

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
June 24, 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 June 24, 2024. The following members were in attendance:

Ritzville School Board Members:	Erin Repp	Tia Kubik
	Scott Carruth	Reid Phillips

Lind School Board Members:	Adam Labes	Greg Schmunk
	Kevin Starring	Breanne Williamson

Ritzville Chair Repp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ritzville Chair Repp called the Ritzville School Board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Director Phillips arrived shortly after the meeting was called to order.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to approve the May 20, 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 - \$164,768.21, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$34,555.28, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$38,818.72, Payroll for June 28, 2024 - \$446,427.01, Approval of Administration Contracts: Kevin Terris, Don Walker, Tanner LaTour, Lynn Sackmann, Zach Gardner, Brady Wahl, Kris Robbins, Tina Schuler, Don Vanderholm, Accept Recommendation of HS Assistant Football Coach - Brent Coffman, Accept Recommendation of LRHS Part-Time Spanish Teacher - Angela Nelson, Accept Recommendation of HS Girls Basketball Head Coach - Steve Wellsandt, Accept Resignation of HS Volleyball Assistant Coach - Shannon Hughes. Ritzville Director Carruth 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 6:31 P.M. Director Weidemann was excused.

Lind Director Schmunk moved to approve the May 20, 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 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 - \$163,676.06, \$2,800, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$34,555.28, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$0, Payroll for June 28, 2024 - \$394,521.31, Approval of Administration Contracts: Kevin Terris, Don Walker, Sarah Dinkins, Lynn Sackmann, Zach Gardner, Kris Robbins, Tina Schuler, Don Vanderholm, Accept Recommendation of HS Assistant Football Coach - Brent Coffman, Accept Recommendation of LRHS Part-Time Spanish Teacher - Angela Nelson, Accept Recommendation of HS Girls Basketball Head Coach - Steve Wellsandt, Accept Resignation of HS Volleyball Assistant Coach - Shannon Hughes. Lind Director Schmunk seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with 3 Lind Directors voting aye and 1 Lind Director voting nay. The motion carried.

Joint Items

Legislative Update - Superintendent Vanderholm shared that out of session work continues with establishing priorities for the next legislative session.

Reports to the Board

Students & School Programs

Superintendent Vanderholm shared a short presentation on the World Language curriculum adoption. LRHS Principal Kevin Terris and World Language Teacher Kevin Proszek reviewed a few options and chose to recommend German Deutsch So Akutell. Because World Language is a college preparatory course and is a college enrollment requirement, the textbooks will be paid through the College in the High School grant. The next step is to have the curriculum available for public viewing and then it will be voted on at the July board meeting.

The Lind PTO representative was unable to attend. LES teacher, Amalia Perez, who is a staff PTO representative, briefly spoke about some of the events the Lind PTO has planned.

Principal end of the year reports from RGS Principal Cindy Deska, 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 Vanderholm highlighted a few items from LRHS Principal report noting that state testing results have improved, the high school staff updated athletic and activity eligibility guidelines and staff use an "at-bat" system to reinforce the importance of completing assignments.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Vanderholm shared great grant news, since May's meeting, the district has received two grants from "Better Health Together", the first was \$5000 for the Blended Classroom equipment and the other was for \$100,000 to help cover the cost of a full-time nurse for one year. This grant along with money received from ESD will cover the cost of the school nurse with money left over. We also received a \$30,000 Grant from SBE in support of our Mastery Based Learning work. He also gave an update on other grants in the works, such as

the COPS Safety Grant, that would be used for safety updates to the middle school and Lind Elementary. If received, the district could use \$120,000 in matching funds and would need to use Capital Levy funds as the match. The ELF grant, which would help fund an early childhood learning classroom that would be a part of the Community Health/Career Readiness Center the district is hoping to construct in Ritzville and a T-Mobile grant that would replace the Lind tennis courts with pickleball and basketball courts. Mr. Vanderholm acknowledged the building principals, business manager and the central office staff with the additional work it takes to complete and manage these grants.

Superintendent Vanderholm shared an update on facilities, sharing repairs are being done in the middle school kitchen and maintenance is working on summer projects and building maintenance. Bidding process will start for the Lind Elementary sidewalk repairs with work starting in mid-August. The middle school football field was re-seeded and the district asked the community to please stay off the field while the grass is growing.

Other items shared, required updates were completed to the LRCS Comprehensive Safety plan. Student handbooks were also updated. Graduation, promotion and other end of year events went well. Mr. Vanderholm met with middle and high school teachers to get feedback on the Mastery Based Learning initiative. Will present a summary at the July board meeting. In preparation for the Skyward migration, staff will begin Qmlativ training in August.

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 the reason for the revision is to adjust the date of LRHS Graduation. Explaining that next year the WIAA is moving State track and softball to May 31, which is our current graduation date. He suggested two alternate dates for graduation either Saturday, June 7th or Sunday, June 1st. After a short discussion, the board decided they would like to get input from the senior class. Ritzville Director Carruth moved to table the revised 2024-25 LRCS School calendar until the July board meeting. Ritzville Director Kubik seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Schmunk moved to table the revised 2024-25 LRCS School calendar until the July board meeting. 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 of the TK-5 ELA Curriculum. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Starring moved to Approve of the TK-5 ELA Curriculum Lind Director Williamson seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

After a review, Ritzville Director Kubik moved to Approve the updated LRCS Comprehensive School Safety & Emergency Plan, with a notation to update the RGS Principal. Ritzville Director

Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

After a review, Lind Director Willaimson moved to Approve the updated LRCS Comprehensive School Safety & Emergency Plan. 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 Policy 6112 Rental or Lease of District Real Property.

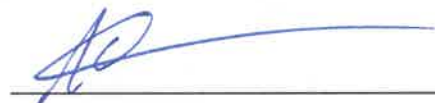
Financial Reports - No additional information to report, monthly financial reports were provided to the board.

Other Reports - Superintendent Vanderholm requested that the Board please inform him if they would be attending the WASDA conference in November.

Board Member Reports - Lind Chair Labes opened a discussion about cell phones in schools. He shared that he has reached out to a company that sells cell phone pouches for more information and prices. Superintendent Vanderholm shared that building principals and staff would like a strict cell phone policy. He handed out an example policy from a neighboring district and said if there was a similar policy in place it should cut down on classroom disruptions and bullying. Mr. Vanderholm would like to have the support of all board members with the policy and discipline. Lind Chair Labes said he would gather additional information and report back at the July board meeting.

There being no further business, the Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.


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