

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
October 23, 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 October 23, 2023. The following members were in attendance:

Ritzville School Board Members:	Greg Galbreath Scott Carruth	Tia Kubik Erin Repp
Lind School Board Members:	Jim Weidemann Kevin Starring	Greg Schmunk Jani Melcher

Ritzville Vice-Chair Director Galbreath led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ritzville Vice-Chair Director Galbreath called the Ritzville School Board meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

Ritzville Chair Phillips was excused. Ritzville Director Kubik was excused and arrived late. Ritzville Director Repp joined by phone and later joined the meeting in person.

Ritzville Director Carruth moved to approve the September 25, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Director Repp 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. Ritzville Director Repp 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 - \$77,551.34 & \$10,693.54; Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$60,294.46; Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$5,709.63; Capital Funds Accounts Payable \$8,419.66; Payroll for October 31, 2023 - \$414,101.25; Accept Recommendation of LRMS Girls Assistant Basketball Coach - James Saetre. Ritzville Director Repp seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Weidemann called the Lind School Board meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Lind Chair Labes was excused. Lind Vice-Chair Melcher arrived late.

Lind Director Starring moved to approve the September 25, 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 - \$56,627.52; Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$60,294.46; Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$127.43; Payroll for October 31, 2023 - \$374,564.22; Accept Recommendation of LRMS Girls Basketball Coach - James Saetre. Lind Director Schmunk 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 Eastern Washington Quality Schools Coalition (EWQSC) has had more virtual meetings to advocate for our schools. EWQSC priorities are: pause on new policies and programs; fully fund SPED and increase support for student mental health; relief on compliance with green building standards; address inadequacy of school construction funding formulas; consider options to address record increases in school insurance.

Reports to the Board

Students & School Programs

Student Representative Report

Student Representative Kemper Smith and Addy Colbert gave an update on Homecoming activities and how well the week went. Students have been meeting in their mentor groups to prepare for upcoming fall conferences. There were twenty three FBLA members that attended the Fall Business Leader conference in October. They also gave an update on upcoming athletic events.

Principals' Report

LRHS Principal Kevin Terris recognized Harlee Hennings and Lance Williamson as his nominations for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. These students were selected for being well rounded students and have high academic achievements along with their many extracurricular activities.

RGS Principal Cindy Deska, RGS First Grade Teacher Amy Wellsandt, RGS Fifth Grade Teacher Janna Gingrich, LES Principal Sarah Dinkins, LES Fifth Grade Teacher Joneel Russell, LRMS Principal Don Walker, LRMS Science Teacher Nick Weishaar, LRMS ELA Teacher Shannon Court, LRHS Principal Kevin Terris, LRHS History Teacher Bryce Court and LRHS CTE Teacher Lori Sanderson reported on building level plans to support the district's strategic plan: Achieving Success, Demonstrating Growth, Improving Engagement, Investing Resources and Increasing Involvement.

Superintendent's Report

Food Service Manager Tina Shields gave an update of the food service programs in Lind and Ritzville. She spoke about the OSPI administration review and the changes that have been implemented. She also shared some of the challenges of feeding preschool through high school students and learning what works best in each building. They are also implementing more made from scratch recipes. Her goal is to elevate the program while keeping costs down.

Superintendent Vanderholm shared grant news and there are substantial awards on the way and will share more details as they become available. Several LRCS staff have submitted classroom grants.

Superintendent Vanderholm gave updates on facilities such as; wall mats for LRMS gym have been ordered, still working to improve Lind watering system up at the ball fields; improved sound system at Gilson.

Superintendent Don Vanderholm spoke about a safety issue that occurred in Ritzville and shared that building principals are working with staff on ways to improve some areas of the district's safety plan. He shared that he recently attended a workshop on crisis/communication at the ESD 101 and learned additional ways to communicate during emergency situations.

Other items discussed were the upcoming Coffee with the Superintendent and Cooperative Site team meeting. LRHS students attended a fentanyl presentation by S.A.F.E. and the career showcase was successful.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

After the second reading, Ritzville Director Carruth moved for Approval of Policy 3207 - Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying of Students . 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 Schmunk moved for Approval of Policy 3207 - Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying of Students. Lind Director Melcher seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all present members voting Aye. The motion carried.

There was a first reading of Policy 3231 - Student Records

There was a first reading of Policy 3520 - Student Fees, Fines, or Charges

There was a first reading of Policy 4001 - Public Information Program

Financial Reports

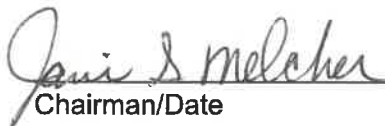
LRCS Business Manager Kris Robbins spoke about the Educational Programs & Operational Levy and proposed levy rates that are up for approval at the November board meeting.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

Board Member Reports - Nothing to report.

There was an Executive Session called to discuss complaints against an employee or board member with no action to follow.

The Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 8:39PM.

 11.27.23
Chairman/Date


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Secretary to the Board