

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
December 14, 2023**

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 Commons on December 14, 2023. The following members were in attendance:

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

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

Ritzville Chair Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ritzville Chair Phillips called the Ritzville School Board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Ritzville Director Repp moved to approve the November 27, 2023 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, with the addition of item 9.d. Resolution 2023-004. Ritzville Director Repp 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 - \$71,563.58; Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$49,305.45; Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$5,436.35; Capital Project Fund Accounts Payable - \$2,229.66; Payroll for December 29, 2023 - \$411,087.66; Approval of Board Meeting Dates for 2024; Board Designation of Official Media - Adams County Ritzville Journal. Ritzville Director Repp 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 6:32 P.M.

Lind Director Schmunk moved to appoint Lind Board Candidate Jim Weidemann to Lind School District Position #1. Lind Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

An administration of Oath of Office, was given to Jim Weidemann as Lind School Board Director Position #1 by Lind-Ritzville Business Manager, Kris Robbins.

Lind Director Starring moved to approve the November 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Director Schmunk 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 with the addition of item 9.d. Resolution 2023-004. Lind Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Schmunk moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$52,460.74; Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$49,305.45; Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$194.15; Payroll for December 29, 2023 - \$368,013.88; Approval of Board Meeting Dates for 2024; Board Designation of Official Media - Adams County Ritzville Journal. Lind Director Weidemann 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 EWQSC continues to advocate and work with state representatives. He also shared that the Governor budget was released this week, with increased funding for Special Education, school construction support and relief for green energy.

Reports to the Board

Students & School Programs

Principals' Report

RGS Principal Cindy Deska presented an "Above & Beyond" award to RGS Paraeducator Carol Ewing.

LRMS Principal Don Walker reported that the LRMS LEGO Robotics team qualified for state competition in January at Eastern Washington University.

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 December.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Vanderholm shared grant news, LRHS received a \$75,000 grant for sustaining college in the classroom.

Mr. Vanderholm gave an update on enrollment, noting there have been several families moving out of both districts. As a result, Lind is down one student and Ritzville is down four students since September. Since September, LR Academy is up to eight students, six of those students are enrolled in LR Connects program. He shared that seniors, in their fifth year of high school, are doing well in the Academy.

Superintendent Vanderholm updated the board on facilities, sharing that the Lind Bus Garage heating unit needs replacement. He also shared that the \$44,000 repair grant application for repairs at LES has been submitted.

Mr. Vanderholm shared that influenza cases are on the rise in Adams County and disinfection protocols are in place in the buildings and buses.

Other items discussed, great crowds at winter sports, the addition of school contributions to communities in district newsletters and great turnout for Candy Cane Lane and the Lind Christmas parade.

Superintendent Vanderholm shared some highlights from the annual End of Year Report with the boards, which follows Policy 2106 - Program Compliance Report. He shared that both Lind and Ritzville Districts have received the status of full certification for the 2023-24 school year, and we have all the required courses, offerings and activities needed for compliance.

Public Comment - Marsha Smith shared concerns regarding transgender use of facilities. Superintendent Vanderholm recommended that she set-up a time to meet where he can explain the district's policies and procedures and answer questions.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

After the second reading, Ritzville Director Carruth moved for Approval of Policy 6610- Video Surveillance. Ritzville Director Kubik seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all present members voting Aye. The motion carried.

After the second reading, Lind Director Weidemann moved for Approval of Policy 6610- Video Surveillance. Lind Director Schmunk seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all present members voting Aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Carruth moved for Approval of Resolution #2023-003 - Cancellation of Stale Warrants. Director Repp seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

In adherence to the annual reorganization of the Ritzville School Board of Directors, Director Carruth nominated Director Phillips to serve as Board Chairperson for 2024. Director Repp seconded the nomination. A voice vote was heard one ayes, two nays, motion failed. Director Kubik nominated Director Rep to serve as Board Chairperson for 2024. Director Phillips seconded the nomination. A voice vote was heard to elect Director Erin Repp as Chairperson for 2024, with all present members voting aye. Director Repp nominated Director Kubik to serve as Vice-Chairperson for 2024. Director Carruth seconded the nomination. A voice vote was heard to elect Director Kubik as Vice-Chairperson for 2024, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried. Director Kubik nominated Director Repp as the WIAA representative for 2024. Director Phillips seconded the nomination. A voice vote was heard to elect Director Repp as the WIAA representative for 2024, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried. Directors Phillips and Carruth were appointed to serve as the representatives to the REA Negotiations Committee, with Director Kubik being an alternate, while Directors Repp and Kubik will serve as the representatives to the PSE Negotiations Committee, with Director Carruth being an alternate.

In adherence to the annual reorganization of the Lind School Board of Directors, Director Starring nominated Director Labes to serve as Board Chairperson for 2024. Director Weidemann seconded the nomination. A voice vote was heard to elect Director Adam Labes as Chairperson for 2024, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried. Director Starring nominated Director Schmunk for Vice-Chairperson for 2024. Director Weidemann seconded the nomination. A voice vote was heard to elect Director Schmunk as Vice-Chairperson for 2024, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried. Director Starring nominated Director Williamson as the WIAA representative for 2024. Director Labes seconded the nomination. A voice vote was heard to elect Director Williamson as the WIAA representative for 2024, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried. Directors Labes and Schmunk were appointed to serve as the representatives to the LEA Negotiations Committee, with Director Starring being an alternate, while Directors Williamson and Weidemann were appointed to serve as the representatives to the PSE Negotiations Committee, with Director Starring being an alternate.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved for Approval of Resolution #2023-04 - Reapportionment of Ritzville Districts into three dedicated districts and two at-large. Director Repp seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Financial Reports - LRCS Business Manager, Kris Robbins explained that due to the earlier board meeting date, the Avista bill had not been received and therefore requested the Lind Board to pre approve payment to Avista, not to exceed \$10,000. Lind Director Weidemann moved to approve. Lind Director Schmunk seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

Board Member Reports - Nothing to report

At 7:40PM, there was an Executive Session called for an appeal hearing for a HIB complaint with no action to follow.

The Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 8:42PM.



Chairman/Date

1/22/2024



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Secretary to the Board

