

Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools
Regular Board Meeting – May 27, 2025 - 6:30 PM - LRMS Collaboration Room
Board Study Session 6:00 PM - LRMS Collaboration Room

Lind

Flag Salute

1. Call to Order and Verification
2. Approval April 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. General Fund Accounts Payable - \$64,062.39
 - b. Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$27,859.16
 - c. Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$72.29
 - d. Payroll for May 30, 2025 - \$372,804.13
 - e. Accept Resignation of LRMS Electives Teacher - Davis Hatch
 - f. Accept Resignation of LES Principal - Sarah Dinkins
 - g. Accept Resignation of MS Boys Basketball Coach - Dale Anderson
 - h. Accept Resignation of LES Music Teacher - Rebecca Gordon
 - i. Accept Resignation of LRMS Paraeducator - Maria Hernandez
 - j. Accept Resignation of HS Tennis Coach - Chelsie LaVigueur
 - k. Accept Resignation of HS Tennis Coach - Audra Christianson
 - l. Accept Resignation of LRCS Superintendent - Don Vanderholm
 - m. Accept Recommendation of Speech-Language Pathologist - Hailey Arland
 - n. Accept Recommendation of HS Girls Head Basketball Coach - James Saetre

Ritzville

1. Call to Order and Verification
2. Approval April 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. General Fund Accounts Payable - \$59,397.70
 - b. Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$27,859.16
 - c. Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$20,185.85
 - d. Payroll for May 30, 2025 - \$453,629.93
 - e. Accept Resignation of MS Boys Basketball Coach - Dale Anderson
 - f. Accept Resignation of RGS Music Teacher - Rebecca Gordon
 - g. Accept Resignation of HS Secretary - Michelle Balfe
 - h. Accept Resignation of HS World Languages Teacher - Kevin Proszek
 - i. Accept Resignation of RGS Paraprofessional - Johanna Ewing
 - j. Accept Resignation of LRHS PE/Health Teacher - Joseph Roach
 - k. Accept Resignation of HS Tennis Coach - Chelsie LaVigueur
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JOINT ITEMS

5. Legislative Update
6. Reports to the Board
 - a. Students & School Program
 - i. Student Representative's Report
 - a. Representative Recognition
 - ii. Principals' Report
 - a. Cooperative Spotlight- FBLA
7. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Solar Energy Presentation
8. Public Comment
9. Policy Review & Emerging Issues
 - a. **Approval** of FFA Out of State Travel & Allocation for Nationals **(Cooperative)**
 - b. **Approval** of FBLA Out of State Travel & Allocation for National Convention **(Cooperative)**
 - c. **Approval** of LRHS Junior Class Overnight Stay for Junior Summit - per Policy 2320 **(Cooperative)**
 - d. **Approval** of Resolution #2024-25 03 WIAA School Board Authorization **(Cooperative)**
 - e. **Approval** of Resolution #2024-25 04 for Public Records Index **(Cooperative)**
 - f. **Approval** of Contract with Northwest Leadership **(Cooperative)**
10. Finance
11. Other Reports
 - a. Communication on 4-day schedule- Superintendent Vanderholm
 - b. Professional Learning/Collaboration Schedule
12. Board Director Reports - Regional 10 DA WSSDA Meeting
13. Executive Session - per RCW 42.30.110 with no action to follow
14. Adjournment

Items for next meeting:

RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
April 28, 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 April 28, 2025. The following members were in attendance:

Ritzville School Board Members:	Tia Kubik Scott Carruth	Reid Phillips Andy Powell
Lind School Board Members:	Adam Labes Jim Weidemann Greg Schmunk	Breanne Williamson Andy Wahl

Ritzville Vice-Chair Kubik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ritzville Vice-Chair Kubik called the Ritzville School Board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Ritzville Chair Repp was excused.

Ritzville Director Phillips moved to approve the March 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 - \$102,033.29 and \$9,764.74, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$34,680.97, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$32,940.22, Capital Projects Fund Accounts Payable - \$4,302.28, Payroll for April 30, 2025 - \$458,777.00. Director Carruth 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 6:31 P.M.

