

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



Building, Grounds & Transportation

June 3, 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: Debi White, Zane Holland, Brandon Kriesch & Dr. Jessica Sonntag
- 3) **Approval of Agenda**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Gengler and seconded by Pritchard, passed 2-0
Greg Pritchard: Yea, Darrin Gengler: Yea
- 4) **Citizens Request to Address the Board**
Barb Watne addressed the committee to request permission to use the sidewalk located along the east side of HBR Elementary School, which runs north and south between the school and Miller, for travel by golf cart or other motorized vehicles that can safely fit on the path. Ms. Watne explained that the alternative route requires travel on Route 30, which she believes presents a safety concern.
- 5) **Discussion: Golf Cart Use on School Property Pedestrian Paths**
The committee discussed the types of motorized vehicles that may be permitted on school grounds and pathways, as well as related safety considerations. The placement of signage at both ends of the pathway was proposed to communicate usage requirements and restrictions.
- 6) **Transportation Update**
Dr. Sonntag presented the concept of offering the District's vehicle maintenance services to neighboring school districts. Several districts have expressed interest in utilizing the District's shop and mechanic, Andy Lein, for annual vehicle maintenance. The committee discussed considerations related to liability and scheduling to ensure that services provided to other districts would not interfere with HBR's vehicle maintenance needs.
- 7) **Facilities Update**
Brandon Kriesch provided the committee with an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) budget outlook. He reported that increasing costs for labor, materials, and utilities continue to place pressure on the District's O&M operating budget. In developing the FY27 budget, priority has been given to projects that are deemed most necessary or impactful, while maximizing the efficiency of the District's maintenance team to help control costs. Based on these priorities, the FY27 O&M budget is currently projected to remain balanced with a small margin.

Mr. Kriesch noted that two potential projects were not included in the current budget outlook: the high school gym roof and the middle school band room roof. He will obtain proposals from STA for both full roof replacement and repair options for each project and report the findings to the committee.

Mr. Kriesch also presented the maintenance needs of the O&M building. The goal is to improve the building's functionality, maximize its use while minimizing the upkeep costs. Identified needs

include updates to the heating system, replacement of two primary exterior doors, key card access controls, and necessary roof repairs.

The committee reviewed potential next steps for these major projects, including conducting a Health, Life, and Safety survey in the 2027–28 school year; issuing a request for proposals for architects to develop another phased facilities plan, and engaging in community outreach to keep the public informed throughout the process.

8) **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting at was made by Pritchard and seconded by Gengler, passed 2-0

Greg Pritchard: Aye, Darring Gengler: Aye

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