

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
September 23, 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 September 23, 2024. The following members were in attendance:

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

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 Williamson was excused.

Lind Director Weidemann moved to approve the August 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes. 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 agenda. Lind 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 Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$58,210.93, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$30,859.05, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$0, Capital Projects Accounts Payable - \$463.41, Payroll for September 30, 2024 - \$345,567.74, Accept Recommendation of HS Volleyball C Team Coach - Grace Fedie, Accept Recommendation of MS Volleyball Assistant Coach - Rene Arlt, Accept Recommendation of HS Cross Country Coach - Kevin Proszek, Approve non-substantial editorial revisions and changes to policy 2410 - High School Graduation Requirements, Approve non-substantial editorial revisions and changes to policy 5404 - Family, Medical, and Maternity Leave. 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 6:32 P.M. with Director Kubik joining by phone to establish a quorum. Director Phillips was excused.

Ritzville Director Carruth moved to approve the August 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes. 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 agenda. Ritzville 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 Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$88,697.84, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$30,859.05, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$7,134.47, Payroll for September 30, 2024 - \$439,740.10, Accept Recommendation of HS Volleyball C Team Coach - Grace Fedie, Accept Recommendation of MS Volleyball Assistant Coach - Rene Arlt, Accept Recommendation of HS Cross Country Coach - Kevin Proszek, Accept Recommendation of RGS Preschool/SPED Paraprofessional - Aydriann Martel, Approve non-substantial editorial revisions and changes to policy 2410 - High School Graduation Requirements, Approve non-substantial editorial revisions and changes to policy 5404 - Family, Medical, and Maternity Leave. Ritzville Director Kubik 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 Superintendent of Public Instruction Reykdal submitted his budget request to the state. It was noted that currently, forty-three percent of the state budget goes to fund education whereas in 2019 it was fifty percent. Right now, the state is not fully funding basic education. The focus will be to increase 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, shared an update on events happening at LRHS, including Friday Kickstart meetings, class officers, fall sports and upcoming events. She gave a staff shout-out to Mrs. Nichols and Mr. Hodgson for working hard and helping prepare students for graduation.

Principals' Report

FBLA Advisor, Steve Greenwalt, along with FBLA members Brix Curtis and Jackson Nichols shared their experiences at the FBLA National Conference which was held in Orlando, FL this past summer. They reported that Brix Curtis earned fourth place in Sales. They thanked the board for their support and would like to have more members qualify for Nationals this year.

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

Cooperative Report

Facilities and Grounds Supervisor, Zach Gardner, reported on summer projects and they are already starting to prep for winter weather. He also spoke about the middle school football field and Lind Elementary playground and the steps that were taken to water and regrow the grass. He reported that although they did not get the results he was hoping for, the middle school football team is using the field for practice and home games. Mr. Gardner shared they will reseed bare spots and work on sprinklers, but being able to use more water would make the

biggest impact. Mr. Vanderholm shared that the district has pre-applied for a federal FEMA grant that would fund areas of zero-scape in Lind, more water then could go towards football and play fields.

Superintendent Vanderholm shared some great grant news, although it will still need to be approved through the State budget, the district was awarded the ELF grant for \$830,000 to help fund the childcare facility. He explained there are some other funding pieces that still need to fall into place and that he met with the city of Ritzville to discuss partnering for the required matching funds. The next step will be to present to the Ritzville City Council.

Other items shared included the Annual Safety Assessment was conducted with the emphasis of developing communication and coordination with outside agencies for support during a crisis or major event. Mr. Vanderholm shared that the district needs to practice better communication within the district for every drill. He also shared that the administration team reviewed the Strategic Learning Plan and how they are going to support it in their buildings.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

After the second reading, Lind Director Weidemann moved for Approval of Policy 3205 Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment of Students Prohibited. 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 Carruth moved for Approval of Policy 3205 Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment of Students Prohibited. 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 Schmunk moved for Approval of Policy 3206 Pregnant and Parenting Students. Lind Director Starring 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 3206 Pregnant and Parenting Students. 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 Starring moved for Approval of Policy 3230 Searches of Students and Student Privacy. 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 3230 Searches of Students and Student Privacy. Ritzville Director Kubik seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Weidemann moved to Approve FFA Out of State Travel per Board Policy 2320. Lind Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Carruth moved to Approve FFA Out of State Travel per Board Policy 2320. Ritzville Director Kubik seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Starring moved to Approve Out of Endorsement Teaching Assignments . Lind Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to Approve Out of Endorsement Teaching Assignments. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

There was a first reading of 3432 Emergencies.

There was a first reading of 3246 Restraint, Isolation, And Other Uses of Reasonable Force.

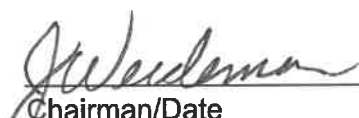
Financial Reports - No additional information to report, monthly financial reports were provided to the board.

Other Reports - Superintendent Vanderholm shared that he wanted the Boards to be aware that the Adams County Journal reported on the Eastmont School District is proposing an amendment to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association to create an open division in sports for transgender and nonbinary athletes. Other school districts have signed on in support of this amendment. At this time, the Lind and Ritzville School Districts have not been asked to sign on.

Board Member Reports - There was nothing to report.

There being no further business, the Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

 10/28/2024
Chairman/Date


Chairman/Date


Secretary to the Board