Lind Director Schmunk moved to approve the March 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 March 31, 2025 Special Board Meeting minutes. Director Williamson seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Williamson moved to approve the agenda. Lind Director Wahl seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Wahl moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$77,951.89, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$34,680.97, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$348.53, Payroll for April 30, 2025 - \$372,822.82, Accept Retirement of LES Custodian - Brad O'Neill. Lind Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Joint Items

Legislative Update

Superintendent Vanderholm shared an update on Legislative news, reporting that the 2025 session is closed with no major disruptions to education funding.

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 upcoming dates, HS FFA State Trapshoot results, an upcoming FCCLA Sadie Hawkins Dance, five FBLA members qualified for Nationals at the recent State conference and the recent Undeberg Track invite. They recognized LRHS teacher, Donna Koch for being a consistent caring and understanding person in and out of the classroom.

Principals' Report

Lind-Ritzville High School Principal Kevin Terris gave a presentation about Nourishing Champions, a program that provides healthy snack bags for athletes for away contest.

Products are paid for from a \$15,000 Nourishing Champions Health Food Grant. Mr. Terris explained the how high school students have been involved in the process. In Phase 1, students in the Sports Medicine class researched healthy pre and post game snacks and developed a menu. In Phase 2, students in the Life Skills class were in charge of keeping track of away game schedules, shopped for snacks, prepared the bags and kept inventory. HS Teacher Mrs. Nelson and her students demonstrated how they prepare the snack bags. Mr. Terris will re-apply for the grant with hopes of expanding the program to possibly include, ongoing nutritional education in Sports Medicine, home game support for athletes and state competition funding.

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

LRHS & LRMS Band Teacher, Jennifer York, gave a report on band events. She reported that there are 150 total students in the program. Mrs. York shared that spring is a busy time for the band with Lilac Parade, Graduation and the Lind Parade. Mrs. York invited the board members to the 5-12 Grade Band Concert on May 21.

Superintendent Vanderholm updated the boards on facilities, at the May School Board meeting there will be a presentation on a rooftop school solar program through a WSU managed federal grant, this would be at no cost to the district. Fiber installation in Lind is complete, installation

was funded by E-Rate and will help with internet reliability. He shared that he met with the City of Ritzville mayor and planner for possible community collaboration. Mr. Vanderholm reported that the LRMS staff has developed grading scales in their continued Mastery-Based Learning work.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

After the annual review of the Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Agreements, Ritzville Director Phillips moved to approve the Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Agreement. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

After the annual review of the Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Agreements, Lind Director Schmunk moved to the Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Agreement. Lind Director Weidemann 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

LRHS Principal Kevin Terris gave an update on the return of a high school student, based on Level 2 Threat Assessment teams recommendation. Mr. Terris has notified families of students involved.

Superintendent Vanderholm updated the board on the proposed 4-day school week, including a planning meeting that was attended by twenty-five staff, parents and community members. Next steps include sending out an informational flyer and deciding on dates for community forums in both districts. Mr. Vanderholm will continue to update the boards each month with the progress.

At the April board meeting Superintendent Vanderholm was tasked with talking to the teaching staff about possible options for professional development for the next school year. Several options were discussed, the staff was slightly more in favor of the every other Friday option. The schedule would alternate with one Friday being a full day and on the following Friday, school would be dismissed at 12:30PM. This would hopefully improve PD attendance for staff and student attendance on Fridays. Next steps would be to get additional staff input, look at impacts on support staff hours and transportation. If there is a strong staff consensus, families would then be notified and asked about concerns. Mr. Vanderholm will update the boards at the May board meeting.

Board Member Reports - Superintendent Vanderholm reported on the recent Athletic Combine Meeting, although there were no changes to agreement, the other schools raised questions about the possibility of moving practices or JV games at other schools. They also asked about a sliding scale based on the number of athletes participating. Mr. Vanderholm said the district could look at a possible reduction, depending on size of school. Any changes would need to be approved by the boards. Superintendent Vanderholm cautioned the boards that if the athletic combine were to be dissolved the district would lose three-fifths of our funding for athletics.

The Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Chairman/Date

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Secretary to the Board

Fwd: Letter of Formal Resignation

1 message

Jamie Nichols <jnichols@lrschools.org>
To: Jamie Nichols <jnichols@lrschools.org>

Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 3:10 PM

Dear Mr. Walker,

I am writing to formally resign from my position as the STEM and CTE electives teacher at Lind-Ritzville Middle School, effective June 10, 2025.

