

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of
the Kearney Public Schools Board of
Education
Wednesday, September 9, 2026 5:00 PM
1st floor Administration Building Conference
Room
320 W 24th Street
Kearney, NE 68845**

1. Call to Order -

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 -

Kearney Public Schools welcomes all guests to our public meetings. It is the intention of the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education that all those present at the Board of Education meetings, whether Board members, KPS staff, or members of the public, act and treat each other with honor and respect. Guests are expected to refrain from speaking during the meeting unless asked to address the Board of Education by the Board President or during their allotted time in public participation. If anyone attending the meeting is determined by the President to be disruptive or a detriment to the procession of the meeting by their words or actions, that person or persons, may be asked by the President to leave the meeting at any time. Anyone who refuses to leave will be escorted from the meeting by either school personnel or a police officer and could be legally barred from attending future meetings. Thank you for helping us to have a respectful meeting forum for everyone to enjoy.

4. Roll Call -

4.A. Excuse Absent Board Member -

Move to excuse absent Board member _____ from meeting.

5. Approval of Agenda -

Move to approve the agenda of the meeting, as presented.

6. Public Participation/Comment -

Board meetings must have on the agenda, a specific time entitled Public Participation/Comment, during which patrons may address the Board on matters of general concern. No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting, nor shall such body require that the name of any members of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. Patrons wishing to address the Board during the Public Participation/Comment will be allowed up to three (3) minutes per speaker to express their view. Public Participation/Comment may not exceed thirty (30) total minutes. The Board-imposed time limits may be extended by a majority vote of the Board, following a motion to do so. Board action may not be taken on matters discussed during the Public Participation/Comment, unless the matter specifically appears on the prepared agenda. Board of Education members will refrain from expressing personal opinions during

Public Participation/Comment.

Any members of the public desiring to address the body shall be required to sign in with the recording secretary prior to the start of the meeting and identify himself or herself, including an address, phone number, and name of any organization represented by such person, unless the address and phone number requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

7. Agenda -

7.A. Preview of the September 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda -

7.A.I. Recognition of Kearney High School Students who competed at the National FBLA Conference in San Antonio, Texas -

7.A.II. Recognition of Meredith Johnson, Principal at Emerson Elementary School, for Being Named the Region IV Distinguished Principal by the Nebraska Association of Elementary School Principals -

7.A.III. Recognition of Connor Williams, Principal at Meadowlark Elementary School, for Being Named the Region IV Outstanding New Principal by the Nebraska Association of Elementary School Principals -

7.A.IV. Recognition of Angela Wright, Elementary Music Teacher, for Receiving the UNK Gary Thompson Distinguished Music Alumna Award -

7.A.V. Presentation from Connor Williams, Meadowlark Elementary Principal on Student Leadership Teams -

7.A.VI. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Ozark HS Raider Meet, September 25–27, 2026 in Marshfield, Missouri -

7.A.VII. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Waynesville HS Raider Meet, October 2–4, 2026 in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri -

7.A.VIII. Approval of Kearney High School FFA & Welding Students to attend the LCCC Steel Days Welding Scholarship Contest, October 21-23, 2026 in Cheyenne, Wyoming -

7.A.IX. Approval of the Kearney High School FCCLA National Leadership Conference Trip, June 22–27, 2027 in San Antonio, Texas -

7.A.X. Acceptance of Resignations -

7.A.XI. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff -

7.A.XII. Approval of the infrastructure and road project near Kearney High School connecting 27th Avenue South to 6th Street. 6th Street will be taken from its current stopping point near KRM west to 27th Avenue South. The project will be coordinated by Craig Bennett of Miller & Associates at an estimated total cost of \$5.08 million with costs to the district estimated at \$3.56 million paid from the special building fund. -

7.A.XIII. First Reading Approval of New and Revised Board Policies -

7.A.XIV. Approval of the Special Meeting Date for the 2026–2027 Budget Hearing and Budget Approval, Scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the KPS Administration Building

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7.A.XV. Adoption of the Kearney Public Schools Option Enrollment Resolution for the 2027-2028 School Year -

7.B. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Leavenworth HS Raider Meet, September 10-11, 2026 in Leavenworth, Kansas -

Move to approve the Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Leavenworth HS Raider Meet, September 10-11, 2026 in Leavenworth, Kansas.

7.C. Review the new KPS Master Plan Review for 2026-2031 -

7.D. Discussion of potential changes to the 2026-2027 School Calendar -

7.E. Determine the Board Negotiations team for the 2027–2028 negotiations with KEA. -

8. Adjournment -

Move to adjourn the meeting.