

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
February 24, 2025**

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 Collaboration Room on February 24, 2025. The following members were in attendance:

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

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

Ritzville Chair Repp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Ritzville Director Phillips moved to approve the January 23, 2025 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 Kubik moved to approve the agenda. Ritzville 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 Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$86,666.44, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$27,776.61, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$34,182.20, Payroll for February 28, 2025 - \$444,520.99, Accept Resignation of MS Softball Coach - Veronica Rodriguez, Accept Recommendation for HS Softball Assistant Coach - Lacey Miller, Accept Recommendation for MS Softball Assistant Coach - Mercedes Miller. Ritzville Director Kubik 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 Williamson moved to approve the January 23, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Director Weideman 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 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 Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$55,878.86, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$27,776.71, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$314.55, Capital Projects Fund Accounts Payable- \$37,839.77, Payroll for February 28, 2025 - \$362,752.49, Accept Resignation of Lind

Board Director - Kevin Starring, Accept Resignation of MS Softball Coach - Veronica Rodriguez, Accept Recommendation for HS Softball Assistant Coach - Lacey Miller, Accept Recommendation for MS Softball Assistant Coach - Mercedes Miller. Lind Director Williamson seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Joint Items

Legislative Update

Superintendent Vanderholm updated the boards on Legislative news, reporting that all education bills are still in process. He also spoke about the feud between the State and Federal government and will have to wait to see if it will affect our funding.

Reports to the Board

Students & School Programs

Student Representative Report

Lind-Ritzville High School Student Representative Addy Colbert shared an update on events happening at LRHS, including the FFA Ronald McDonald donation drive, FBLA winter conference, FCCLA State Conference, Knowledge Bowl advanced to the state competition and gave a winter sports recap. Upcoming activities include Prom. End of the 3rd Quarter and the beginning of spring sports.

Principals' Report

Ritzville Grade School Principal Tanner LaTour talked about how RGS is gaining STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math). One classroom at RGS is a STEAM lab, where there are hand-on learning tools. Students from kindergarten and fourth grade demonstrated coding using Bee-Bots, Ozobots and drones.

Principal reports from RGS Principal Tanner LaTour, 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.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Vanderholm shared fiscal news, transportation funds are back to where they should be, after the state re-coded the funds. He also shared that ground prep work has started for spring sports, the district has not seen increases in influenza cases and the community has been attending many school and athletic events.

In an update on Leading and Learning, Mr. Vanderholm shared that an article about the MBL work at the middle and high school level was in the latest OSPI newsletter. He also reported that he recently had an opportunity to spend three lunchtimes with high school students to talk about MBL. He said the goal is for students to be able to advocate for themselves as learners and to be more involved in what they are learning. He will share the data that he compiled from these meetings.

Public Comment

After Ritzville Chair Repp read the rules and regulations for public comment, Aaron Reeder and

Angelina Vallone all spoke to the boards in favor of the proposed 4-day school week. Jaime Devore and Travis DeVore also spoke to the boards and felt more information was needed to be provided about the proposed 4-day school week.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to approve the Highly Capable Plan. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Williamson moved to approve the Highly Capable Plan. Lind Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Carruth moved to approve the Ritzville Surplus Items. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to table the action on Resolution 2024-25-02 Requesting a Waiver for the Implementation of a Four-Day School Week for six months. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Weidemann moved to retain the original yes vote on Resolution 24-25-02 Requesting a Waiver for the Implementation of a Four-Day School Week. Lind Director Williamson seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with three ayes and one nay. The motion carried.

Superintendent Vanderholm asked the directors if they would share why they voted the way they did. Each director shared their reasons after which the boards asked Mr. Vanderholm to carry out another communication campaign for the purpose of increasing public awareness, understanding, and input on the topic.

Financial Reports - No additional information to report, financial reports were provided to the board.

Other Reports - There was nothing to report.

Board Member Reports - There was nothing to report.

The Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

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