

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education

Kearney Public Schools Board of Education

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 5:00 PM

1st floor Administration Building Conference Room

320 W 24th Street

Kearney, NE 68845

1. Call to Order

President Hazard called the meeting to order at 5:09 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 5:10 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 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

6. Public Participation/Comment

7. Agenda

7.A. Preview of the June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda

7.A.I. Recognition of 2026 Kearney High School Graduate, Ava Benner, for Achieving a Perfect Score on the ACT

7.A.II. Recognition of the Arram Center's STEM Team for Qualifying for the NEED Conference and National Competition, Including a Presentation and Demonstration from Trane Educator and Consultant Dan Whisler

7.A.III. Presentation and Review of the Annual SRO Report and Associated Student Data

7.A.IV. Construction Update

7.A.V. Second and Final Reading Approval of the Revised 7000 and 9000 Sections of Board Policies, including a new 8000 Section

7.A.VI. Acceptance of Resignations

7.A.VII. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff

7.A.VIII. Approval of the Purchase Agreement for the Sale of the KHS Construction Technology Class House Project

7.A.IX. First Reading Approval of Revised Board Policies

7.B. Discussion of the Cottonwood Elementary Guide Books and Operational Procedures for the 2026–2027 School Year

7.C. Discussion of the Infrastructure Project Associated with Expanding 27th Avenue South and 6th Street West Near the KHS Campus

7.D. Discussion of the Enrollment Update for the 2026-2027 School Year

7.E. Discussion and Review of the Data and Generalized Insights Brought Forward from the Human Ex Insight Pulse Surveys and Staff Exit Surveys

7.F. Discuss the Feedback Provided by the KEA Communications Committee through their Annual Meeting with Board Members

7.G. Discussion and Review of Leave Plan Changes for 2026-2027 School Year

7.H. Discuss the Initial Timeframe and Action Steps for the Next Board 5-Year Strategic Plan

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:16 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 May 30, 2026; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Niki Deeds, Secretary