

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

Kearney Public Schools Board of Education

Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM

1st floor Administration Building Conference Room

320 W 24th Street

Kearney, NE 68845

1. Call to Order

Vice President Smallcomb called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 5:02 PM.

Paul Hazard: Absent

Amy Barth: Present

Drew Blessing: Present

Niki Deeds: Present

John Icenogle: Present

Amanda Smallcomb: Present

Move to excuse absent Board member Paul Hazard from the meeting. This motion, made by Amy Barth and seconded by Niki Deeds, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6. Public Participation/Comment

7. Agenda

7.A. Preview of the July 13, 2026, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Agenda

7.A.I. Public Hearing for Additional Property Tax Request Authority

7.A.II. Public Hearing and Review of the 2026-2027 KPS Student Fees Policy

7.A.III. Public Hearing on Parent Engagement and Title I Parent Engagement Policies

7.A.IV. Annual Review of the Student Discipline, Attendance and Bullying Policies

7.A.V. Construction Update

7.A.VI. Acceptance of the Kenwood Elementary Parent Advisory Committee Annual Self-Audit Report for the 2025-2026 School Year

7.A.VII. Second and Final Reading Approval of Revised Board Policies

7.A.VIII. 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

7.A.IX. 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

7.A.X. 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

7.A.XI. Acceptance of Resignations

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

7.A.XIII. 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

7.A.XIV. Approval of the Proposed Student Fees for the 2026–2027 School Year

7.B. Discuss the infrastructure project near the KHS campus with Craig Bennett with Miller & Associates to connect 27th Avenue going south with 6th Street, going west near the campus.

7.C. Discuss Option Enrollment for the 2027-2028 School Year

8. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:17 pm.

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

Paul Hazard: Absent, Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: 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 July 2, 2026; radio stations KGFW and

KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Niki Deeds, Secretary