

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

Kearney Public Schools Board of Education

Wednesday, August 5, 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 5:00 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 Amanda Smallcomb and seconded by Drew Blessing, 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

- Patrons addressed the Board concerning youth sports and facility rental agreements.

7. Agenda

7.A. Discussion of Facility Use/Rental Agreements

7.B. Preview of the August 10, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda

7.B.I. Construction Update

7.B.II. Triennial Assessment Wellness Report

7.B.III. Summer Feeding Program Recap

7.B.IV. Approval of the Kearney High School Dance Catz Trip to the National Dance Team Championships, February 3–8, 2027 in Orlando, Florida

7.B.V. Acceptance of the Northeast Elementary Parent Advisory Committee Annual Self-Audit Report for the 2025-2026 School Year

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

7.B.VII. Recognition of the Kearney Education Association as the Exclusive Bargaining Agent for All Non-Supervisory Certificated Staff in the Kearney Public Schools for the 2028-2029 Contract Year

7.B.VIII. Approval of the 2026-2027 Kearney Public Schools Certified and Classified Staff Handbooks, the K-12 Student Guidebook, the KHS Activities Handbook, the KHS Student Handbook, and the Facilities Handbook

7.B.IX. Acceptance of Resignations

7.B.X. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff

7.B.XI. Approval of a Required Resolution for Kearney Public Schools 2026-2027 Staff Trainings

7.B.XII. Approval of Kearney Public Schools 2026-2027 Emergency Operations Plan

7.B.XIII. Set the Date for the Special Budget Retreat Meeting

7.B.XIV. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with UNK for Dual Credit Classes

7.C. Discussion of the Infrastructure Project near the KHS Campus with Craig Bennett of Miller & Associates to connect 27th Avenue going south with 6th Street, going west near the campus.

- Craig Bennett was unable to attend the meeting. The Board discussed the infrastructure project and asked Dr. Mundorf to get finalized cost structures for KPS and abutting landowners to finalize their decision. The project will be discussed further at the special board meeting/budget retreat on Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

7.D. Discussion of District Storage Solutions

7.E. Discussion of some initial 2026-2027 Budget Proposals

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Move to adjourn the meeting. 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

Notice of Meeting

This meeting was publicized in the Kearney Hub on August 1, 2026; radio stations KGFW and

KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

Niki Deeds, Secretary