

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



**Board Retreat
January 29th, 2025**

The meeting begins at 6:30 PM. This is a Board / Administrator Retreat. No Action was taken at this meeting.
Big Rock Park District Meeting Room - 7S405 Madison, Big Rock, IL 60511

1) **Call to Order - Regular Meeting of the Hinckley-Big Rock Board of Education**

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 PM by President Tim Badal

2) **Roll Call**

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Present: Jack Haines, Darrin Gengler, Abigail Barrett, Deb Winkle, Tim Badal, Greg Pritchard

Absent: Debi White

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Jessica Sonntag, Middle School Principal Kim Torman, Elementary School Principal Deb Hervey, High School Principal Becky Lauer, Director of Student Services Bonnie Osborne and Director of Operations Brandon Kriesch. Student Board Representatives: Savannah McMurtrie and Matthew Badal

3) **Approval of the Agenda**

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Motion to approve the agenda was made by Greg Pritchard and seconded by Abigail Barrett, passed 6-0

Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Deb Winkle: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea

4) **Citizens Request to Address the Board**

None

5) **Discussion**

Administration and Board Members discussed key changes implemented for the 2024/2025 school year. They reflected on the outcomes of these changes and began to discuss some next steps / target areas for next school year. There will be a need for new technology infrastructures including servers, switches, and an updated phone system.

The Board reflected on their governing practices and brainstormed ideas to increase community connections, professional development, and advocacy.

Motion to Enter Executive Session at 9:35pm

This motion, made by Darrin Gengler and seconded by Deb Winkle, passed 6-0

Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Deb Winkle: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea

6) **Executive Session**

A. 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).

Superintendent Evaluation

The Board provided Dr. Sonntag with mid-year feedback on her performance.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 10:19pm

This motion, made by Greg Pritchard and seconded by Abigail Barrett, passed 6-0

Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Deb Winkle: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea

7) **Adjournment**

The Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 10:21pm

Motion was made by Jack Haines and seconded by Greg Pritchard, passed 6-0

Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Deb Winkle: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea

The next regular meeting of the Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429 Board of Education will be February 19th, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Hinckley-Big Rock High School Library.