

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of
Education
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 5:00 PM
1st floor Administration Building Conference Room
320 W 24th St
Kearney, NE 68845**

1. Call to Order

President Gaasch 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. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM.

Amy Barth: Present

Drew Blessing: Present

Steve Gaasch: Present

Kathy Gifford: Present

Paul Hazard: Present

John Icenogle: Present

4. Approval of Agenda

Move to approve the agenda of the meeting, as presented. This motion, made by Drew Blessing and seconded by Paul Hazard, Passed.

Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Steve Gaasch: Yea, Kathy Gifford: Yea, Paul Hazard:

Yea, John Icenogle: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5. Agenda

- Mr. Mundorf reviewed the criteria for recognitions at board meetings.

5.A. Preview of the March 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda

5.A.I. Recognition of Head Coach Brandon Cool and the KHS Football Team for Receiving the 2023-2024 NFF National High School Academic Excellence Award

5.A.II. Recognition of Head Coach Nate Garringer and the KHS eSports Team as 2024 State Champions

5.A.III. Recognition of Head Coach Ryan Bauer and KHS Wrestler Jack Sponenburgh as the 2024 Class A, 106 LB State Champion

5.A.IV. Recognition of Head Coach Meggie Rusher and the KHS Dance Catz as 2024 State Runner-Up at the Nebraska State Dance Championship

5.A.V. Recognition of Art Teacher Ana Rodriguez Trejo and Student Emma Payne as a State Scholastic Art Award Winner and National Qualifier

5.A.VI. Presentation by the Buffalo County Youth Board and Recognition of Resolution # 02.14.2023 - Youth Mental Health Resources and Coordination, from the Buffalo County Community Partners

5.A.VII. Presentation by Bright Futures Preschool on Early Childhood

5.A.VIII. Legislative Update

5.A.IX. NASB Legislative Committee Report

5.A.X. Acceptance of Resignations of Paige Uhing, Emily Noble, Ashley Bush, Kirk McLoed, Mitch Olson, Jenn DeBord, Heidi Straka, Rebecca Dunn, Jason Boyd, Danielle May, and Lisa Cool; and Retirements of Kris Hillburn, Robin Bennett, Eleanor Arens

5.A.XI. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff

5.B. Discuss Potential Scoreboard Purchase at Memorial Field

5.C. Update on Library Book Curation

5.D. Discussion of New Board Policy to Address Employee Travel Requests

5.E. Discussion of New Board Policy #6288 Artificial Intelligence

5.F. Discussion of Lunch Debt Collections Protocols and Any Changes Going Forward

5.G. Discuss Special Education Kindergarten Enrollment Numbers in 2024-2025 and Special Education Staffing needs

6. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

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

Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Steve Gaasch: Yea, Kathy Gifford: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Notice of Meeting

This meeting was publicized in the Kearney Hub on March 2, 2024; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Kathy Gifford, Secretary