

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
November 27, 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 Middle School Cafeteria on November 27, 2023. The following members were in attendance:

Lind School Board Members:	Jani Melcher	Greg Schmunk
	Jim Weidemann	Kevin Starring
	Adam Labes	

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

Lind Vice-Chair Melcher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lind Vice-Chair Melcher called the Lind School Board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Lind Chair Labes was excused and arrived late.

Lind Director Weideman moved to approve the October 23, 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 Schmunk 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 - \$76,922.38; Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$40,998.82; Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$3,026.05; TVF Accounts Payable \$215,313.82; Payroll for November 30, 2023 - \$375,232.76; Accept Recommendation of LRHS C Squad Boys Basketball Coach - Steve Wellsandt; Accept Resignation of Lind Elementary Third Grade Teacher - Micah Pridmore. Lind Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Chair Philips called the Ritzville School Board meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Ritzville Director Repp moved to approve the October 23, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Director Galbreath seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to approve the agenda. 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 - \$66,676.04; Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$40,998.82; Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$33,823.29; Capital Funds Accounts Payable \$9,083.71; Payroll for November 30, 2023 - \$427,176.19; Accept Recommendation of Year-Round Part-Time Custodian - Josie Campbell; Accept Recommendation of Ritzville Grade School Paraeducator - Deanna Brooks; ; Accept Recommendation of LRHS C Squad Boys Basketball Coach - Steve Wellsandt; Accept Resignation of Ritzville Grade School Paraeducator - Kimberly Braden. Ritzville Director Repp 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 proposed restraint and isolation bill will put limits on schools.

Reports to the Board

Students & School Programs

Student Representative Report

Student Representative Kemper Smith updated the boards of current and past events at LRHS including the Culinary Class' trip to College Place High School in Spokane, the volleyball team placing 2nd at State and the annual Bikes for Tikes will be in December.

Principals' Report

LRMS Principal Don Walker recognized Audreyann Kiesz and Alonso Gutierrez-Castellon outstanding character, academic achievements, and unwavering dedication to the principles that make Lind-Ritzville Middle School great.

School Improvement Plans 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.

Davis Hatch, LRMS Teacher, shared information on SciMaTech and the different programs that the students are using to learn computer programming. He also shared that the Robotics Club will be going to their first Lego League competition on December 10th.

Superintendent's Report

Building and Ground Supervisor Zach Gardner and Building and Grounds Assistant Supervisor Brady Wahl gave an update on facilities. With the addition of a part-time employee in Ritzville, they have been moving responsibilities around to better serve all buildings. They are also gearing up for the winter season.

Superintendent Vanderholm shared grant news, since October's meeting the district has received a total of \$458,241 in grants. This includes \$30,000 for Computer Science at LRMS; \$110,000 MBLC funding, \$72,000 Department of Commerce grant for the Childcare facility study to assess community needs, Teacher-Principal Evaluation support- \$3259 Ritzville, \$2982 Lind; Lind and Ritzville School Districts \$100,000 each for Expanding Health Science Programs in High School; \$40,000 FFA Chapter Grant to be used for a vehicle and trailer.

Superintendent Vanderholm spoke about possible facilities projects in Lind. An architect from Learn, Design & Apply visited the buildings and looked at possible projects such as; MS office remodel, doors at LRMS, keycards for LES and LRMS, sagging floors at LES and sidewalk at LRMS. The company will assist the district in writing grants to fund the projects.

Mr. Vanderholm shared that the district is working with ESD 101 to help with providing support and strategies for addressing student behaviors. The ESD will be at RGS this week to meet with staff and to provide some strategies.

Other items discussed were RGS Fall Fest, Cooperative Site Team meeting, Coffee with the Superintendent, Screenagers showing, James Donaldson presentation and the Veterans Day Assemblies.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

After the second reading, Lind Director Weidemann moved for Approval of Policy 3231 - Student Records. Lind Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all present members voting Aye. The motion carried.

After the second reading, Ritzville Director Kubik moved for Approval of Policy 3231 - Student Records. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all present members voting Aye. The motion carried.

After the second reading, Lind Director Schmunk moved for Approval of Policy 3520 - Student Fees, Fines, or Charges. Lind Director Starring seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all present members voting Aye. The motion carried.

After the second reading, Ritzville Director Repp moved for Approval of Policy 3520 - Student Fees, Fines, or Charges. 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 Starring moved for Approval of Policy 4001 - Public Information Program. Lind Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all present members voting Aye. The motion carried.

After the second reading, Ritzville Director Carruth moved for Approval of Policy 4001 - Public Information Program Ritzville Director Galbreath seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all present members voting Aye. The motion carried.

There was a first reading of Policy 6610- Video Surveillance

Lind Director Labes moved for Approval of Resolution #23-24-01 - Replacement Educational Programs & Operations Levy. Director Starring seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved for Approval of Resolution #2023-001 - Replacement Educational Programs & Operations Levy. Director Repp seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Weidemann moved for Approval of Resolution #23-24-02 – Replacement Capital Levy for Educational Technology Improvements. Director Schmunk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Carruth moved for Approval of Resolution #2023-002 - Replacement Capital Levy for Educational Technology Improvements. Director Galbreath seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Appointment of "For" and "Against" Committees – Lind - There was no action taken on this agenda item.

Appointment of "For" and "Against" Committees – Ritzville - There was no action taken on this agenda item.

Financial Reports

LRCS Business Manager Kris Robbins shared with the short turnaround time before the December board meeting, Payroll and Accounts Payable might be processed after the board meeting. Budget status reports were included in the board packets. There will be an enrollment update next month. She also gave an update on transportation funding, sharing that it will go back to what it was prior to COVID and each district has been operating at a 20% loss the past few years.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

Board Member Reports -

Lind Director Melcher and Ritzville Director Carruth shared their experiences about the LRCS presentation at the WSSDA conference in Bellevue. They, along with Superintendent Vanderholm, HR/Payroll Manager Tina Schuler & Business Manager Kris Robbins presented on the topic of "Successful Strategies in Forming a Cooperative with Another School District".

Superintendent Vanderholm presented engraved cutting boards and thanked outgoing Lind Board Director Jani Melcher and Ritzville Board Director Greg Galbreath for their years of service to the Lind and Ritzville School Boards.

With there being no further business, the Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

 12-14-23
Chairman/Date


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Secretary to the Board