

**Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of
the Kearney Public Schools Board of
Education
Wednesday, April 1, 2026 5:00 PM
1st floor Administration Building Conference
Room
320 W 24th Street
Kearney, NE 68845**

1. **Call to Order -**
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 -**
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.
4. **Roll Call -**
5. **Approval of Agenda -**
Move to approve the agenda of the meeting, as presented.
6. **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 three (3) minutes per speaker to express their view. Public Participation/Comment may not exceed thirty (30) 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.

7. **Agenda -**

7.A. Presentation of the 2026-2027 Transportation Handbook -

7.B. Preview of the April 13, 2026 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Agenda -

7.B.I. Public Hearing & Review of American Civics Education Policy & Requirements -

7.B.II. Presentation from Megan Schmidt, Principal at Bright Futures Preschool, Celebrating What Makes Bright Futures Special -

7.B.III. Presentation from Jason Owens, Principal at Hanny Arram Center for Success, about the KidWind STEM Competition -

7.B.IV. Announcement of Celebration of Excellence -

7.B.V. Construction Update -

7.B.VI. Legislative Update -

7.B.VII. Approval of Kearney High School Boys Wrestling Trip to the Missouri Wrestling Camp, June 20–24, 2026 in Columbia, Missouri -

7.B.VIII. Acceptance of Resignations and Retirements — Holli Ourada, Britany Lousberg, Allysen Gross, Katheryn Pacheco -

7.B.IX. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff — Jordyn Boehler, Shelbee Burke, Abigail Fong, Rhonda Soto, Keri Troester, Matthew McFarland, Ryan Wetovick, Brent Swift, Jessica Moore, Kris Conner -

7.B.X. Approval of the Employment of Administrative Staff — Jason Sullivan, Patrick Moore, Christa Anderson -

7.B.XI. Approval of Classified, Classified Exempt and Administrative Employee Compensation for the 2026-2027 School Year -

7.B.XII. Approve a Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of Buffalo County School District 0007, in the State of Nebraska, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$16,200,000 for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding indebtedness of the district; prescribing the form of such bonds; fixing in part and providing for the fixing in part of the terms of the bonds; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on such bonds as they become due; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith. -

7.B.XIII. Approve a Permanent Right-of-Way and Utility Easement with the City of Kearney at or near the intersection of 45th Street and N Avenue for the purposes of sidewalk construction and lane expansion for the new traffic light installation at the corner of 45th Street and N Avenue. -

7.B.XIV. First Reading Approval of the Revised 5000 Section of Board Policies -

7.B.XV. First Reading Approval of the Revised 6000 Section of Board Policies -

7.B.XVI. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the Resolution to cancel Molly Brown's teaching contract, effective March 6, 2026 -

7.C. Discuss the cancellation of school for State Basketball -

- 7.D. Discuss the KPS-owned painting currently held at MONA -
- 7.E. Discuss a VISA bank card program through Exchange Bank in support of Kearney High School activities -
- 7.F. Discuss the potential of random drug testing at Kearney High School for extracurricular participation -
- 8. **Adjournment** -
Move to adjourn the meeting.

After recording return to:
City of Kearney, Nebraska
Attn: City Clerk
PO Box 1180
Kearney, NE 68848-1180

PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY & UTILITY EASEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That GRANTOR, **Buffalo County School District 10-0007, a/k/a Kearney Public Schools**, in consideration of the covenants and agreements herein expressed, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, release, and convey to GRANTEE, **City of Kearney, Nebraska**, a Municipal Corporation, and its successors and assigns forever, a perpetual right-of-way over and across and a permanent easement in, over, under, upon, and through the following-described land for the purposes of clearing, trenching for, laying, constructing, operating, using, replacing, repairing and maintaining the water main and/or sanitary sewer main and/or paving and/or storm sewer main and respective appurtenances thereto belonging, together with the right of access to said easement for said purposes, legally described as follows:

A tract of land located in Lot 1, Grandview Estates Fifth Addition to the City of Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebraska, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of Lot 1, Grandview Estates Fifth Addition to the City of Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebraska and assuming the west line of said Lot 1 to have a bearing of N 00°15'53" E; thence N 00°15'53" E on the west line of said Lot 1 a distance of 588.17 feet; thence S 03°58'37" E a distance of 43.92 feet, thence S 21°59'58" E a distance of 14.12 feet; thence S 02°05'56" E a distance of 25.40 feet; thence S 17°58'22" W a distance of 14.53 feet; thence S 01°21'53" E a distance of 246.68 feet; thence S 00°17'11" W a distance of 221.81 feet; thence S 89°49'26" E a distance of 4.35 feet; thence S 00°00'00" E a distance of 23.66 feet to a point on the south line of said Lot 1; thence N 89°49'26" W on said south line a distance of 16.62 feet to the point of beginning.

That a map of the location of said easement is attached hereto marked as "Exhibit A" and made part hereof by reference.

The aforesaid easement is executed, delivered, and granted upon the following conditions, to-wit:

