

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
January 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 Cafeteria on January 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	

Lind Chair Labes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lind Chair Labes called the Lind School Board meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

Lind Director Schmunk moved to approve the December 14, 2023 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 - \$69,555.23; Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$40,173.72; Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$675.67; Capital Project Funds Accounts Payable \$3,445.99; Payroll for January 31, 2024 - \$374,330.32; Accept Recommendation of LES Paraeducator - Whiski Hilzer; 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.

Ritzville Director Carruth was excused.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to approve the December 14, 2023 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. 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 - \$60,974.31; Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$40,173.72; Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$5,539.57; Payroll for January 31, 2024 - \$405,930.27; Accept Resignation of RGS Principal - Cindy Deska. 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 the Legislative session was busy and short. Some of the highlights, Chris Reykdal is proposing a seven dollar hourly raise for paraeducators, there is a bill being considered that would ban student cell phones in schools, and the electric bus bill was pulled. EWQSC spoke out against a proposed Senate bill that would consolidate small school districts.

Reports to the Board

Students & School Programs

Transportation Supervisor Lynn Sackmann gave an update on the transportation department. He shared that the Clean School Bus Grant Programs grant has been submitted and if the district receives funding it will pay for an electric bus and charging station. Currently, there are two routes that an electric bus can be utilized for. He shared that with the funding provided from the state, it makes sense to add an electric bus to see if it would work for our district.

Student Representatives Report

Student Representative Kemper Smith reported on events at Lind-Ritzville High School, sharing about Winterfest activities and dance. He also shared that twenty-seven FBLA members participated in the FBLA Winter Regional Conference and twenty-six will be competing at the State convention. Also, LR FFA members sold Krispy Kreme donuts for the state convention.

Principals' Report

FFA Advisors Andy Williams and Lori Sanderson, along with FFA students Alyssa Williams, Savannah Carruth, Alexis Mendoza, and Jonathon Strombegrer gave a presentation to the board regarding the three teams that participated in the FFA National Convention in October. They thanked the board for their support and shared some of their experiences and results.

LES Principal Sarah Dinkins presented an "Above & Beyond" award to LES student Victor Cardenas Robles and LRCS Bus Driver Roger Smart.

Building principals presented board members with gifts made by the students to show appreciation to the members for their time and service to the board.

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 January.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Vanderholm shared grant news, received Perkins Reserve for Career Tech classrooms, LRMS \$5000 and LRHS \$4600.

Superintendent Vanderholm updated the board on facilities, noting that the grounds crew did a great job with snow removal. He also reported the Bronco Wrestling Invite was a success and the replacement protective mats will be installed at the middle school gym soon.

Mr. Vanderholm shared that vape sensors were installed at the high school during winter break. The district has ordered bleed control kits, which are life saving devices, staff will be trained at a later date. He also shared that at a recent Cooperative Safety meeting the issues with the middle school doors were discussed.

Other items shared were the upcoming Little Cheer and Senior night at basketball games and the levy informational presentations on Wednesday, January 24. Due to the weather, Coffee with the Superintendent took place at the Lind Senior Center.

Superintendent Vanderholm shared that he and the building principals recently reviewed and reflected on the LRCS Vision & Mission for Learning statements. They were asked to share two things the district is doing well and one thing that needs to be improved upon.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

There was an annual review of School Calendar Options. Two drafts of the 2024-25 calendar options were presented to the board, Mr. Vanderholm shared that winter break was the only difference between the two. The calendars were shared with certificated staff, per their contract.

Financial Reports

LRCS Business Manager, Kris Robbins explained that due to ongoing issues with the credit cards, she is requesting the Ritzville Board to pre-approve the hotel for State wrestling, not to exceed \$3,600 to allow a warrant to be issued for payment. Ritzville Director Kubik moved to approve. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Other Reports

There was a brief discussion about the athletic combine and if it was beneficial for our districts. Superintendent Vanderholm shared that it is going well and there are financial benefits with the athletic combine. He also shared that the athletic combine agreement is reviewed annually with the other districts.

Board Member Reports

A 20 minute recess was taken. At 8:08PM, there was an Executive Session called for Superintendent's evaluation (RCW 42.30.110), for approximately 30 minutes.

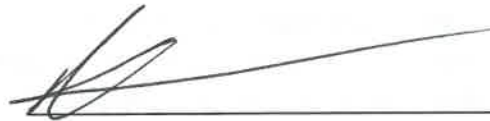
The Regular School board meeting reconvened at 8:32PM (Lind & Ritzville). Lind Chair Labes asked for a motion to approve the renewal of the Superintendent's contract. Director Schmunk motioned, Director Weidemann seconded. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Chair Repp asked for a motion to approve the renewal of the Superintendent's contract. Director Phillips motioned, Director Kubik seconded. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.



Chairman/Date



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Secretary to the Board