

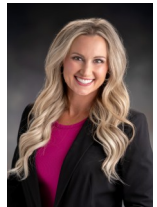


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Drew Blessing



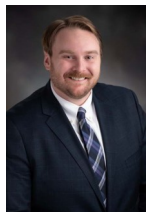
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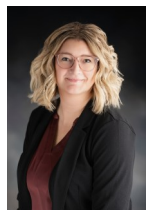
Niki Deeds



Paul Hazard



John D. Icenogle



Amanda Smallcomb

Recognitions

- Recognition of the Kearney High School Dance Catz for their Runner-Up Finish in Class A High Kick at the Nebraska State Dance Championships and for Earning the Academic Excellence Award
- Recognition of Kearney High School Boys Wrestling Team for their Runner-Up Finish at the NSAA Class A State Dual Championships
- Recognition of Kearney High School Social Studies Teacher, Kevin Witte for Being Selected as the Nebraska 3rd Congressional District Recipient of the Bertolas, Gildersleeve, Stoddard, Stone Award Presented by the Geographic Educators of Nebraska
- Recognition of Kearney High School Student Fulton Moyer for Winning the NSAA Class A State Bowling Championship
- Recognition of the Kearney High School Girls Wrestling Team for their Runner-Up Finish at the NSAA Class A State Wrestling Championship, including State Champions Sloane Abbey and Stella Harbols
- Recognition of Kearney High School Students as State Scholastic Art Award Winners and National Qualifiers
- Recognition of Kearney High School Student Josslyn Flood for her Selection to Participate in the Annual National K-12 Ceramic Exhibition

Presentation

- Presentation from Kearney High School Band Teacher Nathan LeFerber and KHS Fine Arts Students Expressing Appreciation to Superintendent Mundorf and the Board of Education for Their Support

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 Girls Basketball Trip to the Midwest Showcase, June 18– 20, 2026 in Kansas City, Missouri
- Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Knight Raider Meet, March 27– 29, 2026 in Rockford, Illinois

Resignations

The Board accepted the resignations of Amber Berger, special education teacher at Hanny Arram Center for Success; Amber Sklenar, preschool teacher at Bright Futures Preschool; Kathryn Peterson, special education teacher at Horizon Middle School; Jordan Hughett, 4th grade teacher at Bufflao Hills Elementary School; Megan Homolka, spanish teacher at Horizon Middle School; Kelli Bauer, 4th grade teacher at Park Elementary School; Jennifer Meinecke, TLC teacher at Kenwood Elementary School; Sydney Steele, speech-language pathologist at Park and Kenwood Elementary Schools; Kathrin Sindt, speech-language pathologist at Kearney Public Schools; Jeff Ganz, principal at Kearney High School; Thomas Mattfeld, physical education teacher at Northeast Elementary School, and the retirement resignation of Mark Johnson, principal at Sunrise Middle School, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Who is Coming Aboard...

- Ashley Palu, 5th grade teacher at Buffalo Hills Elementary School
- Ashley Bush, family and consumer science teacher at Kearney High School
- Hailey Hanneman, art teacher at Kenwood Elementary School
- Ashtyn Hedlund, English teacher at Kearney High School
- Emily Hendren, 4th grade teacher at Park Elementary School
- Isabelle Rich, computer teacher at Horizon Middle School
- Tracy Roskop, preschool teacher at Bright Futures Preschool
- McKaylla Christian, spanish teacher at Kearney High School
- Emily Surmeier, 4th grade teacher at Buffalo Hills Elementary School
- Lauren Labenz, special education teacher
- William Shaffer, science teacher at Hanny Arram Center for Success
- Elizabeth Smith, special education teacher at Horizon Middle School

APRIL REGULAR MEETING OF THE KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, April 13, 2026

5:30 PM

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

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