

Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education

Monday, July 13, 2026 5:30 PM

2nd Floor Staff Development Room,

Administration Building

320 W 24th Street

Kearney, NE 68845

1. **Public Hearing for Additional Property Tax Request Authority -**
 - 1.A. Convene Hearing -
 - 1.B. Presentation, Discussion and Public Input -

Information will be provided on the possible increase in the district's property tax request authority by up to an additional 5%, or other maximum as permitted by law, above the base growth percentage.
 - 1.C. Close Hearing -
2. **Public Hearing and Review of the 2025-2026 KPS Student Fees Policy -**
 - 2.A. Convene Hearing -
 - 2.B. Presentation, Discussion and Public Input -

The public hearing on student fees is for the purpose of reviewing the amount of money collected from students in the student fees pursuant to, and use of waivers provided in, the student fee policy and rule of the school district, for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - 2.C. Close Hearing -
3. **Public Hearing on Parent Engagement and Title I Parent Engagement Policies -**
 - 3.A. Convene Hearing -
 - 3.B. Presentation, Discussion and Public Input -

Each year, the school district is required to conduct a public hearing in regard to its Parent Engagement and Title I Parent Engagement policies, and report on ways the district encourages parents to become engaged in their children's education program.
 - 3.C. Close Hearing -
4. **Annual Review of the Student Discipline, Attendance, and Bullying Policies -**
5. **Routine Business -**
 - 5.A. **Call to Order -**
 - 5.B. **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.
 - 5.C. **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.

5.D. **Pledge of Allegiance -**

5.E. **Roll Call -**

5.E.I. Excuse Absent Board Member -

Move to excuse absent Board member _____ from the meeting.

5.F. **Approval of the Agenda -**

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

6. **Recognitions -**

7. **Presentations -**

7.A. Construction Update -

8. **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 five (5) minutes per speaker to express their view. Public Participation/Comment may not exceed sixty (60) 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.

9. **Board Reports -**

10. **Consent Agenda -**

Note: Items on the consent agenda are considered routine and will be enacted under one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items at the meeting unless a Board Member requests an item removed from the agenda for a separate action.

Move to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as presented.

10.A. Approval of Minutes of the June 8, 2026, Regular Meeting and the July 8, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting -

10.B. Approval of the July 2026 Claims -

- 10.C. Approval of the July 2026 Financial Reports -
- 10.D. Second and Final Reading Approval of Revised Board Policies -
1040 Annual Report; 3540 Bidding Construction Projects; 4030 Compensation and Related Benefits; 5209 School Library Materials; 5414 High Ability Learners; 5601 Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Allergic Reaction Protocol, and 7050 Bids and Contracts.
- 10.E. Authorize the Superintendent or His/Her Designee to Dispose of All Obsolete Furniture, Books, Materials, and Equipment in the Most Favorable Manner to the District in Accordance with All Laws, Rules, and Regulations Pertaining to Such Disposition, for the 2026-2027 School Year -
- 10.F. Designate Dr. Jason Mundorf as the Authorized Representative of the Kearney Public Schools to Sign All Claims and Forms for All Federal Programs for the 2026-2027 School Year -
- 10.G. Designate Shelia Sanford and Meagan Kershner as the Authorized Representatives of the Kearney Public Schools to Sign All Claims for Reimbursement, as Well as All Federal, State, and Local Information Pertaining to the School Food Service Program, for the 2026–2027 School Year -
- 11. **Regular Agenda - Personnel -**
 - 11.A. Acceptance of Resignations -
 - 11.B. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff -
- 12. **Regular Agenda - Business -**
 - 12.A. Discuss, Consider and Take Possible Action to Increase the District's Overall Property Tax Request Authority Up to an Additional 5% or Other Maximum as Permitted by Law, Above the Base Growth Percentage -
Move to adopt the resolution to increase the school district's overall property tax request authority by up to an additional 5% above the base growth percentage, and authorize and direct the Superintendent or designee to take any action to ensure that the school district's overall property tax request complies with LB243.
- 13. **Regular Agenda - Miscellaneous -**
- 14. **Next Meeting -**
The next regular meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education will be held on August 10, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. in the Staff Development Room in the Administration Building at 320 West 24th St, Kearney, NE 68845.
- 15. **Adjournment -**
Move to adjourn the meeting.

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Monday, June 8, 2026 at 5:30 PM
2nd Floor Staff Development Room, Administration Building
320 W 24th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

1. Routine Business

1.A. Call to Order

President Hazard called the meeting to order at 5:29 PM.