This decision was not made lightly. I have truly valued the opportunities for growth and the support I have received during my time at Lind-Ritzville Middle School. Working alongside such a dedicated team and serving our students has been incredibly rewarding. I am grateful for the experiences and professional relationships I have built here.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be part of Lind-Ritzville Middle School. I wish the school continued success and hope to stay in touch.

With appreciation and pride: I will always be a Bulldog.

Sincerely,

Davis Hatch
425-949-9028
davisphineashatch@gmail.com



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507 North E Street
Lind WA 99341

209 E Wellsandt Ave
Ritzville WA 99169

May 7, 2025

Dear Dr. Vanderholm,

Please accept this letter as formal notification of my resignation from my position as Principal of Lind Elementary School, effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the students, families, and staff of Lind Elementary. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work alongside a dedicated team and contribute to the growth and success of our school community. The support and guidance I have received under your leadership have been invaluable, and I have learned and grown both personally and professionally during my time here.

I am proud of what we've accomplished together, and I remain committed to ensuring a smooth transition. Please let me know how I can assist in the coming weeks to support the school during this time of change.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be part of this incredible district. I will always look back on my time at Lind Elementary with great appreciation and fond memories.

Sincerely,

Sarah Dinkins
Lind Elementary Principal

Fwd: MSBBB

1 message

Dustan Arlt <darlt@lrschools.org>

Sun, Apr 27, 2025 at 5:42 PM

To: Don Vanderholm <dvanderholm@lrschools.org>, Don Walker <dwalker@lrschools.org>, Kris Robbins <krobbins@lrschools.org>, Jamie Nichols <jnichols@lrschools.org>, Tina Schuler <tschuler@lrschools.org>

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From: **Dale and yvonne Anderson** <worstseat@yahoo.com>

Date: Sunday, April 27, 2025

Subject: MSBBB

To: Dustan Arlt <darlt@lrschools.org>

After much thought I believe it is time to give up my coaching duties for middle school boys' basketball. I've appreciated the opportunity these past 10 years but it's time for some new blood to coach these young kids. Thank you, I hope I've had a positive influence in their lives.

Dale Anderson

Re: Required Certifications and Training for Your New Position

1 message

Mary Hernandez <mhernandez@lrschools.org>

Wed, Apr 30, 2025 at 11:37 AM

To: Sarah Dinkins <sdinkins@lrschools.org>

Cc: Laurinda Ritz <lritz@lrschools.org>, Don Walker <dwalker@lrschools.org>, Tina Schuler <tschuler@lrschools.org>

Hi there, Thanks for the offer but I won't be taking it.

On Wed, Apr 30, 2025 at 8:40 AM Sarah Dinkins <sdinkins@lrschools.org> wrote:

Mary,

As you prepare for your new role in the upcoming school year, I wanted to outline the essential certifications and training requirements that must be completed and maintained.

1. First Aid Certification

You are required to maintain a current Basic Standard First Aid card.

2. CPR Certification

You must hold a current Infant/Child Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) card.

3. Food Handler's Permit

You will need to obtain and maintain a current Food Handler's Permit.

4. Professional Development

You are also required to complete **15 hours of clock hour training** per year, specifically related to early learning classrooms. These hours must be relevant to your role and completed by the end of each year.

First aid, CPR for infant/child, and the food handlers permit should be obtained no later than the end of September. If you need help locating training or have any questions please let me know.

Thank you for being part of our team!

Sarah Dinkins

Lind Elementary Principal
509 -660 -0111

"Every child is one caring adult away from a success story." – Josh Shipp

Mary Hernandez

Paraprofessional

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May 20, 2025

Lind-Ritzville Cooperative School Boards,

It is with deep gratitude and sincere appreciation that I submit my formal resignation as Superintendent of the Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools, effective June 30, 2025.

I have accepted a faculty position with Washington State University in their Educational Leadership Program. This new role will allow me to help prepare the next generation of principals and superintendents—work I am deeply passionate about and excited to begin. While I look forward to this next chapter, the decision to step away from the Cooperative was not made lightly.

Serving this district and our communities has been one of the greatest honors of my professional life. Together, we've navigated challenges, embraced innovation, and remained centered on what matters most: doing right by kids. I am proud of all we've accomplished and remain confident in the future of the Cooperative because of the dedicated educators, staff, and families who call it home.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each board member—past and present—for your trust, collaboration, and unwavering commitment to our students. I will work closely with you in the coming weeks to ensure a smooth and thoughtful transition.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. This has been more than a job—it's been a calling, and I am profoundly grateful.

