

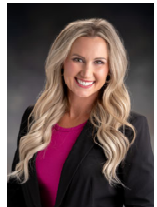


BOARD OF EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 2026



Drew Blessing



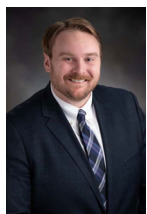
Amy Barth



Niki Deeds



Paul Hazard



John D. Icenogle



Amanda Smallcomb

Presentations

- Presentation from Stacie Blackmore, Music Teacher at Sunrise Middle School about the Sunrise Honor Choir Students Singing at the State Capitol

District Construction Update

- The Board heard a presentation from Kent Cordes with BD Construction on various construction projects throughout the district.

Legislative Update

- Update on the 2026 Legislative Session

Travel Approved

- Kearney High School Jazz Band Trip to the Greeley Jazz Festival, April 23–25, 2026 in Greeley, Colorado
- Kearney High School Band Trip to the Quad State Marching Contest, October 17, 2026 in Vermillion, South Dakota

Resignations

The Board accepted the resignations of **Andrew Chadek**, English teacher at Kearney High School; **John Wegner**, 5th grade teacher at Buffalo Hills Elementary; **Audra Haas**, 5th grade teacher at Bryant Elementary; **Kati Burns**, special education teacher at Horizon Middle School; **Chelsey Jacobitz**, special education supervisor with Kearney Public Schools; **Julian Beltran Dorado**, art teacher at Kenwood and Cottonwood Elementary Schools, and **Lydia Goracke**, computer teacher at Horizon Middle School, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year; and the retirement resignations of **Kellee Vornhagen**, family and consumer sciences teacher at Kearney High School; **Ranee Borowski**, kindergarten teacher at Windy Hills Elementary School, and **Darren VanWinkle**, English teacher at Kearney High School, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Who is Coming Aboard...

- Matthew Dahlke, orchestra teacher at Kearney High School
- Tatum Smith, BA, 2nd grade teacher at Bryant Elementary School
- Kinley Johnson, 5th grade teacher at Bryant Elementary School

- Morgan Semerad, orchestra teacher at Horizon Middle School
- Josue Gomez Gutierrez, 7th grade math teacher at Sunrise Middle School
- Ayden Brophy, 7th grade science teacher at Horizon Middle School
- Anna Howard, 5th grade teacher at Emerson Elementary School
- Sarah Snyder Essay, English teacher at Kearney High School
- Trent Steele, assistant principal at Kearney High School

Personnel Items Approved

- Ratified the Negotiated Agreement with the Kearney Education Association for contract terms for all certified, non-supervisory employees of the Kearney Public Schools for the 2026-2027 school year

Regular Agenda Business Items Approved

- A Bid from RTI for new Chromebooks for 5th and 9th grades and upgrades to Windy Hills technology, in the amount of \$292,049.80
- Lighting and Sound Upgrades to the Kearney High School CHAT for the Theatre Production Program

Regular Agenda Miscellaneous Items Approved

- First Reading Approval of the Revised 4000 Section of Board Policies
- The Naming Rights Agreement between Kearney Public Schools and Roger A. Mathiesen for Naming the Kearney High School Track as Mathiesen Track

Closed Session Required for:

- The purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

MARCH REGULAR MEETING OF THE KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, March 9, 2026

5:30 PM

**Staff Development Room
Administration Building
320 West 24th Street
and on Zoom**

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