1.B. Open Meetings Act Announcement

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1.C. Board Meeting Decorum Expectations

1.D. Pledge of Allegiance

1.E. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 5:31 PM.

Drew Blessing: Absent

Amy Barth: Present

Niki Deeds: Present

Paul Hazard: Present

John Icenogle: Present

Amanda Smallcomb: Present

1.E.I. Excuse Absent Board Member

Move to excuse absent Board member Drew Blessing from the meeting. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Amanda Smallcomb, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

1.F. Approval of the Agenda

Move to approve the agenda for the meeting, as presented. This motion, made by Amanda Smallcomb and seconded by Amy Barth, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2. Recognitions

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

- Mrs. Amber Lewis, Kearney High School Principal, introduced Ava Benner, who achieved a perfect score of 36 on her ACT as a junior.

- Ava shared her plans to attend Georgia Tech's new first-year abroad program, spending her first semester in London and her second in Seville, Spain. She plans to study environmental engineering at Georgia Tech. Ava discussed her experience taking the ACT, mentioning she took it twice and improved her score from a 32 to a 36. Ava listed her academic and extracurricular activities, including theater, one-act, speech, marching band, show choir, treasurer of the Thespian troupe, National Honor Society, and quiz bowl.
- A plaque was presented to Ava and a photo was taken to honor her achievement.

2.B. Recognition of the Kearney High School Girls Track Team and Head Coach Nate Polacek as the 2026 Class A State Track and Field Runner-Up and Alexa Jacobsen as the Class A State Shot-put Champion

- KHS Girls Head Coach Nate Polacek recognized the coaches and athletes for a historic season that included an undefeated regular season, four meet championships, and a Heartland Athletic Conference title. The team finished as district and state runners-up and set four new school records, including three records in one day by Addison Garringer.
- Coach Polacek also highlighted Alexa Jacobsen, a two-time state champion in shot put, who won the event with a throw of 43'1". Team members Blaire May, Kamryn Benson, Greeley Cargill, Jordan Felker, Bella Philippi, and Dawson Kreycik shared their future plans with the Board.

2.C. 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

- Dan Whisler, Trane Educator in Residence, and Colton Cornwell, Trane Energy Services Leader, recognized Hanny Arram Center for Success as a Trane BTU Crew School, one of only three schools in the Midwest to receive the distinction. Plaques were presented to Principal Jason Owens, teacher Talisha Sorenson, Superintendent Dr. Jason Mundorf, and Facilities Director Trent Bosard for their leadership and support of the energy education initiative.
- HACS was also named Nebraska Junior Level School of the Year and a national finalist through the NEED Project for its student-led energy awareness project. Students conducted research, analyzed data, and presented their findings to educators and industry professionals. The student team will represent Kearney Public Schools at a national event in Washington, D.C., later this month. Principal Owens also plans to introduce a new science elective for next school year that will expand on energy and data analytics concepts.

3. Presentations

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

- Lt. JC Small with Kearney Police Department presented the Annual SRO report. Lt. Small announced that he is now transitioning to patrol lieutenant, which means he will

no longer be in the schools. Sargeant Logan Miller will be the new supervisor of the SRO's.

- Kearney Police Department and KPS continue to work closely on school safety through threat assessments, safety audits, emergency response protocols, and the Centegix alert system.
- The addition of a fourth SRO has improved coverage across the district and enhanced support for schools.
- During the 2025-26 school year, SRO incident reports and juvenile referrals decreased, while most incidents were resolved without criminal consequences.
- SROs continue to serve as educators, mentors, and counselors while supporting programs such as DARE, the Youth Citizens Police Academy, and student engagement activities.
- School and law enforcement leaders expressed appreciation for the Board's continued support of school safety initiatives.

3.B. Construction Update

- Kent Cordes with BD Construction gave an update on the construction projects continuing throughout the district.

4. Public Participation/Comment

5. Board Reports

6. Consent Agenda

Move to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as presented. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Niki Deeds, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.A. Approval of Minutes of the May 11, 2026, Regular Meeting and the June 3, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting

6.B. Approval of the June 2026 Claims

6.C. Approval of the June 2026 Financial Reports

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

7. Regular Agenda - Personnel

7.A. Acceptance of Resignations

7.B. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff

8. Regular Agenda - Business

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

- Dr. Kent Edwards, Associate Superintendent, asked the Board to consider approving the purchase agreement for the sale of the Construction Technology house located at 5207 18th Avenue Place. The home is being sold for \$499,000, with a scheduled closing date of July 6. Due to an injury to Construction Technology teacher Erik Sutterfield, additional subcontractor assistance will be needed to complete remaining work. However, all projects remain on schedule for completion by June 15, 2026.

Move to approve the Purchase Agreement for the Construction Technology Class house project received from Spencer J. Anderson & Jeanine A. Anderson Trustees of the Spencer & Jeanine Anderson Living Trust, in the amount of \$499,000.00 located at 5207 18th Avenue Place, Kearney NE 68845 (Lot 13, Northridge Estate of Kearney, Buffalo County, NE); and authorize Dr. Kent Edwards and/or Mr. Clint Edwards to sign all forms and contracts to execute said sale. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Amanda Smallcomb, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9. Regular Agenda - Miscellaneous

9.A. First Reading Approval of Revised Board Policies

- Superintendent Mundorf explained that the Board has reviewed seven policy updates recommended by the Nebraska Association of School Boards to align with recent statutory changes. Revisions include annual reporting requirements for technology and computer science education, increased bidding thresholds for construction projects, adjustments to compensation and extra-duty contract payments, updates to school library materials procedures, minor revisions regarding high-ability learners, new protocols for anaphylaxis response, and additional changes related to bidding, contracts, and architectural services. Administration recommended approval of the policies.

Move to approve the first reading of revised board policies, as presented. This motion, made by Amy Barth and seconded by Niki Deeds, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10. Next Meeting

11. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Move to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Amanda Smallcomb, Passed.

Drew Blessing: Absent, Amy Barth: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle:

Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Notice of Meeting

This meeting was publicized in the Kearney Hub on June 4, 2026; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Niki Deeds, Secretary

Annual Report and School Improvement

The Superintendent shall prepare and distribute each year an Annual Report in accordance with Rule 10, Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Schools. The Annual Report shall be distributed to residents of the School District by the Superintendent distributing it to the members of the Board of Education and to the parents of students enrolled in the School District each school year and making it available to other residents. The report shall include information required by Rule 10. The results of the annual report shall be used to plan and make needed changes to improve instruction for all students. The report is to include:

- A. Student academic performance. The report shall include results of student success in achieving the state standards set forth in Appendices A through D of Rule 10 or local content standards approved by the Department, on a building basis. Individual test scores shall be kept confidential. If the school has fewer than ten students in the grades being reported, or if reporting would allow for the identification of students because they all had comparable scores, no public reports of student performance shall be provided for those grades.
- B. School system demographics.
- C. School improvement goals and progress.
- D. School system financial information.

The Superintendent shall further ensure that the School District implements a systematic on-going process that guides planning, implementation, and evaluation and renewal of school improvement activities to meet local and statewide goals and priorities. The school improvement process shall focus on improving student learning and include a periodic review by visiting educators who provide consultation to the local school/community in continued accomplishment of plans and goals. The school improvement process shall further include the following activities at least once within each five years:

- A. Review and update of the mission and vision statements.
- B. Collection and analysis of data about student performance, demographics, learning climate, and former high school students.
- C. Selection of improvement goals. At least one goal is directed toward improving student academic achievement.
- D. Development and implementation of an improvement plan which includes procedures, strategies, actions to achieve goals, and an aligned professional development plan.
- E. Evaluation of progress toward improvement goals.

The school improvement process shall further include a visitation by a team of external representatives to review progress and provide written recommendations. A copy of the school system's improvement plan and the written recommendations shall be provided to the Department. The external team visits shall be conducted at least once each five years.

At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a computer science and technology education status report to both the Board of Education and Nebraska State Department of Education. The annual report may include information about student progress on the computer science and technology courses and other relevant measures of student progress in the areas of computer science and technology education. To the extent appropriate, computer science education data may be incorporated into the District's Annual Report and considered as part of the District's ongoing school improvement planning process.

