Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Wednesday, November 4, 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 5:00 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 5:01 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 Amanda Smallcomb, 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 November 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda

7.A.I. Recognition of Kearney High School Senior Andrew Petzet for being named NSAA Believers and Achievers Honoree

7.A.II. Recognition of the KHS Boys Soccer Team for Receiving the National United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award and the Nebraska Coaches Association Team Academic Award

7.A.III. Resolution of Support of Military Students and Families

7.A.IV. Presentation from Amber Taylor, Principal of Northeast Elementary School, about Building Teacher and Staff Leadership

7.A.V. Presentation from Vicky DeWald, Theatre Director at Kearney High School, on the Upgrades to the KHS CHAT

7.A.VI. Annual Report on Computer Science & Technology Required Course

7.A.VII. Acceptance of Resignations and Retirements — Brennan Heelan, Chris Pocock, Jordyn Boehler, Thomas Allberry, Brandon Cool, Leisa McConnell, Carol Kreutzer

7.A.VIII. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff — Shauna Talbert

7.A.IX. Conduct a Performance Evaluation of the Superintendent

7.A.X. Closed Session for the Performance Evaluation of the Superintendent and Superintendent's Contract Negotiations

7.B. Discuss the District Staffing Request

7.C. Discuss the Potential Investment Ladder for Dollars Moving from NLAF to Local Bank CD's

7.D. Discuss LETRS Training, Professional Development, and Microcredentials Programs for Salary Schedule Advancement

7.E. Discuss Sponsorship Advertising on District Social Media

7.F. Discuss Student Attendance and Parent Excusal Processes

8. **Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Move to adjourn the 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

Notice of Meeting
This meeting was publicized in the Kearney Hub on October 31, 2026; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

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Niki Deeds, Secretary