

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
October 28, 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 High School Collaboration Room on October 28, 2024. The following members were in attendance:

Ritzville School Board Members:	Erin Repp	Tia Kubik
	Scott Carruth	

Lind School Board Members:	Adam Labes	Greg Schmunk
	Jim Weidemann	Kevin Starring

Ritzville Chair Repp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ritzville Chair Repp called the Ritzville School Board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to approve the September 23, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Phillips moved to approve the agenda. Ritzville Director Carruth 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 - \$259,508.72, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$72,884.64, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$17,679.16, Payroll for October 31, 2024 - \$442,727.79, Accept Recommendation for MS Assistant Wrestling Coach - Walter Crow , Accept Recommendation for HS Golf Coach - Bryce Court. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Weidemann called the Lind School Board meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. Director Schmunk and Chair Labes were excused.

Lind Director Williamson moved to approve the September 23, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Starring moved to approve the agenda. Lind 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 Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$ 112,542.03, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$72,884.64, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$726.58, Payroll for October 31, 2024 -

\$354,616.98, Accept Recommendation Migrant Recruiter/Records Clerk - Yesenia Herrera, Accept Recommendation for MS Assistant Wrestling Coach - Walter Crow, Accept Recommendation for HS Golf Coach - Bryce Court. Lind Director Starring 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 that upcoming Legislative session will be starting soon. Funding for MSOC, special education and transportation will be addressed by every educational organization. He also shared that the Legislature did not anticipate the number of students that enrolled in Transitional Kindergarten and because of that it is grossly underfunded. The Legislature will address this early in the session before funding runs out in February.

Reports to the Board

Students & School Programs

Student Representative Report

Lind-Ritzville High School Student Representative, Cicely Herrera, shared an update on events happening at LRHS, including Homecoming activities, FBLA Fall Leadership Conference, National FFA results and parent and student conferences. She gave a staff shout-out to Mr. Williams, Ms. Sanderson, Mr. Greenwalk and Ms. Koch for their time and effort they put into the activities at LRHS.

Principals' Report

LRHS Teacher, Thomas Pulliam, along with LRHS student, John Stromberger, spoke about his experiences during Phase 2 of the Washington Aeronautics Scholars Program. Phase 2 was at the Museum of Flight in Seattle and his team was responsible for making tools, suits and habitats in order to be able to work on Mars. Phase 2 provides students the opportunity to work with STEM professionals, NASA scientists, university students, and STEM educators.

LRMS Principal Don Walker gave an update on the interest in a four day school week for our district. He sent a survey to staff to determine if staff would be in favor of exploring what a four day school week would look like in our district. Of the sixty three staff members that completed the survey, 87.3% were in favor of creating a committee to further explore and 12% were against it. He will move forward with committee to continue exploring options and will update the Boards at the November meeting. If the board and communities would like to move forward with a four day week, the district would need to apply for one of the thirty waivers available no later than February.

Principal reports from RGS Principal Tanner LaTour, LES Principal Sarah Dinkins, LRMS Principal Don Walker and LRHS Principal Kevin Terris were distributed to the Board of Directors in the board packets this month.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Vanderholm shared some great grant news, the district is now on the list for the Small Schools Modernization program and as long as our plans get approved the district would receive the funding. Worked with an architect firm to do a needs assessment for LES, RGS and LRMS and will continue to work with architects and submit the plan. LRMS was awarded \$27,500 for the computer science education program and a \$5000 from Google for Robotics supplies.

Other items discussed were, LES ADA concrete work is almost completed and will install interior doors over Christmas break. Superintendent Vanderholm also gave an update on enrollment, Lind is up twenty-two students from budget and Ritzville is up thirty students from budget. He also reported that there are twenty-four students enrolled in the LR Academy and six in LR Connects.

Superintendent Vanderholm reported on the districts Crisis Communication and the timeline from the school-wide threat that occurred in October. This was a detailed report from start to finish of the safety threat situation. He noted that he will be working on a communication protocol to keep process running smoothly. Jason McPherson, Threat Assessment Coordinator from NorthEast Washington ESD 101 and Brittany Roetcisoender, Director of Safety Center, joined the meeting by Zoom, and talked about his role in the threat assessment process and why it is important to follow the process.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

After the second reading, Ritzville Director Carruth moved for Approval of Policy 3432 Emergencies. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

After the second reading, Lind Director Starring moved for Approval of Policy 3432 Emergencies Lind Director Williamson 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 3246 Restraint, Isolation, And Other Uses of Reasonable Force. 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 Williamson moved for Approval of Policy 3246 Restraint, Isolation, And Other Uses of Reasonable Force. Lind Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Phillips moved to Approve Resolution 2024-25 01 Minimum 180-Day School Year Waiver. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Williamson moved to Approve Resolution 24-25 01 Minimum 180-Day School Year Waiver. Lind Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

There was a first reading of 6690 Contracting for Transportation Services.

There was a first reading of 6220 Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements.

There was a first reading of 6550 Capitalization Threshold for Leases and Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs).

Superintendent Vanderholm explained what MBLC Fellows Program is and what his role would be and that there would be no added expense for the district that this program is paid for through a grant. Such an opportunity is referenced in the superintendent contract and so Mr. Vanderholm wanted to inform the board and request their approval.

Ritzville Director Phillips moved to Approve MBLC Fellows Program- Written consent for the Superintendent to undertake other professional duties. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Starring moved to Approve MBLC Fellows Program- Written consent for the Superintendent to undertake other professional duties. Director Starring wanted it to be noted that there should be no added expense to the district. Lind Director Williamson 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 - There was nothing to report.

A ten minute recess was taken. At 8:08 PM, an Executive Session (per - RCW 42.30.110) was called, for approximately 40 minutes with no action to follow.

The Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.



Chairman/Date

11/25/2024



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Secretary to the Board