

Special Public Retreat Meeting
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM
2nd Floor Staff Development Room, Administration Building
320 W 24th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

1. Call to Order

President Hazard called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 6:02 PM.

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

5. Approval of Agenda

Attendance Update Taken at 6:03 PM.

Amanda Smallcomb: Present

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. Infrastructure Cost Analysis with Craig Bennett of Miller & Associates for the Extension of 27th Avenue South and 6th Street West for KHS Traffic Flow

7.B. Review of the District Facilities Plan and Potential Summer Projects

7.B.I. Sunrise Parking Lot & Traffic Flow - Review Plans

7.B.II. Windy Hills Gym Wall

7.B.III. Horizon Parking Lot Issues

7.B.IV. Upcoming Roof Replacements

7.B.V. KHS Turf Replacement

7.B.VI. Finishing Cottonwood

7.B.VII. Depreciation Projects and Budgeting

7.B.VIII. Kearney High School Orchestra Numbers and Space

7.C. KPS Artificial Intelligence (AI) Framework

7.D. What's Happening in KHS HAL

7.E. Administrative Leave 2026-2027

7.F. Health Savings Accounts for Administrators

7.G. Closed Session

- The Board moved to closed session at 9:03 PM.

Move to enter into a closed session for the purpose of conducting a strategy session in regard to negotiations for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Drew Blessing 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 9:29 PM.

8. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:29 PM.

Move to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by John Icenogle 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 January 22, 2026; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Niki Deeds, Secretary