With respect and appreciation,
Dr. Don Vanderholm
Superintendent
Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools

May 1, 2025

Dear Kevin Terris,

Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation from my role as Secretary at Lind-Ritzville High School, effective May 30, 2025.

I have thoroughly considered my personal and professional goals, and have decided that it is time for me to explore new opportunities that align more closely with my long term aspirations. Although I have enjoyed my time at Lind-Ritzville High School, I believe that it is in my best interest to seek experiences that will help me grow and develop personally and professionally.

I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunities and experiences I have had over the past ten years. This decision was not made lightly, as my time at Lind-Ritzville High School has been both professionally and personally rewarding. I have learned a great deal and developed valuable skills that I will carry with me throughout my career. I am truly grateful for the opportunities I've had to grow and to collaborate with my colleagues. I would be very grateful if you would be willing to write a letter of recommendation for me.

I'm committed to making the transition as smooth as possible. Please let me know how I can help during this period.

Thank you again for the support, guidance, and opportunities during my time here. I hope to stay in touch and wish you, the school, and my colleagues continued success and growth.

Sincerely,

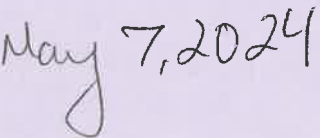
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Balfe". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the letter 'e'.

Michelle Balfe

Ritzville High School
209 E Wellsandt Road
Ritzville, WA 99169
May 7th, 2025

I am resigning my teaching position effective August 31, 2025 due to health reasons.
Thank you for your understanding and support, and for the Letter of Recommendation as
discussed in our meeting on May 2nd.

Signed: 

Dated: 

Letter Of Resignation

To Whom This May Concern

Please accept this as my formal letter of resignation from the Ritzville Grade School as a ParaProfessional. I am moving to Idaho in June, I will not be returning for the 2025-2026 school year. I will finish this school year off strong.

I am very grateful for the opportunities that I have been given at this job. I value what I learned and I expect them to help me a great deal in my future endeavors. I have enjoyed working with the whole team at the school and will miss them all dearly.

Sincerely,

Johanna Ewing



Lind-Ritzville High School

209 E. Wellsandt Road
Ritzville, WA 99169
(509) 659-1720
(888) 974-3546 Fax



Kevin Terris, Principal

Dustan Arlt, Athletic Director

Michelle Balfe, Secretary

To Kevin Terris, Principal:

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from my position as the High School PE and Health Teacher at the Lind-Ritzville School District. My final day will be August 30th 2025.

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities I have had in this role. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with the wonderful students, parents, and—most importantly—the dedicated staff of this school district. I would also like to thank you for your continued support of my professional growth, your guidance, and your encouragement. I am truly thankful that you gave me the opportunity to begin my teaching career here.

Please let me know how I can assist in making the transition of responsibilities as smooth as possible for all involved.

Sincerely,

Joseph Thomas Roach

Fwd: Resignation

1 message

Dustan Arlt <darlt@lrschools.org>

Mon, May 26, 2025 at 1:18 PM

To: Don Vanderholm <dvanderholm@lrschools.org>, Kris Robbins <krobbins@lrschools.org>, Tina Schuler <tschuler@lrschools.org>, Jamie Nichols <jnichols@lrschools.org>

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From: **Chelsie Lavigueur** <clavigueur@lrschools.org>

Date: Tue, May 13, 2025 at 12:26 PM

Subject: Resignation

To: Dustan Arlt <darlt@lrschools.org>

To whom it may concern,

I appreciate the opportunity to coach High school Tennis for the last six years; however, after this season, I will be resigning.

Thank you,

Chelsie LaVigueur

May 16, 2025

Dear Dustan Art,

I am writing to formally resign from my position as Assistant Tennis Coach for Lind-Ritzville School District at the end of the current Spring 2025 season.

I have enjoyed working with this district these past three years and especially appreciate the opportunity I was given to join the LRS tennis team after coaching Harrington's tennis team previously.

Coaching has been a rewarding experience and I am very proud of the team we've built these past few years. Coaching three of my own children this year has been a gift, but with two of them graduating it feels like a good time to step away from my coaching responsibilities.

In the future I am committed to making sure tennis is available to kids and am willing to support the program and future coach(es) in the years to come.