Legal Reference: NDE Rule 10.01, 10.5.02, 10.9 and 10.10

Policy adopted: 8/10/20
revised:

KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 KEARNEY, NEBRASKA

Bidding/Proposing Construction Projects

The District shall bid/propose every project for the construction, remodeling, or repair of any school-owned building or for site improvements when the contemplated expenditures for the project is in excess of one hundred thirty-six thousand dollars (\$136,000.00), or such sum as adjusted pursuant to §73-106. The bidding/proposing procedures shall comply with the requirements of state law and shall include the following:

1. Notice to Bidders/Proposers: The Administration shall prepare a notice to bidders/proposers containing a general description of the scope of the project being bid/proposed; the location of the project; the means of obtaining project documents, including plans and specifications; the date and hour bids/proposals will close; and the date, hour and place bids/proposals are to be returned, received and opened, and a provision that such bids/proposals will be immediately and simultaneously opened in the presence of the bidders/proposers or representatives of the bidders/proposers, when the hour is reached for the bids to close.
2. Regular Manner of Advertisement for Bids/Proposals: The notice to bidders/proposers shall be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the School District. The notice shall be published at least seven (7) days prior to the date designated for the opening of such bids/proposals. The Board of Education or Administration may, at its sole discretion, elect to utilize further advertisement for bids/proposals as it may determine appropriate to secure a sufficient number of qualified bidders/proposers for the scope of the project.
3. Bid/Proposal Opening: When the hour is reached for such bids/proposals to close, bids/proposals will be immediately and simultaneously opened in the presence of the bidders/proposers or representatives of the bidders/proposers.
4. Contract Award: The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder/proposer to the extent required by law. When not so required, the award shall be made on the basis of consideration of the contract award criteria set forth in this Policy.
5. Performance and Payment Bonds. Whenever any contract is entered into for the erecting, furnishing, or repairing of any building or other public structure or improvement, the contractor shall be required, before commencing such work, to furnish a performance, labor and material payment bond. The bond requirement shall not apply, however, to any project bid or proposal which has a total cost of \$10,000 or less unless the School Board or Administration includes a bond requirement in the specifications for the project. The bond shall be in an amount not less than the contract price. The bond shall be conditioned on the faithful performance of the contract and the payment by the contracting party of all laborers and mechanics for labor that is performed and of all material and equipment rental that is actually used or rented in connection with the improvement project and the performance of the contract.

Such bond shall contain such provisions as are required by statutes, and be in a form prescribed and required by the district.

6. Retention of an Architect or Engineer. The School District shall not engage in the construction of any public works involving architecture or engineering unless the plans, specifications, and estimates have been prepared and the construction has been observed by an architect, a professional engineer, or a person under the direct supervision of an architect, professional engineer, or those under the direct supervision of an architect or professional engineer; provided that such requirement shall not apply to any public work in which the contemplated expenditure for the complete project does not exceed one hundred forty-four thousand dollars (\$144,000) or the dollar amount set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3445, as amended from time to time.

7. Additional Procedures. Each bid/proposal for which a labor and material bond is required, shall be accompanied by a bid/proposal bond or certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of such bid/proposal unless the School Board or Administration waives such requirement. The Board of Education or Administration may provide for additional procedures for the procurement, opening and acceptance of bids/proposals as deemed appropriate for a particular project.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. §52-118; Neb. Rev. Stat. §73-101 *et seq.*;
Neb. Rev. Stat. §73-106; Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3445

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KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Compensation and Related BenefitsPayment of Salary

Salary payments for each teacher shall be made in twelve (12) equal monthly installments during the school fiscal year (September 1 through August 31) for which the teacher has been employed, with the first such salary payment being made in September and the last salary payment being made in August of such fiscal year.

Teachers shall be paid on the 20th day of each month, or the last preceding business day if the 20th falls on a weekend day or holiday.

Additional compensation over and above regular salary compensation, such as extra duty pay and supplemental pay shall be disbursed as it is earned. Deductions from compensation shall be taken out as they are reported to the payroll office.

Fringe Benefits

The school district shall provide fringe benefits to its employees in accordance with existing policy and conditions.

Employees may request that salary deductions be made for association dues and other items approved by the board.

Legal Reference:	79-872 and 79-873	Association Dues
	79-901	School Retirement System; definition
	79-958	Retirement Contributions

Policy adopted: 8/14/17
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revised:

KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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School Library Materials and Parent Access

The District will provide parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers access to information regarding books available in the District's school library, and an opportunity to receive notification when their student checks out a library book.

For purposes of this Policy, the "school library" means the collection of books maintained by the District in a library or media center, as designated by the Superintendent or designee, located on school property and managed by District staff for student circulation. The term "school library" does not include: (1) classroom libraries or book collections maintained by individual teachers; (2) instructional textbooks or curriculum materials issued to students; (3) digital instructional materials, online databases, or subscription research services; and (4) materials accessed through a library not managed or supervised by the District. For purposes of this policy, a "book" means a bound or printed work cataloged within the District's school library circulation system.

