

**Special Board of Education Meeting -
Board Retreat**

Thursday, September 17, 2026 12:00 PM

Hotel 21
2605 10th Street
Gering, Nebraska 69341



Minutes

1. GPS Board of Education Information

Absent: Josh Lacy, **Present:** Bryan Barrett, Matt Kautz, John Maser, Greg Trautman, Tracy Wiese.

2. Opening Procedures

2.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Greg Trautman, at 12:01 p.m.

2.2. Roll Call

2.3. Open Meetings Act

3. Board Retreat

Dr. Knight presented to the Board and began by engaging members in a culture-building activity focused on identifying who we want to be as a district and the culture we want to foster moving forward.

Dr. Knight then provided an update on the District's Strategic Plan, including how it has been implemented over the past two years and the areas the District continues to work toward achieving. Crystal Palser provided an update on the areas of Academic Excellence and Investing in Staff. Rich Evans and Kelly Tofflemire presented an overview of Modernizing Infrastructure. Jennifer Sibal reviewed the Community Engagement components of the Strategic Plan. Dr. Knight concluded the presentation with an overview of the District's budget.

Dr. Knight also provided an update on her 100-Day Plan and the progress made to date. She reviewed the goals she has established for herself and engaged the Board in discussion regarding the evaluation process and expectations moving forward.

4. Public Comment: Policy 204.12

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.