Thank you again for the opportunity to coach tennis. I value the relationships and memories I've made here.

Sincerely,
Audra Christianson

achristianson@tucna.wednet.edu
509.720.4034

Fwd: Recommendation to hire

1 message

Jamie Nichols <jnichols@lrschools.org>
To: Jamie Nichols <jnichols@lrschools.org>

Thu, May 8, 2025 at 10:41 AM

Thanks Tanner. I approve this hire.

Don Vanderholm, Ed.D
Superintendent
Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools
509-677-3499 (Lind)
509-659-1660 (Ritzville)

"LIND-RITZVILLE GRIT"

On Wed, May 7, 2025 at 4:56 PM Tanner LaTour <tlatour@lrschools.org> wrote:

Hi Don and Tina,

I am writing to recommend Hailey Arland for the School Speech-Language Pathologist position. Hailey brings a warm, positive attitude and a genuine passion for helping students find their voice. As someone who has lived in Davenport her entire life, she is deeply committed to serving small rural communities like ours. During her interview, Hailey impressed us with her friendly personality, professionalism, and clear understanding of how to support students effectively. She is also highly organized, time-oriented, and knowledgeable about compliance with special education laws, making her well-prepared for the demands of the role. Hailey would be a strong asset to our school team.

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Tanner LaTour
M.Ed. Leadership and Administration
Principal - Ritzville Grade School
509- 659-0232 Ext. 1005

Coaching hire- HS girls basketball

1 message

Dustan Arlt <darlt@lrschools.org>

Mon, May 5, 2025 at 6:42 AM

To: Don Vanderholm <dvanderholm@lrschools.org>, Kevin Terris <kterris@lrschools.org>, Don Walker <dwalker@lrschools.org>, Brook Ferderer <bferderer@harringtonsd.org>, Shannon Billigmeier <sbilligmeier@sprague.wednet.edu>, Will Christianson <wchristianson@tucna.wednet.edu>, Kris Robbins <krobbins@lrschools.org>, Tina Schuler <tschuler@lrschools.org>

Hello-

Caitlin Teske, Cari Galbreath, and I met with James Saetre on Friday, May 2nd for the open HS girls head basketball position.

I would like to recommend hiring James Saetre as our HS girls basketball head coach. He has coached our MS girls basketball team the past 2 years and was also our HS girls assisant coach last year.

James works locally for the warehouse as a outside supervisor. He has a daughter that will be in 9th grade in the program next year and his wife is our MS Special Ed teacher in Lind. He also has a son in 5th grade. James graduated from Lind in 2006.

I plan on helping James as his assistant and fill his role as assistant girls MS and HS coach this next season. This will give James someone with many years of experience to help him out and also allow me to help at both levels. I am going to have 2 daughters playing in MS next year. We will be cutting it close again to have enough for a HS girls JV to start the year next year until the 8th graders most likely join again after their MS season.

Thanks,

Dustan



LES Bulldogs

Lind Elementary School Board Report “Finishing 2024–2025 Strong!”

As we approach the final days of the 2024–2025 school year, Lind Elementary remains focused on keeping students actively engaged in learning and connected to our school community. While formal assessments are now complete, teachers continue delivering instruction tied to learning targets, ensuring meaningful academic time through the last day of school.

In addition to continued instruction, teachers are integrating hands-on projects that reinforce key strategies and concepts learned throughout the year, helping students apply their knowledge in creative, purposeful ways.

End-of-Year Events

- **May 29 @ 2:00 PM – Awards Assembly**
We will recognize students for **May Character Awards**, **Perfect Attendance**, and **Excellent Attendance** for the full year. We will also present the **Principal’s Award: Character of a Bulldog**, honoring students who best exemplify our school values: Peer leader, trustworthy, kind, respectful, and responsible.
- **June 2 – Graduate Walk-Through**
LES students will create signs and line the sidewalk to cheer on graduating seniors as they walk through, a cherished tradition celebrating milestones and inspiring younger students.
- **June 3 – Move-Up Day**
While our 5th graders visit the Middle School, TK–4th grade students will “move up” to their next-year classrooms. Incoming teachers will welcome them with engaging activities and welcome information for families. This supports a smooth transition and builds early connections for the year ahead helping to lower anxiety.
- **June 4 – Excellent Attendance Field Trip & Community Clean-Up**
Students with 9 or fewer absences this year will embark on their excellent attendance field trip with Mrs. Dinkins, while the teachers lead the rest of the students in small clean-up activities around our school campus.
- **June 5 – Field Day & 8th Grade Promotion**

Mr. Field and our 8th grade TAs will host Field Day, with students rotating through fun outdoor activities in the morning. In the afternoon, LES students will attend 8th Grade Promotion. Our 13 eighth-grade TAs have been exceptional role models—supportive, responsible, and respected. Attending their promotion helps younger students understand the value of leadership, growth, and celebrating academic milestones.

