

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



Regular Meeting

April 15, 2026

The meeting begins at 6:30 PM in the Hinckley-Big Rock High School Library.
This meeting is also live streamed for public
viewing: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcNJ6ijnqwe0nF8UpSCsB8A>.

- 1) **Call to Order - Regular Meeting of the Hinckley-Big Rock Board of Education**
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Greg Pritchard
- 2) **Roll Call**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
Present: Greg Pritchard, Darrin Gengler, Debi White, Myia Sittig, Tim Badal and Abigail Barrett
Also Present: Dr. Jessica Sonntag and Student Representative Savannah McMurtrie, Alex Casanas and Matthew Badal
Absent: Jack Haines
- 3) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4) **Approval of the Agenda**
Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Abigail Barrett and seconded by Darrin Gengler, passed 6-0,
Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea
- 5) **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **Minutes** - Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes
 - B. **Treasurer's Report**
 - C. **Bills and Payroll**
 - D. **Personnel Report**Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Abigail Barrett and seconded by Myia Sittig, passed 6-0,
Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea
- 6) **Royal Shout Out**
This month the Board highlighted the Drama Club and Mr. Karjer for his leadership. Approximately 40 students in middle school and high school participate in Drama Club each week. Recently, the club led by Mr. Harker and Ms. Day performed the Twelfth Night for our community. HBR students are continuing to develop their skills and love for this club.
- 7) **Citizens Request to Address the Board-None**
- 8) **Presentation- FFA Annual Update**
Hinckley-Big Rock Agricultural Instructors, Tracey Sanderson and Zoey Dye presented the FFA Annual Update to the Board. They highlighted the activities the FFA participated in this school year and the upcoming events.
- 9) **Committee Updates**
 - A. IBCC
Did not meet this month. The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 13th, 2026 in the HBRHS Library.
 - B. IVVC
IVVC met on April 1st, 2026. HBR enrollment for the 26-27 school year has declined but we are still sending 30 HBR juniors and Seniors to the program. Top course selections for our students

are CNA and EMT. IVVC is excited to offer Aviation next year. Awards night is April 28th at 5:30pm at Waubensee Community College.

- C. Buildings, Grounds & Transportation
BG&T Committee met on April 1st, 2026. The FFA Alumni provided an update on the building status. Additionally, plans for vehicle replacement and future facility improvements, including a new middle school well, were discussed.

10) **Student Representative Update**

Students Representatives McMurtrie, Casanas and Badal highlighted several end of the year events and recapped Service Day and the final Royal Rumble. They expressed concern about the number of high school students who get “signed out” to leave during these events because they are what help to build our high school spirit. This was the last board meeting for McMurtrie, Casanas and Badal prior to the May 17th graduation ceremony.

11) **Administrative Update**

- A. 26-27 Planning
Dr. Sonntag discussed the recent teachers' institute day on April 10th. Dr. Sonntag is doing a community discussion on the Digital Delusion by Jared Conney Horvath. The admin team has read and discussed this and is now opening up to an all-staff read and community discussion. HBR will be looking at reducing the use of Chromebooks at home and in the classrooms due to studies showing the harm on students' learning, attention, memory and critical thinking when overused or poorly implemented.
- B. 3rd Quarter Financial Update
The fiscal report looks on track with our budget. Dr. Sonntag is working to reduce the deficit, working hard to cut costs where we can while meeting the needs of our students.
- C. 3rd Quarter Goal Update
3rd quarter curriculum mapping is complete. The data to come to the next board meeting.

12) **Discussion**

- A. Board Governance
 - 1. 26/27 Board Officer Elections
 - 2. 26/27 Meeting Schedule
 - 3. Committee Assignments
 - IVVC
 - IBCC
 - BG&T

The Board decided to do the Board Officer Elections as an action item.

The Board discussed the Board of Education meetings dates and agreed to the presented calendar as well as changing the time of the meetings from 6:30pm to 6:00pm start time. The Board also agreed to remove the July Board meeting and to schedule one only if needed.

Committee assignments were discussed and assigned. Debie White will remain on IVCC, Abbie Barrett and Myia Sittig will remain on IBCC and Greg Pritchard and Darrin Gengler will remain on BG&T.

