

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



Building, Grounds & Transportation

February 4, 2026

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 4:56pm
- 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
Aaron White, Citizen
- 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. Midwest Design Build
Olivia and Dan from Midwest Design Build presented a no-cost assessment for a potential future expansion project at the elementary school if enrollment trends indicate a need for such work; additionally, they presented on a stadium redesign at the high school, which included a new 8-lane track and soccer field renovation. The discussion focused on a build-to-budget estimate for the full scope of work. Modifications to the bus barn to support new CTE programs were reviewed, along with potential leasing and financing options.
- 6) **Transportation Update**
 - A. Vehicle Replacement Schedule
Bus 19 is 13 years old, and the cost of ongoing repairs now exceeds the vehicle's overall value and reliability. It is recommended that the bus be traded in and replaced with a new vehicle, estimated at \$97,400. This expense would be incorporated into the FY27 budget.
Currently, HBR operates 3 Transit vehicles that are used for regular routes. It is recommended that a 4th Transit be acquired specifically for athletic use. The proposed vehicle would accommodate 9 passengers plus the driver, and would be eligible to be driven by coaches and sponsors after completing the required training.
- 7) **Facilities Updates**
 - A. Middle School well
The middle school's well pumps water into a storage tank, which is then supplied to the building by a booster pump. Back in October 2025, the booster pump failed, preventing water from being pumped into the building. Contractors temporarily rerouted the system so water now flows directly from the main pump into the building, and pressure levels have remained stable. This is known to be a temporary fix. Zane Holland is recommending that the current system be reconfigured to improve reliability. He recommends the following:
 - Permanently eliminate the underground storage tank and booster pump from the system.
 - Drill a second, deeper well (approximately 300 feet) to access a separate aquifer and improve water supply reliability.

- Connect both the existing well pump and the new well pump directly to the pressure tanks.
- Configure the system so that either well can be manually selected, allowing for straightforward switching between wells while minimizing system complexity and potential future failures.
- Designate the well with the superior water quality as the primary water source, with the second well serving as a backup when needed.

Zane spoke to K&K Drilling and received a preliminary estimate of \$33,500.50. This would also be worked into the FY27 Budget.

8) **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm

The next scheduled meeting of the HBR 429 Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee will be held at 5:00 PM on April 1st, 2026 in the District Office Conference Room.