- **June 6 @ 1:00 PM – 5th Grade Recognition**

Mrs. Russell will lead a special celebration honoring our 5th graders and their accomplishments. Families are invited to attend.

- **June 9 – Annual Fun Run**

We'll wrap up the school year with our traditional Fun Run from the school to the cemetery and back, ending the year with community, movement, and fun.

Summer Professional Learning Focus

After students are dismissed for the summer, LES teachers will shift gears to focus on alignment and improvement:

- **Curriculum Integration:** Teachers will align science and social studies content with our new, content-rich reading curriculum. This integration allows for cross-disciplinary instruction, maximizing time and strengthening students' understanding of core content areas.
- **21st Century Skills:** Staff will develop student-friendly proficiency scales for key 21st century skills, promoting deeper engagement and cross-curricular application.
- **Project Enhancement:** Teachers will revise existing curriculum-based projects and develop new experiences that allow students to demonstrate mastery in meaningful and creative ways.
- **Community Support:** Thanks to our continued partnership with the Lind PTO, students will benefit from enriched learning experiences—both on and off campus—that tie directly to their units of study and support real-world application. *Examples of possible experiences: collaboration work with a local business or farmer, guest speakers, Mobius workshops. Our goal is at least 2 per grade level.*



Ritzville Grade School Broncos!!

May Board Report

Rounding the Corner with Bronco P.R.I.D.E!

As we near the end of the 2024–2025 school year, things are buzzing with excitement at Ritzville Grade School. Our students and staff have worked hard all year long, and now we're wrapping it up with celebrations, fun events, and time together as a school community.

We're happy to share that state testing is officially done for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students and teachers. Classrooms are now full of hands-on projects, end-of-year fun, and meaningful reflections as we head toward the finish line.

PBIS & Bronco P.R.I.D.E. Update

This has been our first full year using PBIS and Bronco P.R.I.D.E., which stands for having a **P**ositive attitude, showing **R**espect, **I**n control, **D**ependable, and **E**ngaged in your learning. Students and staff have really embraced these shared expectations, and you can feel the difference throughout the building—from classrooms to hallways to the playground.

Many staff members will attend our final PBIS training on May 28, which will help us wrap up the year strong and prepare for even more success next fall.

Looking ahead, the PBIS Committee will be hard at work over the summer creating new materials to support our school-wide expectations. This includes instructional videos to model behavior expectations in all areas of the school, as well as banners and posters that clearly display Bronco P.R.I.D.E. throughout our hallways and shared spaces. We'll also be restocking the Bronco Store and spreading the word about what Bronco Bucks are for and what students can earn through positive behavior and hard work.

We're excited to keep building on this and making next year even better!

End-of-Year Fun

There's a lot to look forward to as we wrap up the school year. Here are some of the exciting events coming up at RGS:

Tuesday, May 27

Our second graders in Mrs. Lavigueur and Ms. Gering's classes are heading out on a field trip to the Rattlesnake Flat Wind Farm. They'll get a close-up look at renewable energy and how it all works.

Thursday, May 29

Fifth graders in Mrs. Gingrich and Mrs. Weishaar's classes will spend the day at Courthouse for Law Day, where they'll learn more about how our legal system works.

Monday, June 2

The Senior Parade at 1:00 PM! This is one of our favorite traditions. Our students will cheer on the graduating class of 2025 as they walk through the halls of RGS one last time.

Tuesday, June 3

Our fifth graders will head over to Lind-Ritzville Middle School for Move-Up Day, getting a glimpse of what's next in their educational journey.

That same day, Mrs. Terris's fourth grade class will show off their creativity and talents during a STEAM and music showcase for families and staff.

Wednesday, June 4

We'll gather for our Final Awards Assembly to celebrate student achievements in academics, character, and behavior. Students will also get their last chance to shop at our new Bronco Store using the Bronco Bucks they've earned throughout the year.

