

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



Building, Grounds & Transportation

October 29, 2025

This meeting begins at 5:00 pm in the district office conference room.

- 1) **Call to Order - Committee meeting of the Hinckley-Big Rock Board of Education**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedures
The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm
- 2) **Roll Call**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
Present: Darrin Gengler
Also Present: Andy Lein, Zane Holland, Brandon Kriesch & Dr. Jessica Sonntag
- 3) **Approval of Agenda**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
Gengler approved the agenda
- 4) **Citizens Request to Address the Board**-none
- 5) **Transportation Update**
No report
- 6) **Facilities Update**

Zane Holland provided an update on the HBRMS plumbing and water issue. The middle school's well pumps water into a storage tank, which is then supplied to the building by a booster pump. Recently, the booster pump failed, preventing water from being pumped into the building. Contractors temporarily rerouted the system so water now flows directly from the main pump into the building, and pressure levels have remained stable. Bill Weirich from *Weirich Well Drilling* is scheduled to conduct a full inspection of the well, tanks, and pump on Tuesday, November 4, while students and staff are out of the building. He will provide a detailed report and recommendations for any necessary improvements, including whether a new booster pump is required.

Brandon Kriesch reviewed options for improving the driveway at 540 W. Lincoln Highway to make it vehicle-passable and allow for a safer student crossing by rerouting traffic. The three most recent cost estimates are:

- Asphalt Millings: \$17,270 for the drive; additional \$7,985 for the east side of the building (bus area) — Total: \$25,255
- Chip Seal: \$38,028 for the drive; additional \$16,808 for the east side — Total: \$54,836
- Asphalt Paving: \$55,700 for the drive; additional \$23,800 for the east side — Total: \$79,500

The committee agreed that asphalt millings appear to be the most practical option at this time, as the future use of the property remains uncertain. Investing in paving or sealing would not be fiscally responsible if future work requires excavation. The millings will create a durable surface that reduces potholes and allows both school and community traffic to safely access the gravel lot.

The committee also noted that the owners of 530 W. Lincoln Highway hold a small portion of the driveway. The district will reach out to the property owners to discuss the project and determine the best path forward.

Aaron White, representing the FFA Alumni, provided an update on the FFA building project. The underground piping inspection was recently completed and approved, and the team expects to finish and close up the floor within the next couple of weeks. Gas lines for heating will be extended from the FFA building to the high school to connect to the existing meter. The FFA Alumni still need approximately \$200,000 in additional funding to bring the project to completion.

7) **Discussion**

The committee discussed the potential impact of the Royal Estates development on future enrollment and agreed it is important to gather updated information on potential facility needs. At this time, the District is not taking any action toward construction or expansion but is simply conducting a no-cost, no-obligation assessment to understand current cost estimates for a possible building addition or new building should enrollment trends indicate a significant future increase. The architects have noted that, if ever needed, a new building project typically takes 2.5 to 3 years from start to completion.

The committee reviewed prior site plans developed by the district's architects, Cordogan Clark, for a track project. In 2019, the architects prepared concept plans for each of the three building sites as part of the master facility planning process. The committee agreed to obtain a no-cost, no-obligation estimate for an eight-lane track at the high school, reflecting current construction costs, to help inform future planning and decision-making.

8) **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm

The next scheduled meeting of the HBR 429 Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee will be held at 5:00 PM on February 4, 2026 in the District Office Conference Room.