

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
August 26, 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 August 26, 2024. The following members were in attendance:

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

Ritzville Chair Repp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to approve the July 22, 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 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 - \$68,649.33, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$14,837.59, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$11,792.27, Capital Projects Accounts Payable - \$26,873.03, TVF Fund - \$222,012.25, Payroll for August 30, 2024 - \$410,995.89, \$9,739.00, Accept Recommendation of School Nurse - Stephanie Lundgren, Accept Resignation of HS Volleyball Assistant Coach - Marci Miller, Accept Recommendation of HS Volleyball Assistant Coach - Angalina Vallone, Approval of Resolution 2023-008 Adams County Hazard Mitigation and Community Wildfire Protection Plan, Approval of Coach Bermea and/or a league approved trainer to certify football coaches in the WIAA tackling certification course and training. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Chair Labes called the Lind School Board meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Lind Director Weidemann moved to approve the July 22, 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 August 5, 2024 Special 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 Starring 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 - \$42,076.37, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$14,837.59, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$0, Capital Projects Accounts Payable - \$22,013.11, TVF Fund - \$222,012.25, Payroll for August 30, 2024 - \$355,238.57, \$12,254.71, Accept Recommendation of School Nurse - Stephanie Lundgren, Accept Resignation of HS Volleyball Assistant Coach - Marci Miller, Accept Recommendation of HS Volleyball Assistant Coach - Angalina Vallone, Approval of Resolution 23-24-06 Adams County Hazard Mitigation and Community Wildfire Protection Plan, Approval of Coach Bermea and/or a league approved trainer to certify football coaches in the WIAA tackling certification course and training. Lind Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Joint Items

Legislative Update

Superintendent Vanderholm shared findings from an Underfunded and Unsustainable report by the League of Educational Voters. The report found many school districts share the same challenges, such as staffing and labor market challenges, other funding shortfalls and changing roles and needs of schools. The report recommends that as a state, it needs to determine what the goals, values and expectations are for K-12 education; acknowledge how the role of schools has changed in communities and provide districts with additional mental health resources. Mr. Vanderholm shared that supplies, insurance, food, utilities have increased significantly since the 2019-20 school year but the MSOC formula has not. He shared that the Eastern Washington Quality Schools Coalition will be focused on asking the legislature for increased funding for MSOC, special education and transportation.

Reports to the Board

Students & School Programs

Student Representative Report

Student Representatives Addy Colbert and Cicely Herrera gave an update on events at the high school including summer sport camps and students attending summer leadership camps. Other topics they shared included Link Crew/Freshman orientation, ASB theme and their plans for the school year. They gave a shout out to Mr. Pulliam, Ms. Sanderson & Mr. Hodgson for attending AP Summer Institutes, so the high school can offer AP courses.

Principals' Report

CTE Teacher Andy Williams, along with FFA members, shared LR FFA team's successes over the spring and summer. Three teams from Lind-Ritzville will be competing at the National FFA Convention in October. The teams that will attend Nationals are Farm & Agribusiness Management, Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Meats Evaluation. The group is requesting monetary support from both districts to help with travel costs, which are estimated to be \$20,000-\$25,000. Mr. Williams said they appreciate the continuing support from the school districts through the years.

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

Athletic Director Dustan Arlt gave a handout to each board member, which gave a summary of 2023-24 and fall 2024 athletics. He shared the number of participants and coaches for each sport and gave an update on league and WIAA classifications. He explained how enrollment numbers are used to determine WIAA classifications. Mr. Arlt also talked about the rising costs of officials and sending athletes to state contests.

Bronc Booster member Angelina Vallone spoke about how Bronc Boosters is coming up with different ways to promote positive sportsmanship at athletic events. She shared that the group would like to be more vocal in what they are doing and would like to involve the community more. Ms. Vallone shared that they have a new cash register system that accepts credit/debit cards and they are hoping to start selling merchandise at concessions in the near future.

Superintendent Vanderholm shared an update on facilities, reporting that the LRMS football field is in good shape and practices and games will be held in Lind. He also shared an update on the Lind ADA Access project noting that they are waiting for permits from Adams County.

Mr. Vanderholm spoke about Safety & Wellness, sharing that school meals will be free for all LRCS students. Lind Elementary, Lind-Ritzville Middle School and High School were approved for free meals for the next four years, Ritzville Grade School is free through the State for now. He also shared the open houses and the end of summer event at the Ritzville park were all well attended.

Mr. Vanderholm shared that he just finished the Comprehensive Sexual Health survey noting that, although there weren't changes from last year's questions, the questions have been more intrusive. He reported on new discipline rules and noted most are clarifying definitions and language to existing rules.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

After the second reading, Ritzville Director Kubik moved for Approval of Policy 3245 Students and Telecommunication Devices. 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 Weidemann moved for Approval of Policy 3245 Students and Telecommunication Devices. Lind Director Schmunk seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

There was a first reading of 3205 Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment of Students Prohibited.

There was a first reading of 3206 Pregnant and Parenting Students.

There was a first reading of 3230 Searches of Students and Student Privacy.

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.

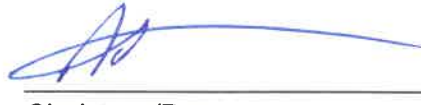
A five minute recess was taken. At 7:53 PM, an Executive Session (per 42.30.110) was called, for approximately 30 minutes with no action to follow.

There being no further business, the Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.



Chairman/Date

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Secretary to the Board