Friday, June 6

It's a big day! We'll kick things off with our All-School Picnic at 11:30 AM, followed by Field Day. Huge thanks to Natalie Killian and Cari Galbreath for organizing this year's Field Day. Kids will rotate through fun and active stations all afternoon.

Monday, June 9

We'll wrap up the school year with our Bronco Trot, a school-wide run/walk to celebrate all we've accomplished together. It's a great way to end the year on a high note.

Special Guest Visit

We were also lucky to welcome the Reptile Man to RGS! He brought a variety of amazing reptiles and gave students an unforgettable up-close learning experience. It was a definite highlight of our end-of-year fun.

Special Shoutout

We want to give a quick shoutout to the teachers who helped us get through this year's state testing: Jenn Boness, Carlie Stanford, Jody Terris, Janna Gingrich, and Kim Weishaar. Thanks for making sure everything got done and supporting our upper-grade students throughout the process.

Thanks for your continued support of Ritzville Grade School—where every Bronco shines!!



Lind-Ritzville Middle School Board Report – May

As we close in on the final weeks of the school year, Lind-Ritzville Middle School continues to **L**ead by example, remaining **R**elentlessly **M**otivated through a strong finish that demonstrates our **S**uccess in fostering academic growth, building character, and strengthening the community of our students.

State Testing & I-Ready Progress

SBAC testing concluded in early May, and we are currently wrapping up our I-Ready assessments. Preliminary I-Ready data is showing strong growth trends, a reflection of our commitment to growth, resilience, and tenacity throughout the school year. We're hopeful that these gains are mirrored in SBAC outcomes and will confirm that our School Improvement Plan is creating a measurable impact.

Mastery-Based Learning in Action

Even as the year winds down, our students are hard at work. With initiative and purpose, they're taking full advantage of multiple opportunities to improve and demonstrate their learning. Through enrichment tasks and "at-bats," they're proving that learning doesn't end until the final bell. June 9 remains the last day to submit and complete coursework, and students are embracing the challenge.

Band Highlights & Silverwood Celebration

Our band program has been a shining example of dedication and excellence. From a stellar performance at the Lilac Parade to a spirited Spring Concert, our musicians have represented LRMS with pride. Their efforts were celebrated with a day at Silverwood on May 22. A well-earned reward for a year of success.

Yearbooks Are Back

We're thrilled to distribute the first LRMS yearbooks in many years during the week of June 2. A product of our revitalized yearbook class, these books capture memories, achievements, and the spirit of Bulldog pride. Students will have a chance to sign and share in the final week, which is a perfect way to commemorate the year.

Move-Up Day – Bridging Transitions

June 3 marks Move-Up Day. A key tradition that prepares students for what's next. Our 8th graders will head to the high school for a dynamic orientation with the Link Crew, while incoming 5th graders from LES and RGS will get a warm Bulldog welcome at LRMS. The day includes ASB speeches, a Bulldog kickoff competition, Q&A with leadership students, and a guided tour to help make their first days in middle school a success.

Triple Play & Community Cleanup

June 4 is a day of celebration and service. Our 8th graders will enjoy their end-of-year celebration trip to Triple Play, while 6th and 7th graders will roll up their sleeves for a community cleanup project. If community members have projects or areas they'd like help with, we're happy to coordinate. It's a meaningful way for our students to give back.

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Join us on June 5 at 2:15 PM for a heartfelt and high-energy 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony. The event will feature collaborative elements with LES students (supported by our teacher aide program), special awards, and certificate presentations. We plan to livestream the ceremony so families and community members can help us honor the success of this incredible class.

Field Day Finale

On June 9, we wrap up the year with a fun and active Field Day. After final class checkouts, students will participate in a kickball tournament and other activities designed to promote physical wellness and Bulldog pride. It's a joyful sendoff and a celebration of another year of learning, growth, and leadership.

5/26/21

Part I: Graduation Report

40 Total Seniors in the Cohort from 2022-2025

I am not including any students who moved into our school district and transferred to a different school district or program while attending the high school.

