

RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
April 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 High School Collaboration Room on April 22, 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	Tia Kubik
	Reid Phillips	Scott Carruth

Lind Chair Labes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Lind Director Schmunk moved to approve the March 25, 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 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 - \$61,324.55 and \$1,160.95; Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$36,799.27; Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$0; Payroll for April 30, 2024 - \$380,421.46; Accept Resignation of HS Assistant Football Coach - Joseph Roach; Accept Resignation of HS Assistant Football Coach - Jack Welker; Accept Resignation of HS Assistant Wrestling Coach - Jack Welker; Accept Resignation of HS Golf Coach - Jack Welker; Approve Recommendation of TK-4 Music Teacher - Rebecca Gordon; Approve Recommendation of SPED Blended Resource Room Teacher - Heather Glisson Lind Director Williamson 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 6:33 P.M. with Director Kubik joining via phone to establish a quorum. Director Carruth and Kubik arrived shortly after the meeting was called to order.

Ritzville Director Phillips moved to approve the March 25, 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 Phillips 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 Phillips moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$ 106,150.00 and \$794.85; Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$36,799.27; Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$5,225.76; Payroll for April 30, 2024 - \$430,479.79; Accept Resignation of HS Assistant Football Coach - Joseph Roach; Accept Resignation of HS Assistant Football Coach - Jack Welker; Accept Resignation of HS Assistant Wrestling Coach - Jack Welker; Accept Resignation of HS Golf Coach - Jack Welker; Accept Resignation of Head Cook - Jennifer Skaggs; Approve Recommendation of Ritzville Grade School 2nd Grade Teacher - Ellie Gering; Approve Recommendation of TK-4 Music Teacher - Rebecca Gordon; Approve Recommendation of SPED Blended Resource Room Teacher - Heather Glisson; Approve Recommendation of Head Cook - Jessica Cooper
Ritzville Director Kubik 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

Student Representatives Report

Student Representatives Addy Colbert and Kemper Smith were not present. LRHS Principal Kevin Terris gave an update on events at the high school including, thirty FBLA members will compete at the state conference this week in Spokane. On April 29, there will be an Academic Awards Assembly, forty-nine HS students will be receiving an award. Mr. Court's CWP classes were invited to visit the Adams County Courthouse. Upcoming events at LRHS include Underberg Track meet which will take place on April 27, ASB elections and state testing.

Principals' Report

LRHS Principal Kevin Terris recognized LRCS Teacher of the Year, Thomas Pulliam for his dedication to the students and staff at LRCS.

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 April.

Superintendent's Report

Andy Jones, contracted IT Director from ESD, joined virtually and gave a technology update. He shared information on projects that he and his team are working on including multi factor authentication, installing modern antivirus software, simplifying student logins, prepping for Qmlativ migration, Chromebook replacement cycle and planning server upgrades. He also shared information on grants that he is applying for that would help with security upgrades in Lind.

Superintendent Vanderholm shared great grant news, since March's meeting, our FFA chapter received a \$40,000 grant from the Washington FFA Foundation for truck, scale and possible trailer purchase.

Mr. Vanderholm updated the boards on the Wellness & Workforce Learning Center, sharing the Early Learning Facilities grant is open and he will be working on submitting an application. The Childcare Needs Assessment has gotten some responses, but the more information collected the better. He also shared that on May 21 there will be a community dinner and survey results will be shared at that time. Superintendent Vanderholm also shared information on the Small District Modernization grants that will be completed for both districts.

Mr. Vanderholm gave an update on Lind grounds, sharing that to help reduce water usage, the district got estimates for converting a portion of the grounds to dry-climate landscaping. The overall project cost would be approximately \$178,020. He explained that if the district chose to do this, the project would either need to be phased in or the district would need to run a capital levy. The district also received recommendations from an irrigation specialist on steps to ensure the sprinkler system is fully functioning.

Superintendent Vanderholm spoke about Safety & Wellness, sharing that the district is applying for school safety grants to fund security upgrades to Lind Elementary and Lind-Ritzville Middle School entrances and windows.

Superintendent Vanderholm shared community events in the district such as; the Ritzville Grade school music concert was well attended and Lind Elementary concert will take place later this week. The Childcare Study is in progress, there will be a community meeting on May 21st, which includes dinner and a presentation on the findings. The middle and high schools recently inducted new members into Honor Society. Spring conferences were held prior to spring break and were well attended by families.

Other items shared, the district will be moving forward with the blended classroom next school year, the Mastery Based Learning team will meet to discuss challenges and will continue moving forward. In a joint project with CWU and USGS, Lind-Ritzville Middle School is now equipped with a seismic sensor that will provide data to scientific partners and provide learning opportunities for our students. Mr. Vanderholm spoke about the challenges of cell phones and learning and expects to bring a cell phone use policy to the boards for approval to go into effect next school year. .

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

Ritzville Director Kubik moved for Approval of Revised MOU with East Adams Rural Hospital. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved for Approval to Surplus 2005 International Rear Engine Bus Vin#4DRBWAAN15A975028. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Schmunk moved for Approval to Surplus 2005 International Rear Engine Bus Vin#4DRBWAAN15A975028. Lind Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

There was a first reading of Policy 6700 Nutrition

There was a first reading of Policy 6702 Wellness

Ritzville Director Kubik moved for Approval of Resolution #2023-06 - Reductions in Classified Staff for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Director Phillips 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 #23-24-04 - Reductions in Classified Staff for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Director Williamson 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 updated the board on finances. She shared that the district is looking at ending balances for the year, which may be higher than projected, due to retirement buyback. Looking at projections for next year, the 3.7% increase from the state will be spread thin due to cost increases for everything. She reported enrollment information and in comparing April 2023 enrollment to April 2024, Lind is down 29 students and Ritzville has remained steady. Preschool numbers for next year are expected to be lower than normal, which means fewer new students coming into the district. She said the goal is to budget less and to cut down on frivolous spending.

Other Reports - There were no other reports this month.

Board Member Reports -

Ritzville Chair Repp reported on the Athletic Combine annual review meeting, sharing the concern about the shortage of bus drivers willing to drive for the athletic event trips.

A 10 minute recess was taken. At 7:37 PM, an Executive Session (per RCW 42.30.110) was called, for approximately 30 minutes with no action to follow.

The Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.



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