

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



**Board Retreat
June 11, 2025**

The meeting begins at 6:00 PM in the Big Rock Park District Conference Room .

1) Call to Order - Regular Meeting of the Hinckley-Big Rock Board of Education

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by President Greg Pritchard

2) Roll Call

Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure

Present: Jack Haines, Darrin Gengler, Abigail Barrett, Myia Sittig, Tim Badal, Greg Pritchard

Absent: Debi White

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Jessica Sonntag, Middle School Principal Kim Torman, Elementary School Principal Deb Hervey, Director of Student Services Bonnie Osborne and Director of Operations Brandon Kriesch.

3) Approval of the Agenda

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Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jack Haines and seconded by Abigail Barrett, passed 6-0

Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea

4) Citizens Request to Address the Board

None

5) Discussion

A. A year in review

The administrative team gave a year in review using HBR's Portrait of A Learner as the framework for the update; Adapt, Contribute, Collaborate, Think Critically and Problem Solve. Demonstrating how each skill was emphasized this year from students and staff. Adaptability: students and staff demonstrating resilience and flexibility while transitioning through the ACT and IAR scheduling and embracing new curriculum changes. Contribute: students engaged in community service across all grade levels. Initiatives like the district-wide Service Day that included activities like clean ups and care package assembly. Collaborate: this includes coordinating events like the Prom Crash reenactment, working with local first responders and staff. Think Critically: Students participated in activities like Shark Tank and the Wax Museum along with courses like Creative Writing and CTE Internship. Problem Solve: Our operational leaders tackled outdated systems with new technology solutions, while teachers used data to plan interventions and enrichments.

The Special Olympics was highlighted as a milestone for HBR as it launched its first ever Special Olympics team this year. A continuation of our District's commitment to inclusion and student opportunity. A huge shout out to Coach Zill for her leadership and dedication in bringing the vision to life.

Operations had a big year of improvements. This included launching a new maintenance request system and tracking its progress weekly with team meetings, facility improvements like LED lighting at all 3 buildings and the soccer field, HVAC upgrades, fence replacements, phone and server upgrades just to name a few.

Also a shout out to our transportation team who supported 63 field trips and 151 athletic events this school year. Their flexibility and problem solving ensured every transportation need was met.

Motion to Enter Executive Session at 8:36pm

This motion, made by Darrin Gengler and seconded by Abigail Barrett, passed 6-0

Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea

6) **Executive Session**

A.

1. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

The Board discussed the easements for the land acquisition of 540 W Lincoln Hwy, Hinckley, IL 60520

- B. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

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- C. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees

The Board discussed the Superintendent's evaluation

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 10:25pm

This motion, made by Jack Haines and seconded by Darrin Gengler, passed 6-0

Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea

7) **Adjournment**

The Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 10:26pm

Motion was made by Jack Haines and seconded by Tim Badal, passed 6-0

Abigail Barrett: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Jack Haines: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea

The next regular meeting of the Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429 Board of Education will be June 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Hinckley-Big Rock High School Library.