

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
May 20, 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 May 20, 2024. The following members were in attendance:

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

Ritzville School Board Members:	Erin Repp	Scott Carruth
	Reid Phillips	

Lind Chair Labes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lind Chair Labes called the Lind School Board meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Lind Director Schmunk moved to approve the April 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Director Weidemann 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 - \$48,819.01 & \$12,230.95, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$33,475.76, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$0, Payroll for May 31, 2024 - \$373,543.19, Approve Recommendation of LRHS World Language Teacher - Kevin Proszek, Approve Recommendation of Blended Classroom Paraeducator - Renee Arlt, Approve Recommendation of Blended Classroom Paraeducator - Liz Smith, Approve Recommendation of Blended Classroom Paraeducator - Jessika Kidwell, Approve Recommendation of Blended Classroom Paraeducator - Whiski Hilzer, Approve Recommendation of HS Boys Head Basketball Coach - John Galbreath. Lind Director Starring 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.

Ritzville Director Kubik was excused.

Ritzville Director Carruth moved to approve the April 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 Phillips moved to approve the agenda with the following change: add item 4.m. Pre Approval of Purchase of a FFA Vehicle from Knudtsen Chevrolet in the amount not to exceed \$65,000. 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 - \$87,794.15, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$33,475.76, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$25,977.00, Payroll for May 31, 2024 - \$416,627.91, Approve Recommendation of LRHS World Language Teacher - Kevin Proszek, Approve Recommendation of Title 1 Teacher - Carol Ewing, Approve Recommendation of Blended Classroom Paraeducator - Renee Arlt, Approve Recommendation of Blended Classroom Paraeducator - Liz Smith, Approve Recommendation of Blended Classroom Paraeducator - Jessika Kidwell, Approve Recommendation of Preschool Classified Teacher - Deanna Brooks, Approve Recommendation of Blended Classroom Paraeducator - Whiski Hilzer, Approve Recommendation of HS Boys Head Basketball Coach - John Galbreath. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Joint Items

Legislative Update - Superintendent Vanderholm shared that out of session work continues with keeping up with rule-making resulting from the session and preparing unfunded or underfunded mandates. Looking at 9 new requirements for 2024-25.

Reports to the Board

Students & School Programs

Student Representatives Report

Student Representatives Addy Colbert and Kemper Smith gave an update on events at the high school including spring sports, state testing, ASB elections. They stated that Graduation will take place on Saturday, June 1st.

Superintendent Vanderholm recognized Kemper Smith and thanked him for serving on the board. It was announced that Cicely Herrera will replace Kemper Smith as the new student representative beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

LRHS FBLA advisor Steve Greenwalt along with students and FBLA members Brix Curtis and Jackson Nichols appeared before the board to share their experiences from the State FBLA conference. Mr. Greenwalt shared that out of twenty-seven FBLA members, twenty-six competed at State. Shawn Steinberger, Brix Curtis and Jackson Nichols qualified for the National FBLA Contest which will be held June 27-July 3 in Orlando, Florida. Mr. Greenwalt asked the board for approval of out-of-state travel to attend and for financial support to help with travel costs. He shared that the FBLA members have all worked during concessions, Lind Lions Club dinners or the shaved ice booth at the Lind Combine Derby to help raise money for State and Nationals. He also thanked the board for their support.

LRHS FCCLA advisor Donna Koch along with students and FCCLA members Fredy Granados-Lopez, Arienna Bernal and Cicely Herrera shared their experiences from FCCLA

State Convention. Ms. Koch shared that all three FCCLA members that competed at State qualified for Nationals. The FCCLA National Leadership Conference will be held June 29-July 3 in Seattle. She shared that the students have worked hard to fundraise and they received a grant to cover the cost of the required red blazers. Ms. Koch asked for financial support to help with the cost of travel. She thanked the board for their continued support.

Principals' Report

LES Principal Sarah Dinkins recognized LRCS Classified Employee of the Year, Alicia Miller for her dedication to the students and staff at LRCS. Kim Schofstoll and Dixie Burghard were also recognized for their dedication to our students at LRCS.

