

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
March 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 Middle School Collaboration Room on March 24, 2025. The following members were in attendance:

Lind School Board Members:	Adam Labes	Greg Schmunk
	Jim Weidemann	

Ritzville School Board Members:	Erin Repp	Reid Phillips
	Scott Carruth	

Lind Chair Labes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lind Chair Labes called the Lind School Board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Lind Director Williamson was excused.

Lind Director Schmunk moved to approve the February 24, 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 - \$ 86,521.33, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$67,072.42, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$23.32, Payroll for March 31, 2025 - \$362,332.05, Non-substantial update to School Board Policies 3205 Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited, Accept Resignation of MS Assistant Baseball Coach - Zach Gardner, Accept Recommendation for HS Baseball Coach - Richard Mitchell, Accept Recommendation for MS Assistant Baseball Coach - Brady Wahl. Lind Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Chair Repp called the Ritzville School Board meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. Ritzville Director Kubik was excused.

Ritzville Director Phillips moved to approve the February 24, 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 Carruth 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 - \$142,284.14, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$67,072.42, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$21,660.78, Payroll for March 31, 2025 -

\$467,232.21, Non-substantial update to School Board Policies 3205 Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited, Accept Resignation of MS Assistant Baseball Coach - Zach Gardner, Accept Resignation of RGS Paraeducator - Liz Smith, Accept Recommendation for HS Baseball Coach - Richard Mitchell, Accept Recommendation for MS Assistant Baseball Coach - Brady Wahl, Accept Recommendation for RGS Special Ed Paraeducator - Johanna Ewing, Accept Recommendation for Halftime RGS Special Ed Paraeducator - Natalie Lewis. Director Carruth 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 the final Senate and House budget adoption hearings have finished and the state is looking at a dismal economic and revenue forecast for the next few years. Forecasted adjustments to education funding include a reduction to the proposed MSOC bill with a possibility of some slight increases, reducing ALE FTE, cuts to Transition To Kindergarten and possibly looking at capping the program to reduce future spending, and proposing to modify local property tax levy cap which would change the amount school district could ask for on their levies.

Reports to the Board

Students & School Programs

Student Representative Report

Lind-Ritzville High School Student Representative Addy Colbert and Cicely Herrera shared an update on events happening at LRHS, including spring conferences, the FFA Agronomy team placed first in state and will represent Washington at Nationals, five FCCLA members qualified for Nationals at the recent state conference and a recap on Bi-County Prom.

FCCLA members Cicely Herrera and Wednesday Curlee appeared before the board to share their experiences from the FCCLA State Convention. They shared that seven students will be traveling to Orlando, Florida to compete at the National Leadership Conference, which will be held July 4-10. FCCLA members have been busy fundraising and reported that at a recent bake sale they earned \$1400. They asked the boards for financial support to help with the cost of travel. LRHS FCCLA advisor Donna Koch handed out a letter to school board members that outlined their expenses and thanked them for their continued support.

Principals' Report

Lind-Ritzville Middle School Principal Don Walker spoke about elective classes offered at LRMS. He shared that each year the list of electives offered has grown with some of the more popular classes being Farm to Table, Drama and Weight Lifting. He also shared that the Yearbook class has been working on producing a yearbook and has reached out to local businesses to off-set the cost of printing. Mr. Walker and LES Principal Sarah Dinkins spoke about their shared Teacher Assistant Program, in which middle school students help in the classrooms at the elementary school. Mr. Walker explained that part of the students responsibility is to complete assignments that pertain to education. He said the students have really enjoyed the experience. Mrs. Dinkins shared that the elementary students love interacting with the older students and LES students' reading comprehension has improved.

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

School Nurse Stephanie Lundgren shared information on the Flash sexual health curriculum, she will be reviewing the curriculum and adjusting to fit the districts' needs. Nurse Lundgren will begin presenting information to students the week after spring break.

Superintendent Vanderholm updated the boards on facilities, reporting that the fields in Lind will be seeded and overseeded before spring break. He said he is still concerned about water, but will proceed as if all is normal. He shared some bad news about the progress on the Wellness-Community Center project, saying that the hospital lost the \$2.7 million Federal funding. The district still has a few different funding routes that are being sought at the state and federal levels.

Mr. Vanderholm shared that LRMS received a security upgrade to the entry system, making it safer for students and staff. He reported that it is head lice season and buildings are sending out communication and are following board policy. He also shared about recent community events such as Coffee with the Superintendent, Cooperative Site Team meeting and Screenagers.

Superintendent Vanderholm gave an update on Leading & Learning, including a recap of the February staff inservice day presentation of "Motivating and Inspiring Students". Mr. Vanderholm also spoke about a 3-part lunch presentation series on Mastery-Based Learning that LRHS students had the option to be a part of. Each session broke down why MBL matters, what it is, and how students can take control of your own learning. It gave students a chance to ask questions and share their thoughts. He handed out a summary of the data that was compiled from these meetings to the school board directors.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

There was an Annual Review of the Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Agreements.

Lind Director Schmunk moved to approve the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar option 2 with the following change, moving the February 13 no school day to March 5 as a possible snow make up/no school day. Lind Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Phillips moved to approve the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar with the following change, moving the February 13 no school day to March 5 as a possible snow make up/no school day. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Weidemann moved to approve the Finalized Certificated Salary for 2024-2025. Lind Director Schmunk seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Carruth moved to approve the Finalized Certificated Salary for 2024-2025. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Schmunk moved for Approval of FCCLA out of State Travel per Board Policy 2320. Lind Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Phillips moved for Approval of FCCLA out of State Travel per Board Policy 2320. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Weidemann moved for Approval of a \$250 per person FCCLA Allocation for National Convention. Lind Director Schmunk seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Carruth moved for Approval of a \$250 per person FCCLA Allocation for National Convention. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

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

Other Reports

Superintendent Vanderholm updated the board on planned communication for the 4-day school week, including drafting a plan with the cooperative team, an upcoming planning meeting, postcards will be mailed out to all Lind and Ritzville residents inviting anyone to be added to the district news email list, working on a phone call campaign to ask families what their childcare needs would be, scheduling community forums in each district. He shared that at a recent small schools conference there was lots of discussion on moving to a 4-day school week, especially for economic reasons especially as the state budget is looking worse. Mr. Vanderholm will update the boards each month with the progress.

Board Member Reports - There was nothing to report.

A ten minute recess was taken. At 7:47 PM, an Executive Session (per RCW 42.30.110) was called, for approximately 45 minutes with no action to follow.

The Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.


Chairman/Date


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Secretary to the Board