

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
November 25, 2024**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Ritzville School District #160-67 and Lind School District #158 was held in the Lind-Ritzville Middle School Collaboration Room on November 25, 2024. The following members were in attendance:

Lind School Board Members:	Adam Labes	Greg Schmunk
	Jim Weidemann	Breanne Williamson
Ritzville School Board Members:	Erin Repp	Tia Kubik
	Scott Carruth	

Lind Chair Labes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lind Chair Labes called the Lind School Board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Director Starring was excused.

Lind Director Weidemann moved to approve the October 28, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Director Williamson seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Williamson moved to approve the agenda. Lind Director Schmunk seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Schmunk moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$109,165.28, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$88,079.82, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$486.09, Capital Projects Accounts Payable - \$65,898.58, Payroll for November 29, 2024 - \$365,517.43, Non-substantial update to School Board Policies 5011 Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment of District Staff Prohibited and 5012 Parental, Family, or Marital Status, and Pregnancy of Related Conditions of Staff, Accept Recommendation for HS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach - James Saetre, Accept Recommendation for HS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach - Trevor Jantz, Accept Recommendation for MS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach - Kevin Proszek. Lind Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Chair Repp called the Ritzville School Board meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. Director Phillips was excused.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to approve the October 28, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Carruth moved to approve the agenda. Ritzville Director Kubik seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$228,200.86, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$88,079.82, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$21,021.81, Payroll for November 29, 2024 - \$450,518.99, Non-substantive revisions and changes to School Board Policies 5011 Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment of District Staff Prohibited and 5012 Parental, Family, or Marital Status, and Pregnancy of Related Conditions of Staff, Accept Recommendation for HS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach - James Saetre, Accept Recommendation for HS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach - Trevor Jantz, Accept Recommendation for MS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach - Kevin Proszek. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Joint Items

Legislative Update

Superintendent Vanderholm updated the boards on Legislative news, sharing the upcoming Legislative session will have a new format for January. He also shared that it will be important to have strong representation during the session to address funding for MSOC, special education and transportation.

Reports to the Board

Students & School Programs

Student Representative Report

Lind-Ritzville High School Student Representative, Cicely Herrera and Addy Colbert, shared an update on events happening at LRHS, including Winterfest activities, Bikes for Tikes and winter sports. They also shared that Washington State University and Eastern Washington University registrars visited the high school and offered on-site admissions for seniors. LRHS had thirteen students meet with the registrars and was accepted into WSU or EWU University for the 2025 school year.

Principals' Report

LRMS Teacher, Nick Weishaar gave a report on Camp Wooten. He explained that the 6th grade class, along with other area schools, attends camp each September. He spoke about the different activities and experiences students participate in and how important it is for our students to attend. He also shared some information about the Outdoor School grants the district has received and how the funds have been used to update equipment, buy food and to purchase a trailer that is used to store and haul supplies to camp.

RGS Principal Tanner LaTour, LES Principal Sarah Dinkins, LRMS Principal Don Walker and LRHS Principal Kevin Terris all shared their School Improvement Plans with the Boards. The plans were also distributed to the Board of Directors in the board packets.

LRMS Principal Don Walker reported on the four-day school week committee. The committee, made up of parents, staff and students, has met twice and discussed concerns and possible solutions for many topics such as, student well-being, transportation logistics, access to vulnerable students, impacts on staff and athletics. The 19 committee members held an informal

vote, and the results were: 18 yes votes to switch to a 4-day week, 1 maybe vote and 0 no votes. The person who voted maybe has concerns about student access to food and support on non-school days. They also informally voted on calendar preferences, with the 150-day calendar without Fridays received 11 votes and the 154-day calendar with Fridays received 6 votes. Mr. Walker shared information about the Community forums that are scheduled for December 9 in Ritzville and December 10 in Lind. He shared that he has reached out to other school districts that have gone to a four-day week and could not find any that have gone back to a five-day week. The school board will need to decide at the January meeting to move forward with applying for the necessary state waivers.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Vanderholm reported that end of year fiscal reports are completed and certified for both districts. Each district's ending fund balance for 2023-2024 were higher than originally projected. He credited it to conservative budgeting and the cost-saving measures implemented.

