

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



**Building, Grounds & Transportation**

**April 2, 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: Deb Winkle, Greg Pritchard, Darrin Gengler  
Also Present: Andy Lein, Zane Holland & Brandon Kriesch  
Absent: Dr. Jessica Sonntag
- 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 Darrin Gengler passed 3-0  
Deb Winkle: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea
- 4) **Citizens Request to Address the Board**  
Todd Claxton addressed the Committee on behalf of the Hinckley Area Food Pantry for a follow up on shared space to use for the Pantry with HBR School District.
- 5) **Updates and Reports**
  - A. **Transportation**  
Andy Lein updated the Committee on an updated transportation replacement schedule. The previous transportation replacement schedule was mainly dependent on staff capacity and the limitations of our facilities. With the expansion into the new building on 540 W Lincoln Hwy, we can now extend the replacement schedule by a considerable amount. Currently we are using the vehicles for a duration of 5 years but with the extended replacement schedule Mr. Lien is looking at 8+ years of use.
  - B. **Buildings & Grounds**  
There are 2 primary maintenance concerns at 540 W Lincoln; the roof and adequate heating. The larger section of the building is being utilized for bus maintenance and will have pallet racking installed to create storage space. Where the pallet racking will be, the roof is currently leaking. A quote from STA for spraying an insulation layer and then applying an elastomeric roof coating that would be a significant savings over new steel. After initial application, the coating could be reapplied in future years to continue to extend the life of the roof. The installation cost is estimated at \$66,550. Deb Winkle brought up a possibility of just overlaying a new steel roof on top of what we currently have to cut the roof removal cost. Miller Engineering reviewed the space and recommended radiant tube heaters along the north wall and unit heaters by the main garage doors to maintain winter heat. The current unit heaters are not adequate for the space and some are non-functional. The cost for this work would be estimated at \$27,992.
- 6) **Discussion**
  - A. **FY26 Projects**  
Summer projects are currently being planned, including the installation of air handler units 1 and 2 at the middle school scheduled June 2nd. Also at the middle school a glycol flush and replacement in the HVAC system due to a bacteria contamination. Technology updates also scheduled for summer include upgrades to servers, switches and phone systems district wide.

Additional work items for discussion, depending on the budget, include asphalt work on the east side of the elementary school, replacing 2 exterior doors at the elementary and middle schools and installing a new drop ceiling in the elementary school library.

B. Track & Field Area

Brandon Kriesch is currently working on quotes for a 6 or 8 lane track at the middle school. Deb Winkle raised concerns about the current track area potentially being a flood zone, suggesting it should be reassessed before installing a new track. Darrin Gengler asked about including quotes for a long jump and high jump pad as well as the possible need for track lighting. Potential funding could come from Boosters, PTO, Big Rock Lions Club fundraisers or local donations.

Greg Pritchard brought up the fine arts zone at the high school, specifically the seating. Brandon Kriesch received a quote for traditional bleachers at \$130,000 and retractable stadium seating at \$160,000. It may be more cost effective to rebuild the seating risers. The committee will also investigate shifting the theater lights and sound into the gym and raising the stage, so the plays can be viewed from the gym side to allow more seating.

7) **Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 6:24pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Deb Winkle and seconded by Darrin Gengler passed 3-0

Deb Winkle: Yea, Greg Pritchard: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea

The next scheduled meeting of the HBR 429 Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee will be held at 5:00 PM on June 11th, 2025 in the Big-Rock Park District Community Building, 7S405 Madison Street, Big Rock, IL 60511