The District will maintain a catalog of books available in each designated library. Such catalog will be made available for viewing by parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers through a method designated by the Superintendent or designee.

The District will provide parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers the opportunity to opt-in to receive notification when their student checks out a book from a designated library. If a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker elects to receive such notifications, the District shall provide such notice, which will include the: (1) title of the book; (2) author(s); and (3) date the book must be returned.

Requests to receive library checkout notifications must be submitted through a written request or through a process identified by the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee may develop procedures to implement this Policy, and staff, parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers must follow these procedures.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-533.04

Date of Adoption: [Insert Date]

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High Ability Learners

The Board of Education recognizes that the student population includes students with exceptional academic abilities.

Learners with high ability shall be identified in the academic areas of math, language, and reading. Identification of learners in grades 3-8 with high ability in the specified areas shall be based on the criteria listed below. Students meeting any two of the following criteria shall be identified as high ability learners.

- 97th percentile or above on the Spring Mathematics assessment administered by the district.
- 97th percentile or above on the Spring Reading assessment administered by the district.
- Principal nomination.

A listing of students who meet the district criteria for learners of high ability and their area of high ability shall be made available to classroom teachers, by school district administration, within the first thirty (30) days of each school year. New students to the district will be accepted into the district's (HAL) program after providing evidence of scoring at the 97th percentile or higher on the previous district's summative assessment in previous years. New applications for the (HAL) program will be reviewed with acceptance or denial into the program communicated by district administration. Final determination will be made by the Superintendent and/or his/her designee.

Within the first thirty (30) days of each school year, the school district administration shall notify parents or guardians of identified high ability.

The administration shall implement the district wide plan for learners with high ability, as such plan is modified from time to time, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-1106 to 79-1108.03
 NDE Rule 3

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Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Allergic Reaction Protocol with Waiver

The District will adopt and implement the Emergency Response to Life-Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis) Protocol as required by the Nebraska Department of Education.

The Superintendent, in conjunction with licensed health personnel, shall establish administrative regulations for the implementation of this policy. The regulations established shall comply with NDE rules regarding the protocol to follow in case of a life-threatening asthma or systemic allergic reaction (including anaphylaxis) and use of an Epi-Pen and albuterol. Also, these shall ensure that each school building will procure and maintain the equipment and medication necessary under the protocol in the case of any student or school staff emergency. Staff training in using the protocol shall occur periodically. Records of such training and occurrences of administering medication under the protocol shall be maintained.

The Emergency Protocol shall be implemented, and the equipment and medication necessary to implement the Emergency Protocol shall be maintained, at each school building while school is in session. For purposes of the Emergency Protocol, the phrase "while school is in session" is defined as the core instructional school day. The "core instructional school day" is defined as that portion of each day school is in session during which teachers are on duty to provide and students are scheduled to receive instruction in the School District's curriculum, generally beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 3:45 p.m. The Emergency Protocol shall not be required to be implemented other than in the school buildings while school is in session, and as such is not required to be implemented at extracurricular activities, on school buses, or during school field trips. Implementation of the Emergency Protocol at such non-mandatory times or places shall be made in the discretion of the administration and shall be subject to the availability of the employees designated or trained in implementation of the Emergency Protocol and the availability of the necessary equipment and medication at such times or places.

The parent or guardian of a student of minority age may sign a waiver requesting that their student not receive emergency treatment under this protocol.

The Superintendent or designee shall further develop and implement protocols to address anaphylaxis and the emergency use of epinephrine at school buildings and school-sponsored activities. A school nurse or trained staff member may administer epinephrine to any individual believed to be experiencing anaphylaxis. These protocols will also address the District's response, documentation, notification, and reporting any instances of administering epinephrine. The District will continue to implement individualized health or Section 504 plans for students with known severe allergies, and nothing in this policy limits rights or accommodations under Section 504, the ADA, or the IDEA.

Legal Reference: NDE Rule 59.006
Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-227

Cross Reference: Policies on Administration of Medication to Students

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Facilities – Bids and Contracts

All contracts for work related to building construction, remodeling or repair or site improvement in excess of \$136,000, or such sum as adjusted pursuant to Section 73-106, will be bid in accordance with state statutes. All other contracts will be handled under current district policies and regulations.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 73-101 to 73-106

| Date of Adoption: [Insert Date]

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