Superintendent Vanderholm shared grant news, the district did not get the National COPS Safety grant. He explained that the applications far exceeding the funding available. He shared that Lind is still in the running for the zero scape project and has been invited to meet with the Hazard Mitigation Program Assistant, Emergency Management Division (EMD), Washington Military Department to discuss additional funding opportunities.

Mr. Vanderholm spoke about Safety and Wellness, sharing that at a recent Regional School Safety discussion, he along with two other Superintendents, were asked to share their recent experiences with school safety threats and the process they followed. He shared that Jason McPherson and Britney Roetcsender, from ESD101 came to LRHS and met with staff members who wanted to discuss the recent safety threat experience with a counselor. Mr. Vanderholm and Mr. Terris gave a brief update on the threat assessment process, now at Level 2. LRHS was awarded a \$15,000 grant to provide nutritional snacks for our athletic program. LRHS athletes can visit the Bronco Refueling Station before every away event.

Superintendent Vanderholm reported on Leading and Learning, sharing that the each buildings School Improvement Plans support the Strategic Plan. He reported there has been continued growth at the elementary level in the newer math and ELA curriculums. He also shared that both Lind and Ritzville Districts have received the status of full certification for the 2024-25 school year, and we have all the required courses, offerings and activities needed for compliance.

Other topics Mr. Vanderholm shared information about included the concrete was poured for the outdoor basketball courts at LRHS. Ritzville will need to upgrade the 4-wheeler plow equipment. Community events included Coffee with the Superintendent, Lind PTO movie night and a Cooperative night with Screenagers.

Superintendent Vanderholm presented 2023-24 Annual Report to the Boards. He highlighted the districts commitment to academic excellence, student well-being, and community engagement. This year, the district continued to implement policies and programs that enhance student learning and operational efficiency. Mr. Vanderholm explained that the report reflects the district's ongoing dedication to fostering a safe, innovative, and inclusive learning environment for all students. The report was distributed to the Board of Directors in the board packets.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

After the second reading, Lind Director Williamson moved for Approval of Policy 6690 Contracting for Transportation Services Lind Director Schmunk seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

After the second reading, Ritzville Director Kubik moved for Approval of Policy 6690 Contracting for Transportation Services. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

After the second reading, Lind Director Schmunk moved for Approval of Policy 6220 Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements. Lind Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

After the second reading, Ritzville Director Carruth moved for Approval of Policy 6220 Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements. Ritzville Director Kubik seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

After the second reading, Lind Director Williamson moved for Approval of Policy 6550 Capitalization Threshold for Leases and Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs) Lind Director Schmunk seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

After the second reading, Ritzville Director Kubik moved for Approval of Policy 6550 Capitalization Threshold for Leases and Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs). Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Weidemann moved to Approve the 2024 Annual Report. Lind Director Williamson seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Carruth moved to Approve the 2024 Annual Report. Ritzville Director Kubik seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Financial Reports - No additional information to report, monthly financial reports were provided to the board.

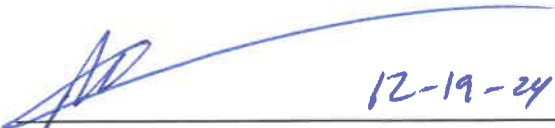
Other Reports - There was nothing to report.

Board Member Reports - Superintendent Vnaderholm reported that he and Ritzville Director Phillips attended the WSSDA conference, sharing the keynote speaker reminded the attendees that it is our responsibility to prepare students for their tomorrow rather than for our 'past'.

A ten minute recess was taken. At 8:08 PM, an Executive Session (per - RCW 42.30.110) was called, for approximately 20 minutes with no action to follow.

The Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

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Secretary to the Board