

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



Regular Meeting
November 20, 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**
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Tim Badal
- 2) **Roll Call**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
Present: Abigail Barrett, Deb Winkle, Tim Badal, Greg Pritchard, Darrin Gengler
Also Present: Dr. Jessica Sonntag and Student Representatives: Savannah McMurtrie, Matthew Badal & Alex Casanas
Absent: Jack Haines and Debi White
- 3) **Approval of the Agenda**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Darrin Gengler and seconded by Deb Winkle, passed 5-0
Abigail Barrett: Yea, Deb Winkle: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea
- 4) **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **Minutes** - Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes
 - B. **Treasurer's Report**
 - C. **Bills**
 - D. **Personnel Report**Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Greg Pritchard and seconded by Abigail Barrett, passed 5-0
Abigail Barrett: Yea, Deb Winkle: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea
- 5) **Royal Shout Out**
More than 50 students in grades 5-12 participated in the production of Alice in Wonderland and they put in over 100 hours of practice. From set design, stage crew, lights, sounds, culinary arts and acting! We offered 3 sold out shows plus 2 student shows during the week. The Drama Club raised \$3500. Drama Club can have many positive effects on children, helping them develop both personally and socially. Drama encourages students to express themselves clearly, enhancing verbal and non-verbal communication. They learn how to project their voices, articulate thoughts and engage with others effectively. Huge Shout out to Ms. Magden, Ms. Day and all of our staff, parents and community volunteers for reviving Drama at HBR
- 6) **Citizens Request to Address the Board**
None
- 7) **Presentation**
 - A. PTO
No Report

B. FFA Convention

The National FFA Convention was October 22-25 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The 2024 FFA Student Officer Team along with Advisors Tracy Sanderson and Zoey Dye were able to attend. The students attended workshops, explored the FFA Mall/Career and College Expo, toured Purdue University-Animal Sciences, among many other great events. They shared their positive experience with the board and requested permission to attend the 2025 National Convention.

Tracey Sanderson presented upcoming events for FFA. One being the Christmas Tree and Wreath sale starting November 25th at the HBR Alumni Building.

8) **Committee Update**

A. Buildings, Grounds & Transportation
No Report

B. IVVC
No Report

C. IBCC
No Report

9) **Student Representative Update**

Student representatives Badal, McMurtrie and Casanas presented information on HBR Veterans Day Assembly, the Fall Play, NHS Induction, Sports and School Vandalism.

Leadership Retreat: Two weekends ago HBR had its annual leadership retreat. Despite the rainy weather, everyone had lots of fun. Thank you to Mrs. Larson, and all the teachers who chaperoned for the weekend.

Student Survey: Two weeks ago a survey was sent to high school students asking for feedback on changes in the school. Juniors and Seniors enjoy being able to leave during Flex as long as they have a C or above in every class. Many students submitted that they feel uncomfortable using the bathroom at school due to vaping.

Awareness Assembly: There has been an issue with vaping and vandalism at HBRHS. Some solutions include: assembly to widen the eyes of our students on these issues, issuing tickets from the Village to those vaping on campus, a bathroom monitor, or locking bathroom doors. More discussion to come on this topic.

Paused the Meeting due to technical issues at 7:35pm

Back on line at 7:38pm

10) **Administrative Update**

National Thank a Board Member Day was November 15th and we thank all of our Board Members and Student Representatives for their service.

We recently learned that there are currently ComEd incentives that will cover 50% of the cost for upgrading fluorescent lighting to LED. In working with a ComEd trade ally, TCL Electric, we received an estimate for replacing the ES, MS, and HS lights. The incentives are the highest that they have been in previous years and the funding ends in December 2024. We are excited that COMED approved the ES and MS replacement and in discussion with the BG committee, we recommend moving forward with the replacements. The cost will be \$30K to replace all of the lights per ES and MS (\$60K total). The lights will pay for themselves in approximately 5.5-6 years with energy savings. The incentives end at the close of 2024 and the lights must be purchased and installed by December 13.

The HS will need to be bid without the soccer field lights included. We are in contact with another vendor to quote the HS using the Standard incentive through ComEd. This incentive ends January 31, 2025 so we may still be able to qualify for improving the high school lights this year.

Dr. Sonntag presented our Annual Summative Designation to the board. Schools receive an annual summative designation on the Illinois Report Card. The designation is based on the school's overall data and the data for each student group. The Elementary school received a summative designation from ISBE as Targeted: Children with Disabilities. This means that our students in grades 3-5 last

year with IEPs underperformed in growth in math and reading compared to the state baseline. The ES will enter into a 4 year school improvement plan. We were 1 point from maintaining the rating of Commendable. Student participation in the 5 Essentials Survey in addition to the assessment results impacts our overall summative score resulting in this designation.

11) **Discussion**

A. 2024 IASB Resolutions Committee Responses & Delegate designation

Debi White is no longer able to go to the conference this year and is no longer able to be the Delegate. The Board nominated Abbie Barrett as the Illinois School Board Association Delegate for the November Assembly. They discussed the Resolutions Committee's recommendations and determined how Abbie would vote on HBR's behalf in the Assembly at the Joint Conference on November 23.

12) **Action**

A. Motion to approve the 2024 Tax Levy as presented

Motion to approve the 2024 Tax Levy as presented was made by Deb Winkle and seconded by Greg Pritchard, passed 5-0

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

B. Motion to approve the inter-fund transfer of \$800,000 from the Operations & Maintenance fund to the Capital Outlay fund

Motion to approve the inter-fund transfer of \$800,000 from the Operations & Maintenance fund to the Capital Outlay fund was made by Greg Pritchard and seconded by Abigail Barrett, passed 5-0

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

C. Motion to approve the upgrade of fluorescent lighting to LED lighting with 50% incentive from ComEd at the Elementary and Middle Schools as submitted.

Motion to approve the upgrade of fluorescent lighting to LED lighting with 50% incentive from ComEd at the Elementary and Middle Schools as submitted was made by Darrin Gengler and seconded by Abigail Barrett, passed 5-0

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

13) **FOIA**

A. Smart Procure: current employee/staff contact information

14) **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**-First Issue of Press 117, Advanced Courses to be approved, Vaping solutions resources outside of Hinckley

15) **Adjournment**

The Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 8:21pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Darrin Gengler and seconded by Greg Pritchard, passed 5-0

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

The next regular meeting of the Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429 Board of Education will be December 18th, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Hinckley-Big Rock High School Library.