

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
July 22, 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 July 22, 2024. The following members were in attendance:

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

Lind Vice Chair Schmunk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lind Vice-Chair Schmunk called the Lind School Board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Chair Labes was excused.

Lind Director Williamson moved to approve the June 24, 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 Weidemann 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 - \$72,808.37, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$11,773.37, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$281.07, Payroll for July 31, 2024 - \$390,550.90, Accept Retirement of Bus Driver - James Dworshak, Accept Recommendation of HS Assistant Football Coach - Keary Redburn, Accept Resignation of HS Assistant Baseball Coach - Jarod Marecz, Accept Resignation of MS Assistant Volleyball Coach - Christinia Cameron. Lind Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with 3 Lind Directors voting aye and 1 Lind Director voting nay. The motion carried.

Ritzville Chair Repp called the Ritzville School Board meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. Director Phillips arrived shortly after the meeting was called to order.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to approve the June 24, 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 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 Kubik moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$113,254.00, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$11,773.37, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$19,516.37, Payroll for July 31, 2024 - \$420,469.22, Accept Retirement of Bus Driver - James Dworshak, Accept Recommendation of HS Assistant Football Coach - Keary Redburn, Accept Resignation of HS Assistant Baseball Coach - Jarod Marecz, Accept Resignation of MS Assistant Volleyball Coach - Christinia Cameron. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Joint Items

Legislative Update - There was nothing new to report.

Reports to the Board

Students & School Programs

The Lind PTO President Grechen Youngren was in attendance and spoke about a few of the events the Lind PTO have had and are planning to have. She shared they raised \$4,000 this spring, using some of the funds to provide pizza and drinks for a Lind Elementary field trip and will be purchasing Bulldog t-shirts for all Lind Elementary students. She said that membership is open to parents, staff and grandparents.

Superintendent's Report

Sharing positive news, Superintendent Vanderholm reported that LRHS student, Brix Curtis, earned fourth place in Sales at FBLA National Conference and the LR FFA Dairy Evaluation & Management placed first in state and had four individuals place in the top ten.

Superintendent Vanderholm shared an update on facilities, reporting that the LRMS ball fields are being watered according to the plan. The Ritzville Wellness and Learning Center planning group met and discussed the revised floor plans, noting that due to funding the project will need to be completed in three phases. He also shared an update on the Lind ADA Access project noting that bids are due July 31st and the project is projected to start mid August. The Lind School Board will need to hold a special meeting to approve the bid.

Mr. Vanderholm spoke about Safety & Wellness, sharing that Adams County Hazard Mitigation Plan will need to be approved by both boards at the August meeting. He explained this partnership with other Adams County planning partners was formed to pool resources and create a uniform hazard mitigation strategy that can be consistently applied to the defined planning area and used to ensure eligibility for specified grant funding sources.

Superintendent Vanderholm presented his findings from the feedback of middle and high school teachers about the Mastery Based Learning initiative. Some of the challenges teachers reported were the difficulty in motivating students. Staff would like more professional development time and consistency. Overall there is a general support for MBL initiatives despite some of the challenges.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

Prior to the vote for a revised 2024-25 school calendar, Superintendent Vanderholm shared feedback received from senior families. Noting that if graduation were to be held on June 1, any student-athletes competing at state competitions would miss the opportunity to take part in the many scheduled events that occur the week of graduation. His recommendation would be to change the date of the 2025 LRHS Graduation to Saturday, June 7.

Lind Director Williamson moved to approve the revised 2024-25 School Calendar with the date change for LRHS Graduation to Saturday, June 7th. Lind Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to approve the revised 2024-25 School Calendar with the date change for LRHS Graduation to Saturday, June 7th. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Weidemann moved to Approve of the HS German Curriculum. Lind Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to Approve of the HS German Curriculum. 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 Williamson moved for Approval of Policy 6112 Rental or Lease of District Real Property. 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 Kubik moved for Approval of Policy 6112 Rental or Lease of District Real Property. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Weidemann moved to Approve the Surplus Elementary ELA Curriculum. Lind Director Williamson seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to Approve the Surplus Elementary ELA Curriculum. 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 Policy 3245 Students and Telecommunication Devices. Mr. Vanderholm explained this is a change to the existing policy. There was a short discussion about the difference between Board policy and student handbook policy.

Lind Director Williamson moved for Approval of Milk Bid to Jim's Market. Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved for Approval of Milk Bid to Cart and Can. Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Weidemann moved for Approval of Transportation Cooperative 2024-2025 fuel Bids to Connell Oil. Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Carruth moved for Approval of Transportation Cooperative 2024-2025 Fuel Bids to Connell Oil. Director Kubik seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Williamson moved for Approval of 2024-2025 Meal prices as follows: K-12 breakfast \$2.50, Adult breakfast \$3.50, K-12 lunch \$4.00, Adult lunch \$5.00, Reduced Fee eligible \$1.00, and Milk \$.50. Lind Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Phillips moved for Approval of 2024-2025 Meal prices as follows: K-12 breakfast \$2.50, Adult breakfast \$3.50, K-12 lunch \$4.00, Adult lunch \$5.00, Reduced Fee eligible \$1.00, and Milk \$.50. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Weidemann moved for Approval to order Blue Bird Propane Mini Bus Approximately \$186,013.18. Lind Director Williamson seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved for Approval to order Blue Bird Propane Mini Bus Approximately \$186,013.18. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:45 p.m. for the 2024-25 Budget for both Lind & Ritzville School District. Superintendent Vanderholm and Business Manager Robbins reviewed the budget projections with the board. Discussions revolved around the enrollments and impacts to the budget. With no public comment Public Hearing was closed at 8:20 p.m.

Lind Director Williamson moved for Approval of Resolution 23-24 05 - 2024-2025 Budget Adoption. Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved for Approval of Resolution 2023-07 2024-2025 Budget Adoption. Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Financial Reports - LRCS Business Manager Kris Robbins gave a report on the 2024-25 budget during the Public Hearing. No other information was presented.

Other Reports - There was nothing to report.

Board Member Reports - There was nothing to report.

There being no further business, the Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.


Chairman/Date

8/26/2024


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Secretary to the Board

