

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



**Building, Grounds & Transportation
February 5th, 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 began at 4:59pm

- 2) **Roll Call**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
Present: Deb Winkle, Greg Pritchard
Also Present: Dr. Jessica Sonntag, Andy Lein, Zane Holland & Brandon Kriesch
Absent: Darrin Gengler

- 3) **Approval of Agenda**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Deb Winkle and seconded by Greg Pritchard passed 2-0
Deb Winkle: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea

- 4) **Citizens Request to Address the Board**
Todd Claxton with Hinckley Area Food Pantry addressed the committee. The HAFP physical location is in Waterman, IL and they would like to return to Hinckley. They are looking for a building/space to share with HBR CUSD 429. Todd is requesting the possibility of sharing the new land purchase building of 540 W Lincoln Highway at little or no cost.

- 5) **Updates and Reports**
 - A. **Buildings & Grounds**

Zane Holland updated the committee with some unexpected repairs this past month. The elementary school needed a roof repair and the middle school ejector pump has failed 2 times this school year so far. A reverse osmosis water filter has been installed at one of the drinking fountains in the middle school to see how it would impact the water. Zane would like to see this be a solution and then be installed at all the drinking fountains.

Brandon Kriesch said he had a positive experience working with TCL putting the new LED lights at the elementary and middle schools. He has been working on getting different quotes for the high school since it's a bigger building and there would be a lot more work involved. Brandon presented different options for maximizing ComEd incentives throughTCL, Besco, and Midwest Mechanical. Discussion on the soccer field lights took place as they could be replaced for 50% of the cost given current incentive offerings from ComEd
 - B. **Transportation**

Andy Lein updated the Committee that the new activity bus a 14 passenger white bus has been delivered.. The first scheduled use is Feb 13th. All remaining buses are in good standing. Andy will present a revised transportation/vehicle replacement schedule in April.

Bus#2 was involved in an accident on Monday, February 3rd. This bus has a forward-facing camera and we can see that the car ran a stop sign. We got this bus last year as a used vehicle. The damage seems to be mostly cosmetic.

6) **Discussion**

A. 540 W Lincoln Highway

1. Land Survey

A boundary survey was completed.

Easement Options

Dr. Sonntag spoke with HBR attorney and they recommended that each homeowner have their own easement agreement providing driveway access. Drafts of the proposed easement agreements will be provided for the Board to review.

The committee discussed quotes on options for refinishing the driveway in order to redirect the elementary traffic pattern. It would require asphalt and new stone to be around \$44-\$59k.

2. Building Usage

Todd Claxon has requested that the Board consider space sharing with the Hinckley Food Area Pantry. There would be many necessary upgrades to the existing electrical system and occupancy code requirements to do this. Andy Lein is already utilizing one of the buildings for traditional maintenance. Minor electrical and plumbing updates have been completed for equipment usage. Committee discussed usage and repairs needed on the buildings.

B. Solar Update

Dr. Sonntag and Mr. Kriesch participated in a meeting with Village and Progressive representatives on January 29. At this time, it is more cost-effective and efficient for the Village to proceed with the solar field independent of the district. Dr. Sonntag stated that there would be an opportunity to tap into the field at a later date if the Board desires. The Committee will consider alternative options for solar that could reduce our electrical expenses.

7) **Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 6:15pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Greg Pritchard and seconded by Deb Winkle passed 2-0

Deb Winkle: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea

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