

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
HINCKLEY-BIG ROCK COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #429**



**Regular Meeting
March 20th, 2024**

The meeting begins at 6:30 PM in the Hinckley-Big Rock High School Library.
This meeting is also live streamed for public
viewing: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcNJ6ijnqwe0nF8UpSCsB8A>.

- 1) Call to Order - Regular Meeting of the Hinckley-Big Rock Board of Education**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Vice President Greg Pritchard.
- 2) Roll Call**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
Present: Jack Haines, Greg Pritchard, Debi White, Darrin Gengler, Abigail Barrett, Deb Winkle
Absent: President Tim Badal
- 3) Approval of the Agenda**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Abigail Barrett and seconded by Deb Winkle, passed 6-0
Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Deb Winkle: Yea
- 4) Consent Agenda**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
This motion, made by Jack Haines and seconded by Abigail Barrett. Passed 6-0
Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Deb Winkle: Yea
 - A. **Minutes** - Regular Meeting Minutes and Committee Minutes
 - B. **Treasurer's Report**
 - C. **Bills and Payroll**
 - D. **Personnel Report**
- 5) Citizens Request to Address the Board**
- 6) Royal Shout Out**
 - A. HBRHS Band
Sarah Sartori elaborates that in addition to enrolling in the class, students participate in various concerts throughout the year, including the Halloween concert at the elementary school, performances for Veterans Day, sending off sports teams heading to state competitions, pep rallies, and jazz band showcases. Moreover, senior band members take the initiative to write letters of encouragement to incoming 5th grade band members. Several students demonstrated a "bucket drum" percussion performance for the Board.
- 7) Discussion**
 - A. County Facilities Sales Tax
Also known as "penny tax", Dekalb and Kane counties are exploring the option of putting this on a future ballot, so HBR Board members Greg Pritchard, Jack Haines and Superintendent Jessica Sonntag have attended a workshop March 5th run by PMA to learn more. The Board discussed the facts related to this and how it would impact HBR429. It is not connected to property tax or federal funding, it is completely separate. There are different ways that school districts are capitalizing on this tax, but the Board will continue to gather information so it can make an informed decision if and when we are presented with the request to vote on a resolution related to placing this item on an election ballot.

B. Policy 2:220: Audio Recordings of Closed Session Meetings

The Board discussed the destruction of closed session audio recordings per Policy 2:220, which states that the Board will destroy recordings that are older than 18 months. These recordings are used by the recording secretary to take minutes of closed (executive) session discussions. These minutes will be maintained indefinitely. Closed session audio recordings are not public information. The recordings can be played only for a Board member who has a specific reason to hear them; further, the member must be on District property and accompanied by the recording secretary during the listening. Currently we have tapes that go back to 2000. The destruction of these recordings is a routine procedure that can be included in the consent agenda. The minutes and log will remain but the tapes can be destroyed with routine board approval. Making sure the minutes are legible or having printed copies before the destruction of these tapes is important for the Board. Jessica Sonntag and Board Members have agreed to remove the action item for the destruction of these tapes until further information is gathered and confirmed.

C. Student Board Members

The Hinckley-Big Rock Board of Education will be adding student members in the 2024-2025 school year. The Board will seat a Junior and a Senior student for next year. Each student member (with the exception of next year's Senior) will serve a 2-year term. Students interested in sitting on the Board will submit an application and interview with current board members. Student members will have a standing agenda item to bring the student voice to the Board, provide insight to discussion items, and participate in the Buildings, Grounds, & Transportation committee meetings. Student members do not vote or join in on executive sessions. Jessica Sonntag has been meeting with a student advisory committee who seem to enjoy having a voice on things that are important to them for their school. Potentially seat them in May of this year so they are ready to participate in the August meeting. .

8) Motion to Enter Executive Session at 7:26pm

This motion, made by Deb Winkle and seconded by Debi White Passed 6-0

Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Deb Winkle: Yea

9) Executive Session

A. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

B.

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

10) Motion to Exit Executive Session at 8:03pm

This motion, made by Abigail Barrett and seconded by Deb Winkle Passed 6-0

Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Deb Winkle: Yea

11) Action

A. **Motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between HBR429 and the HBREA for the school years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027.**

This motion, made by Darrin Gengler and seconded by Debi White. Passed, 6-0

Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Deb Winkle: Yea

B. Motion to approve the renewal of certified staff as submitted

This motion, made by Deb Winkle and seconded by Abigail Barrett. Passed, 6-0

Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Deb Winkle: Yea

C. Motion to approve the renewal of HBRHS's membership in the Illinois High School Association, and to adopt and abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines and Policies of the Illinois High School Association for the year of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

This motion, made by Jack Haines and seconded by Greg Pritchard. Passed, 6-0

Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Deb Winkle: Yea

D. Motion to approve the destruction of closed-session audio tapes over 18 months old

No motion was made

12) FOIA

No FOIA requests

13) Agenda Items for Next Meeting

14) Adjournment

The Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm

The next regular meeting of the Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429 Board of Education will be April 24th, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Hinckley-Big Rock High School Library.

Motion to adjourn was made by Abigail Barrett and seconded by Debi White. Passed, 6-0

Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Deb Winkle: Yea