

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



Building, Grounds & Transportation

June 13, 2024

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

Dr. Jessica Sonntag called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

2) Roll Call

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Present: Deb Winkle, Greg Pritcahrd and Darrin Gengler

Also Present: Roger Olsen, Zane Holland, Brandon Kriesch and Dr. Jessica Sonntag

3) Approval of Agenda

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Motion to approve the agenda was made by Gengler and seconded by Winkle

Winkle; Yea, Gengler; Yea, Pritchard; Yea, Approved

4) Citizens Request to Address the Board

None

5) Presentation

A. Shawn Ajazi: Solar Incentives

Shawn gave a presentation on Solar options within the district. Options include rooftops or cartops usage at each school. School rooftops are not ideal because of the age of the roofs.

Discussion included possible usage of the bus barn rooftops at the high school.

Community solar subscription program where all 3 buildings would be enrolled with US Solar for a guaranteed 10% savings vs. the ComEd price to compare for 20 years. Battery Energy Storage System, Electric vehicle charging program, and community solar land lease program. Land lease would not be viable for solar so this program will not be explored for HBR.

Shawn also updated the committee on the project that HBR and the Village are partnering for. Developer proposals are being discussed and a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20th to discuss options.

6) Updates and Reports

A. Buildings and Grounds

1. Facilities Improvement Project

2 and ½ weeks in and construction is going well and running on schedule. Zane reported that any obstacles that arise are overcome quickly. Branson Kriesch has a construction meeting every wednesday to keep up with communication. Kriesch has also been working with our summer student workers. They are working hard to move items/furniture in and out of classrooms and around the building.

At the middle school the brick wall of the cafeteria is coming down and creating a lot more space for the cafeteria. Also at the middle school, the 3 lower level classrooms are being worked on and they are checking for moisture levels.

Within the next week, tree cutting and the parking lot at the middle school should begin.

At the Elementary school, a decision to not go through with a door in the locker room for storage was made due to structural issues. Replacing door 3 will take its place since this door does not work properly.

Roger is working on rekeying all buildings in the district.

B. Transportation

Buses 6 and 12 will need to be replaced in SY25. The board members discuss the option to purchase outright instead of leasing.

7) **Discussion**

A. Potential Land Acquisition

Acquisition of 12-13 acres of land was discussed. There are no immediate plans for the use of the land but there are storage buildings already on the property for immediate use. This would be an investment property for the school district.

Greg Pritchard and Jessica Sonntag spoke to land owners and looked at the developed part of the land. Next step would be soil testing and an appraisal.

8) **Adjournment**

The Meeting adjourned at 5:58pm

Motion made by Pritchard and seconded by Winkle

Winkle; Yea, Gengler; Yea, Pritchard; Yea, Approved

The next scheduled meeting of the HBR 429 Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee will be held at 5:00 PM on July 10th, 2024 in the **District Office Conference Room.**