
 - 7.D.II. Presentation by Emily Davidson, Horizon Middle School Teacher, about LEAP, a Student Organization at HMS
 - 7.D.III. Construction Update
 - 7.D.IV. Approval of the Kearney High School Welding & FFA Trip to LCCC Steel Days Welding Scholarship Contest, October 22-24, 2025 in Cheyenne, Wyoming
 - 7.D.V. Approval of Kearney High School DECA Power Trip, November 21-23, 2025 in Arlington, Virginia
 - 7.D.VI. Approval of the Kearney High School College & Career Readiness Trip to Iowa Western Community College, March 4, 2026, in Council Bluffs, Iowa
 - 7.D.VII. Approval of Kearney High School DECA Trip to the International Career and Development Conference, April 25-28, 2026 in Atlanta, Georgia
 - 7.D.VIII. Approval of the Kearney High School Band Trip, May 22-28, 2026 in San Antonio, Texas
 - 7.D.IX. Second and Final Reading Approval of Revised Board Policy 3290 Internal Controls
 - 7.D.X. Approval of Paul Hazard to Serve as the Kearney Public Schools NASB Voting Delegate for the 2025 State Education Conference
 - 7.D.XI. Approval of the Kearney Public Schools Substitute Handbook for the 2025-2026 School Year
 - 7.D.XII. Acceptance of Resignations and Retirements — Stacy Bean
 - 7.D.XIII. Approval of the Sunrise Middle School Traffic Flow and Parking Lot Renovation Project for an Estimated Amount of \$2,000,000 to be Paid from the Special Building Fund
 - 7.D.XIV. Approve the 2025–2026 Transportation Request Proposal, submitted by Dr. Sutton, for an Estimated Amount of \$398,330
 - 7.D.XV. First Reading Approval of Revised Board Policies (1000's)
 - 7.D.XVI. Adoption of the Kearney Public Schools Option Enrollment Resolution for the 2026-2027 School Year
 - 7.D.XVII. Approval of the Kearney High School Choral Department Performance Tour to Italy and Croatia, May 25-June 6, 2027
 - 7.D.XVIII. Closed Session for Negotiation and Strategy Discussion with Respect to the 2026-2027 Collective Bargaining
 - 7.D.XIX. Return to Open Session

7.E. Decide whether to Proceed with Placing the Nebraska Solar Professionals Solar Array Panel Project on the Regular Meeting Agenda

7.F. Discuss the Student Council Roundtable with the Board at the November Meeting

7.G. Discuss the Board Policy Review Process of the 2000 Section

7.H. Discuss Adding Section 5422 to Board Policy Regarding Wand Detectors

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

8. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Move to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by Amy Barth 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

Notice of Meeting

This meeting was publicized in the Kearney Hub on October 4, 2025; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Drew Blessing, Secretary