

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



Building, Grounds & Transportation

June 11, 2025

This meeting begins at 5:00 pm in the Big Rock Park District conference room.

1) Call to Order - Committee meeting of the Hinckley-Big Rock Board of Education

Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedures

2) Roll Call

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Present: Pritchard, Gengler, Holland, Kriesch, Sonntag, Lein

3) Approval of Agenda

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Moved by Pritchard, Seconded by Gengler

4) Citizens' Request to Address the Board

Aaron White, resident, addressed the committee regarding the future use of the 540 W. Lincoln Highway property purchased in December 2024. Mr. White expressed that he is hopeful that the District will consider expanding learning spaces on this property if the additional revenue from the proposed solar field comes to fruition. Additionally, he indicated hope that the potential solar farm project will provide additional revenue for the district to reconsider developing the track facilities at the high school versus the middle school.

Brian Siwicki, Hinckley Area Food Pantry, executive board member attended the meeting to participate in the discussion section of this meeting.

5) Facilities Update

A. HVAC Work at HBRMS

HVAC upgrades at the middle school commenced on June 2, 2025, progressing on schedule. Roof curbing for new units is complete, with controls removed from old units and preparations for glycol flushing underway.

B. High School LED Lighting

Started on June 4, 2025, the upgrade involves replacing existing fixtures in the 600 hallway with new LED strip lights. Despite some material delays, initial progress has been positive, with clean work and good communication observed. The project is expected to be substantially completed by July 11, 2025, with final commissioning scheduled for July 23, 2025.

C. Phone & Internet Upgrade

The network upgrade began on June 2, 2025, with all switches replaced by June 4, 2025. While internet and camera connections are operational, there is an issue with five switches that are not supplying power over Ethernet (PoE), necessary for the new phone system. Heart Technologies is addressing this problem, with server replacement work starting on June 9, 2025. Phone installation is anticipated to begin on June 23, 2025, pending resolution of the switch issue.

Overall, progress across these projects is on track, with ongoing communication and troubleshooting efforts in place.

6) **Discussion**

A. Hinckley Food Pantry Request for Space

On June 4, 2025, a tour of the O&M Building was provided to members of the Hinckley Area Food Pantry board. Discussions highlighted the need for significant renovations and the possibility of demolition being more cost-effective than updates. The board also viewed the bus maintenance area utilized by the district. Brian Siwicki, with HFP, was present for the discussion. He indicated that the food pantry is seeking a long-term commitment. The building would need very expansive and expensive upgrades to the building to meet electrical needs, bring to code, and address ADA compliance. Mr. Siwicki expressed that he was confident that the pantry would be able to receive grant funding for the work needed, but again really wanted to ensure a long term commitment if they were putting money into the building. While the district would welcome a partnership with the food pantry, at this time, the Board expressed that there are many unknowns related to the future needs of the district and does not feel prepared to commit to a long-term use. Dr. Sonntag expressed a desire to meet to discuss alternatives to using the 540 W. Lincoln building.

7) **Adjournment**

The next scheduled meeting of the HBR 429 Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee will be held at 5:00 PM on August 6, 2025, in the District Office Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm with a motion to adjourn submitted by Gengler and seconded by Pritchard.