

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
August 28, 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 August 28, 2023. The following members were in attendance:

Ritzville School Board Members:	Reid Phillips, Chairman	Scott Carruth
	Greg Galbreath	Tia Kubik
	Erin Repp	
Lind School Board Members:	Adam Labes, Chairman	Greg Schmunk
	Jim Weidemann	

Ritzville Chairman Phillips called the Ritzville School Board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Ritzville Chairman Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ritzville Director Galbreath moved to approve the July 24, 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 Kubik moved to approve the agenda with the following change: remove item 10.e. Approval of Lind & Ritzville PSE contract LOA. 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 - \$77,418.58; Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable -\$17,518.46; Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable -\$15,328.97; Payroll for August 31, 2023 - \$419,861.97; Accept Resignation of LRHS C Squad Boys Basketball Coach - Trevor Janz. Ritzville Director Galbreath seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

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

Lind Director Starring was excused. Lind Director Melcher was unexcused.

Lind Director Weidemann moved to approve the July 24, 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 with the following change: remove item 10.e. Approval of Lind & Ritzville PSE contract LOA. Lind 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 Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$52,177.00; Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable -\$17,518.46; Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable -\$0; Payroll for August 31, 2023 - \$413,473.09; Accept Resignation of LRHS C Squad Boys Basketball Coach - Trevor Janz. 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 WA Quality Schools Coalition (EWQSC) are meeting weekly to discuss priorities for the 2024 legislative session. This will be a shorter session and are hoping for additional funding for transportation, SPED and counselors.

Superintendent Vanderholm shared he was a part of a Ritzville City Council meeting with Congresswoman McMorris-Rodgers. She heard concerns and thoughts on topics such as childcare and fentanyl. He also discussed with Adams County Development Council and the County Commissioner about possibly going together on hiring a grant writer.

Reports to the Board

Students & School Programs

Student Representative Report

Student Representative Kemper Smith and Addy Colbert gave an update on Link Crew Freshman Orientation and the Football Jamboree. Upcoming events at LRHS include the volleyball team's first match and a football game at Colfax.

Principals Report

CTE Teachers Andy Williams and Lori Sanderson shared the Lind-Ritzville FFA team's successes over the spring and summer. Three teams from Lind-Ritzville will be attending Nationals in October. This will be the second year in a row that Lind-Ritzville will have three teams competing at nationals. Mr. Williams said he appreciates the support through the years.

Building principals introduced new employees at the meeting, including LES Kindergarten Teacher Kristen Miller, RGS Transitional Kindergarten Teacher Nicole Shields, LRMS STEM Teacher Davis Hatch & LRHS Spanish & English Learner Teacher Angela Nelson.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Don Vanderholm reported on grant news, the district has received \$30,500 for Outdoor Education to be used for Camp Wooten expenses. Lind Elementary and Ritzville Grade School each received \$5,000 for inclusionary practices. Mr. Vanderholm said they received \$110,000 for MBLC for work in the middle and high school, which was reduced due to state funding.

Mr. Vanderholm updated the board on facilities, sharing that with help from the Bronc Boosters a new sound system was purchased and installed at the football field. They will be looking into Gilson Gym sound system needs. He will have a meeting with the Grounds/Maintenance Supervisor to discuss the fields in Lind and the possibility of replacing sprinkler heads with ones that have better pressure and range. Mr. Vanderholm also reported that a tech will be visiting to assess the ongoing lighting issue at the high school.

Superintendent Vanderholm spoke about the current LRCS Vision focus: Achieving Success by ensuring all students acquire the skills & knowledge needed to succeed beyond graduation. He stated this will be accomplished by implementing a post-secondary plan with grade level benchmarks that measure growth. Also by increasing learning programs and opportunities for College & Career preparation with an emphasis on CTE experiences and by developing career mentoring & internship opportunities. This work is in draft form and revisions will be ongoing throughout the school year.

Other items discussed was the Comprehensive Sexual Health Education survey that was completed in August, Mr. Vanderholm wondered why the state is asking for this data and what it will be used for. The district is coordinating with the general foreman for Asplundh (tree trimming contractor for AVISTA) to provide space for parking their vehicles at night. They will come and go after and before regular operating hours. The district also provided a space in the wrestling room for the sheriff's office to have their hand to hand training. Mr. Vanderholm asked the board if they would be interested in having a joint board meeting with EARH board to discuss the wellness center, a possible date in October.

Public Comment

After Ritzville Chairman Philips read the rules and regulations for public comment, Linda Erdman shared her concerns regarding the loss of two coaches, one teacher and four students due to the parent driven drama within high school athletics and the lack of discussion at any board meetings.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

There was a first reading of Policy 2230 - Transition to Kindergarten Program.
There was a first reading of Policy First Reading 2190 - Highly Capable Programs.

Ritzville Director Repp moved for Approval of Out of Endorsement Teaching Assignments. Director Kubik seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Schmunk moved for Approval of Out of Endorsement Teaching Assignments. Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Galbreath moved for Approval of LEA-REA CBA's (merged contract language). Director Repp seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Weidemann moved for Approval of LEA-REA CBA's (merged contract language). Director Schmunk seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Financial Reports

Financial reports are reviewed at the finance meetings, held at 6:00 P.M. prior to the regular meeting. There were no further questions.

Other Reports – Nothing to report

Board Member Reports

Policy Review - Complaints Concerning Staff or Programs - 4220/4220P; Athletic Code- Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches Ritzville Director Repp opened the discussion on what the board's role is in handling complaints and what the interpretation is of this policy. Will be discussed further at the September board workshop how to handle different situations and procedure/process.

There being no further business, the Ritzville and Lind School Board meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

 10/23/23
Chairman/Date


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Secretary to the Board