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

Regular Meeting

October 21, 2026

The meeting begins at 6:00 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 Procedures
   The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Pritchard.
2) **Roll Call**
   Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
   Present: Jack Haines, Myia Sittig, Greg Pritchard,Debi White and Abigail Barrett,
   Tim Badal
   Also present: Superintendent Dr. Jessica Sonntag and Student Representatives Beckett Neibert, Katarina Gengler and Meegan Kubinski
   Darrin Gengler walked into the meeting at 6:13pm
3) **Board President announces the purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment concerning the intent of the Board of Education to renew the Emergency (E-Learning) Learning Plan as submitted.**
   Dr. Sonntag explained the purpose of the e-learning plan, noting that students in grades K–8 will primarily use paper-based packets, while high school students will complete their work online through Google Classroom. She also explained that Chromebooks will be available for students to check out if needed.
4) **Comments by Board Of Education members**
   Darrin Gengler wanted clarification on what the e-learning days are used for and to ensure students will have access to chromebooks.
5) **Any written comments by the public-**None
6) **Any oral comments by the public-**None
7) **Motion to close the Public Hearing**
   Motion to adjourn was made by Abigail Barrett and seconded by Jack Haines, passed 7-0 at 6:14pm with a unanimous voice vote, Aye
   Abigail Barrett: Aye, Debi White: Aye, Tim Badal: Aye, Myia Sittig: Aye, Jack Haines: Aye, Darrin Gengler: Aye and Greg Pritchard: Aye
8) **Adjournment**
   The next regular meeting of the Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429 Board of Education will be October 21st, 2026 following the Public Hearing, in the Hinckley-Big Rock High School Library.
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    Also present: Superintendent Dr. Jessica Sonntag and Student Representatives Beckett Neibert, Katarina Gengler and Meegan Kubinski
11) **Pledge of Allegiance**

12) **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jack Haines and seconded by Debi White, passed 7-0,
Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea,
Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea

13) **Consent Agenda**
   A. **Minutes -** Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes
   B. **Treasurer's Report**
   C. **Bills and Payroll**
   D. **Personnel Report**

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Jack Haines and seconded by Abigail Barrett, passed 7-0,
Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea,
Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea

14) **Royal Shout Out**
With it being Principal Appreciation week the Royal Shout out was given to the building principals, Deb Kabasenche, Kim Torman and Becky Lauer. Their commitment to supporting students, empowering staff, and creating positive learning environments in each building makes a meaningful difference every day.

15) **Citizens Request to Address the Board**
Sarah Quirk addressed the Board about bullying at school. Urging the Board to continue inclusion within the HBR community.

16) **Committee Updates**
   A. IVVC
      IVVC met on October 7th. The independence audit was reviewed and it was determined to be a clean audit with no concerns. The aviation program was highlighted and machinery was presented as a new course option to explore.
   B. IBCC
      IBCC met on October 14th. The committee revised the emergency learning plan to adjust for the students not having Chromebooks and to provide alternative learning modules via paper vs technology. The committee also discussed the parent-teacher conference schedules for November 23rd and April 19th. Phone and zoom calls are being offered to those who plan to travel over Thanksgiving break.
   C. BGT
      The Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee met on October 7th. The transportation department is getting creative with route scheduling due to driver shortage. The middle school well has passed inspections and will be put into use. Olsson Roofing has been selected for roof inspections and repairs for all three buildings. Olsson will also conduct twice-yearly inspections for $6900 annually and make any necessary repairs. Roof replacement for the High School is estimated at $295,515 plus permit costs and will be planned for the FY28 budget with work anticipated in June or July 2027. The ROE inspection went well for the district. The possibility for welding hoods in the ag shop was the only concern.

17) **Student Representative Update**
Meegan, Beckett, and Katarina shared updates from our 3 schools, including athletics, Unity Day, and upcoming PTO events. The Elementary School Walk-a-Thon is Friday, October 23, and new this year is the Middle School Color Run on Tuesday, October 27. The representatives also gave a special shout-out to our administration for the work that they do to ensure that the schools feel welcoming and safe. At the high school, we have purchased basketball hoops for outside. The District is looking for assistance getting them installed before the ground freezes. Our students spoke about how it is nice to get outside during lunch and having the hoops outside will draw more students out and into the fresh air.

18) **Administrative Update**
   A. Proposed 2026 Tax Levy
      Dr. Sonntag attended the ISDLAF Levy Training and Workshop earlier this month and developed the proposed 2026 Levy. The Levy hearing will take place at the next board meeting in November.

Dr. Sonntag also provided some updates to the Board. The District has expended 32% of its budget to date: 25% from the Education Fund, 40% from the Operations & Maintenance Fund, and 42% from the Transportation Fund. This aligns with expected expenditures as we round out the first quarter of the fiscal year. A full first-quarter financial review will be provided at the November meeting. After getting some specific areas that need changes, Sharron Isola in our IT department will be reviewing the district website and making necessary updates.

19) **Discussion**
   A. Section 5: Personnel (Parts 5:70–5:150)
      The Board reviewed Section 5 (parts 5:70-5:150). No comments were made from the Board.
   B. Delegate Assembly: Discuss Resolutions & Amendments
      The Board reviewed the resolutions for the Delegate Assembly at the Triple I conference on November 21st. After discussion, the Board decided to vote in favor of all the resolutions.
   C. June 2027 Board Retreat Date
      Dr. Sonntag has requested to move the Board Retreat from June 10th to June 2nd because of a scheduling conflict. The Board agreed.
20) **Action**
   A. Motion to approve the Emergency Learning Plan for 2026-2029 as submitted
      Motion to approve the Emergency Learning Plan for 2026-2029 as submitted was made by Tim Badal and seconded by Jack Haines, passed 7-0,
      Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea
   B. Motion to approve the overnight girls Basketball and Bowling team trip, December 29-31st
      Motion to approve the overnight girls Basketball and Bowling team trip, December 29-31st was made by Abigail Barrett and seconded by Jack Haines, passed 7-0,
      Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea
   C. Motion to approve the School Maintenance Grant application as submitted
      Motion to approve the School Maintenance Grant application as submitted was made by Darrin Gengler and seconded by Jack Haines, passed 7-0,
      Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea
   D. Motion to approve the revised Resource Bank account signatories as submitted
      Motion to approve the revised Resource Bank account signatories as submitted was made by Darrin Gengler and seconded by Abigail Barrett, passed 7-0,
      Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea
21) **FOIA**
22) **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
23) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Jack Haines and seconded by Debi White, passed 7-0 at 7:25pm with a unanimous voice vote, Aye
Abigail Barrett: Aye, Debi White: Aye, Tim Badal: Aye, Myia Sittig: Aye, Jack Haines: Aye, Darrin Gengler: Aye and Greg Pritchard: Aye

The next regular meeting of the Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429 Board of Education will be November 18th, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Hinckley-Big Rock High School Library.