Lind-Ritzville CTE Teacher Lori Sanderson, along with several students spoke about the work in floral design that is happening in Ms. Sanderson's middle and high school classrooms. Students presented the floral arrangements they made to the board members.

Lind Elementary teacher Joneel Russell and Ritzville Grade School teacher Kim Weishaar shared the ELA Adoption team's timeline and process for choosing a new TK - 5 ELA Curriculum. After many months of research, piloting and getting feedback from teachers and students, the team chose to recommend Amplify - Core Knowledge Language Arts. Materials and professional development quotes were shared with the total cost being \$101,601. They shared that the next step is to have the curriculum available for public viewing and then it will be voted on at the June board meeting.

Principal 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. Each report gave a snapshot of the activities in their building during the month of May.

Superintendent's Report

RGS Principal Cindy Deska and RGS Teacher Diane Leffel were presented with a retirement gift for their years of service and dedication to the students and staff at RGS.

Superintendent Vanderholm shared great grant news, since April's meeting, the high school received a \$5,000 grant from the Duke and Ruth Fette Trust to be used for the outdoor courts.

Superintendent Vanderholm shared that he attended the May Lind City Council meeting and asked for water usage approval. He explained that if the middle school playfield is re-seeded there would have to be able to adequately water the area. The Lind City Council approved the water usage plan.

Other items shared an update on the Lind Elementary ADA Grant, the architect is still working on the plans and an estimate will be coming soon. The required updates to the Comprehensive Safety Plan and Student Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying were completed. There are many district events and activities happening, the 5-12 grade band concert will take place on May 22nd and the Childcare Community Forum on May 21st. The middle and high school band students will take their annual Silverwood trip and are preparing for graduation, promotion and the parade in Lind.

Mr. Vanderholm spoke about Leading and Learning, thanking building principals and staff for their work on State testing. Middle and high school staff are giving feedback on the MBLC learning initiative. There will be summer professional development opportunities available for teaching staff that will be paid for through grant funding. He also shared information about the McREL group project called "Next Steps in Technology Use in the Classroom", that helps rural schools put strategies and supports in place for teachers using technology in their classrooms.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

After the second reading, Lind Director Schmunk moved for Approval of Policy 6700 Nutrition. 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 6700 Nutrition. 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 6702 Wellness. 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 Phillips moved for Approval of Policy 6702 Wellness. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Carruth moved for Approval of Out of Endorsement Teaching Assignment. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Williamson moved for Approval of FBLA out of State Travel. Lind Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Phillips moved for Approval of FBLA out of State Travel. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Starring moved for Approval of FFA out of State Travel. Lind Director Schmunk seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Carruth moved for Approval of FFA out of State Travel. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Starring moved for Approval of a \$250 per person FBLA Allocation for National Convention. Lind Director Schmunk seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Phillips moved for Approval of a \$250 per person FBLA Allocation for National Convention. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Schmunk moved for Approval of a \$250 per person FCCLA Allocation for National Convention. Lind Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Phillips moved for Approval of a \$250 per person FCCLA Allocation for National Convention. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Weidemann moved for Approval of Resolution #23-24-05 WIAA School Board Authorization. Director Williamson seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Carruth moved for Approval of Resolution #2023-007 WIAA School Board Authorization Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Financial Reports

Lind-Ritzville Business Manager Kris Robbins explained the addition to the agenda was to get pre-approval for the FFA purchasing a truck with their grant money they received from the WA State FFA Foundation. The amount of the grant was \$80,000 and the remaining amount is for the portable scale. She will provide budget reports at the next month's board meeting or shortly after so they can review prior to the public hearing taking place in July. She also shared that after reaching out to the ESD about a gap in transportation funding, the ESD found an accounting reconciliation error on their end. The goal is to correct this so the offset shows the total for next year which could be a \$200,000 - \$300,000 difference

Other Reports - There were no other reports this month.

Board Member Reports - Superintendent Vanderholm informed the board that WASDA will have two more training opportunities available for Board Members.

There being no further business, the Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

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