

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



**Building, Grounds & Transportation  
September 3, 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: Greg Pritchard, 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 and Pritchard approved the agenda
- 4) **Citizens Request to Address the Board**-none
- 5) **Presentation**
  - A. Shawn Ajazi, Progressive Business Solutions: Solar Incentives  
Shawn presented key solar updates to the committee from the One Big Beautiful Bill signed July 4th, 2025. The main takeaway for commercial solar projects is that they must begin construction by July 4th 2026 to receive the federal incentives. Projects starting later in 2026 but still meeting the December 31st, 2027 deadline remain eligible but with tighter margins. Missing these deadlines would mean no federal tax credit. Shawn gave recommendations on where the solar should be placed at the elementary and high schools and broke down the cost and projected savings over a 25 year period.
- 6) **Transportation Update**  
Andy Lien said having the space of the O&M Building has been great, basic maintenance has been much easier to complete as needed. The air compressor piping was updated. Unfortunately, we had a few hiccups at the beginning of the school year with battery failures in some of our large buses. This has been resolved. A new issue of ABS tone rings becoming disconnected from the wheel hub assembly is currently still being resolved.
- 7) **Facilities Update**  
The high school building lights are complete except for a small list of items and setting up the online access portal. These steps should be completed this month.  
The soccer field lights were installed but one light failed and some adjustments are needed for even field coverage. The installer is adding four additional lights at no cost increase to alleviate this lighting concern. These should be installed by Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.  
  
There were some challenges with the network upgrade due to the outdated former setup of the network that had additional components added to it over time. Sorting this out and transitioning to a more cloud-based and orderly approach took some additional time. Some of the new switches were also not set up correctly by the supplier and needed to be replaced under warranty.  
What remains are some final clean up steps with transferring data to the new server with the most impactful step being migrating the printers to the new server. This step should be minimally disruptive but is the only remaining step that has the possibility of impacting users.
- 8) **Discussion**

The driveway at 540 W Lincoln Highway was discussed. Dr. Sonntag expressed interest in rerouting the elementary staff through that driveway; however, the potholes are too deep to safely drive a typical low-profile vehicle. Zane Holland will investigate a potential solution to fix the potholes, including using ground-up asphalt as a base. The clean up of the grounds at this site was also discussed. The clean up that the previous owners paid for included removing the conveyor track and concrete molds. Zane and Brandon Kriesch will reach out to the contractor to finish this clean up.

The Facilities Improvement Project was also discussed. Dr. Sonntag would like to start to revisit the improvement project for phases 2 and 3 to see what should be accomplished in the next 5-7 years.

As homes are added to our community there may be an eventual need for expanding our facilities. Darrin Gengler would like to discuss what an expansion would look like at our next meeting.

9) **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm

The next scheduled meeting of the HBR 429 Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee will be held at 5:00 PM on October 29th, 2025 in the District Office Conference Room.