- B. PRESS ISSUE 121 - 1st Read
The Board discussed and pointed out that Article 27 of the school code is being rewritten. There are some changes on OMA and FOIA as well as some impacts on our student handbook but no substantial changes.
- C. Policy Review Section 4: Operational Services (Parts 4:50-4:90)
The Board discussed Board Policy Section 4: Operational Services (Parts 4:50-4:90) as well as language changes in some policies. In May, the Board will review Section 4: Operational Services (Parts 4:100-4:160).

13) **Action**

- A. Board Office Elections
 - 1. Motion to establish Dr. Sonntag as the Chairman PRO TEM
Dr. Jessica Sonntag was nominated as Chairman PRO TEM. This motion was made by Abigail Barrett and seconded by Darrin Gengler, passed 6-0
Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea

2. Nominations for the Office of President for 1-year term
 Motion to nominate Greg Pritchard as President for a 1-year term was made by Tim Badal and seconded by Darrin Gengler, passed 6-0
 Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea
 3. Nominations for the Office of Vice-President for 1-year term
 Motion to nominate Abigail Barrett was made by Tim Badal and seconded by Darrin Gengler, passed 6-0
 Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea
 4. Nominations for the Office of Secretary for 1-year term at -0- salary
 Motion to nominate Jack Haines was made by Abigail Barrett and seconded by Myia Sittig, passed 6-0
 Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea
- B. Motion to approve the Consolidated District Plan as submitted
 Motion to approve the Consolidated District Plan as submitted was made by Abigail Barret and seconded by Debi White, passed 6-0
 Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea
 - C. Motion to approve the Family Engagement Plan as submitted
 Motion to approve the Family Engagement Plan as submitted was made by Tim Badal and seconded by Debi White, passed 6-0
 Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea
 - D. Motion to approve the HBRHS Boys Basketball Overnight trip to University of Dubuque on June 27th and June 28th
 Motion to approve the HBRHS Boys Basketball Overnight trip to University of Dubuque on June 27th and June 28th was made by Darrin Gengler and seconded by Abigail Barrett, passed 6-0
 Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea
 - E. Motion to approve the MOU for dual credit with Highland Community College
 Motion to approve the MOU for dual credit with Highland Community College was made by Darrin Gengler and seconded by Debi White, passed 6-0
 Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea
 - F. Motion to approve the Resolution declaring the intention to issue not to exceed \$275,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and directing that notice of such intention be published as provided by law
 Motion to approve the Resolution declaring the intention to issue not to exceed \$275,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and directing that notice of such intention be published as provided by law was made by Abigail Barrett and seconded by Tim Badal, passed 6-0
 Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea
 - G. Motion to approve the Resolution calling a public hearing concerning the intent to sell not to exceed \$275,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District
 Motion to approve the Resolution calling a public hearing concerning the intent to sell not to exceed \$275,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District was made by Darrin Gengler and seconded by Abigail Barrett, passed 6-0
 Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea

- H. Motion to approve the proposed 26/27 Board meeting dates
Motion to approve the proposed 26/27 Board meeting dates was made by Debi White and seconded by Tim Badal, passed 6-0
Darrin Gengler: Yea, Debi White: Yea, Myia Sittig: Yea, Abigail Barrett: Yea, Tim Badal: Yea and Greg Pritchard: Yea

14) **Seating of the New Student Board Representatives**

- Katarina Genger
- Meegan Kubinski
- Beckett Neibert

Katatina Gengler, Meegan Kubinski and Beckett Neibert were seated as Student Board Representatives and read the Student Board Representatives' Oath of Office.

15) **FOIA**

- Sheri Reid, Smart Procure, Purchasing 12/22/2025 to current.
- Justin Wenig, All purchase orders and/or payment records for non-person/vendor entities, such as companies, organizations, or contractors from January 1, 2025 to current date
- Deltek, Inc., FMSC Invitation for Bid packet

16) **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

17) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Debi White and seconded by Tim Badal, passed 6-0 at 8:03pm with a unanimous voice vote, Aye

Darrin Gengler: Aye, Debi White: Aye, Tim Badal: Aye, Myia Sittig: Aye, Abigail Barrett: Aye and Greg Pritchard: Aye

The next regular meeting of the Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429 Board of Education will be May 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Hinckley-Big Rock High School Library.