

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



**Building, Grounds & Transportation**

**April 1, 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 4:59pm

**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) Presentation: FFA Building Update**

Aaron White and Nan Long from the HBR FFA Alumni Association provided the BG&T Committee with an update on the FFS building project at HBRHS. Phase 1 has been completed at a total cost of \$136,625. The Association is currently working through Phase 2 of the three phase project. Framing and concrete work have been completed, and estimates for plumbing and fixtures are pending. Phase 2 is projected to cost approximately \$300,000, with labor being provided by local volunteers. The project has experienced some unexpected delays due to staff changes and increased building material costs. The Association is seeking financial contributions to support completion of the building and may offer donor recognition through engraved sidewalk bricks or a sponsor plaque on the building. The anticipated opening date will depend on available funding. The committee also discussed the appropriate timing for district involvement in certain design features.

**5) Discussion**

**A. Transportation Update**

Andy Lein, HBR Fleet Manager, presented the new bus and van replacement schedule. This schedule balances out the fleet to where the district is not replacing multiple buses or other vehicles at one time. The district is looking at replacing Bus 19 with a full size wheelchair lift, estimated at \$97,400, as well as adding a new transit, estimated at \$65,129.

**B. Facilities Update**

HBR Director of Operations, Brandon Kriesch, reviewed the projects completed over Spring Break. District-wide, printers and copiers were replaced, and preparations continued on athletic fields for baseball, softball, soccer, and track. At the middle school, the HVAC project was finalized with air balancing. The elementary school received new mulch, and at the high school, a shot clock was installed in the main gym to meet IHSA requirements for varsity basketball games.

**C. Future Facilities Work**

Projected FY27 projects include a well installation at the middle school, with Zane Holland coordinating with K&K Drilling on an estimated cost of \$41,625 and a tentative start this summer; this project will be fully grant funded by the School Maintenance Grant. At the high school, Mr. Kriesch is planning to replace the Fine Arts Zone seating with portable risers, estimated at \$34,000, partially covered with the remainder of the School Maintenance Grant. Additionally, district wide replacement of Wi-Fi access points is planned, with an estimated cost of \$22,234.

Projected FY28 projects will include the following:

- Paving plans at the O&M building
- O&M Roof
- HBRHS gym floor resand and repaint
- HBRHS roof
- HVAC replacement cycle
- Greenhouse maintenance plans
- New track

6) **Citizens Request to Address the Board**-None

7) **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm

The next scheduled meeting of the HBR 429 Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee will be held at 5:00 PM on June 3rd, 2026 in the District Office Conference Room.