Lind

11 Seniors in Cohort

10 Seniors Enrolled at LRHS and on Track to Graduate

1 Dropout —Did not return to school after 10th grade year

Total Graduates = 10

Ritzville

29 Seniors in Cohort

25 Enrolled at LRHS and on Track to Graduate

2 Enrolled at LRA and on Track to Graduate

1 Enrolled in LRA and not on Track to Graduate / Returning 25-26 School Year

1 Enrolled in LRHS GED program. Testing in June (Dropout)

Total Graduates = 27

Combined Graduate Rate = 93%

Part II: What is the High School Doing to Finish the School Year Strong?

Now that we are done with state testing and AP Exams...

Move-Up Day

June 3rd

Welcome to High School Assembly for our Freshmen

Staff Introductions

ExtraCurricular Activities Presentations by Students

Link Crew Session with Freshmen

Senior Walk-Thru and Signing Day

Seniors travel to Lind and do two walkthroughs, wearing full graduation robes, in both buildings. Return to LRHS for a longer lunch, and then repeat at RGS. When they return to the high school, 9-11 students will be waiting for their walkthrough along a post-graduation shoutout from Mrs. Walker. This is a lot of fun!

Student Choice and Academic Achievement Awards

We did this last week. 51 students were recognized by staff and peers for academic excellence along with categories created by our students, and voted on by our students. This is a fun, lighthearted, assembly that allows kids to be kids, and celebrate each other. The staff loves it too because they get to single out some kids for doing really well in their classes.

Junior Summit

This will be the first year we go to this event because this is the first year Innovia is sponsoring it. Junior students will attend a 1.5 day, overnight trip to Whitworth to be inspired, challenged, and explore post-secondary options. The summit includes guest speakers, games, and campus visits all over the Spokane area. Mrs. Walker and Mr. Hodgson, along with Mr. Terris, will be taking the students who have parent permission.

Academic Intervention / Progress Monitoring

As usual, most of our teachers are providing more “at-bats” on standards-bearing activities that will help students improve grades. We are also tracking student failures and ensuring these students are getting additional attention 7th period with Mrs. Nichols.



SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION FORM

DUE ANNUALLY BY THE SECOND FRIDAY IN JUNE

School District Type (select one): ☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Charter ☐ Tribal

School District Name: Lind – Ritzville Cooperative Schools

Resolution # (optional): 2024-25 03

Date: 5/27/25

Schools Approved for WIAA Membership: Lind-Ritzville Middle School & Lind-Ritzville High School

By action of the 1976 Legislature, each School District Board of Directors may delegate control, supervision, and regulation of any extracurricular activity to the WIAA and compensate such entity for services provided. The local **SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT** and **SUPERINTENDENT** must sign this resolution form to indicate that the School Board has approved the Public School District's or Private School's membership with the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) and as members, these schools will follow the WIAA Rules and Regulations.

DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO WIAA

WHEREAS Chapter 32, Laws of 1975-76, 2nd Ex. Sess. grants authority to each school district board of directors to control, supervise and regulate the conduct of interschool athletic activities and other interschool extracurricular activities of an athletic, cultural, social, or recreational nature for students in the district.

WHEREAS Chapter 32, Laws of 1975-76, 2nd Ex. Sess. authorizes school district boards of directors to delegate control, supervision and regulation of any of the aforesaid activities to any voluntary, nonprofit entity and to compensate any such entity for services provided subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions and approval by the State Board of Education.

WHEREAS the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association is a voluntary, nonprofit entity which has satisfied the conditions, expressly set forth in Chapter 32, Laws of 1975-76, 2nd Ex. Sess. and has further been approved by the State Board of Education in action taken on August 17, 1977.

WHEREAS the board of directors of directors of the following School District or School being otherwise fully informed of the rules and regulations of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association as approved by the State Board of Education and recognizing that said rules and regulations provide for private sponsorship of post-season tournaments for extracurricular activities by WIAA, consent to abide by such rules and regulations.

NOW THEREFORE, the board of directors of the following School District or School hereby delegates to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association the authority to control, supervise and regulate interschool activities consistent with the rules and regulations of WIAA. The Board of Directors retains the right to establish eligibility standards that meet or exceed the rules and regulations of WIAA.

INTERSCHOLASTIC OFFICIALS L&I COVERAGE STATEWIDE & MEMBERSHIP BILLING

Beginning July 1, 1988, interscholastic sports officials were covered by Washington State Labor and Industries via a common rate and payment system that eliminated game-by-game calculations and record keeping by school and/or district business offices. WIAA will guarantee payment of L&I premiums for WOA registered officials for all interscholastic activities under WIAA's jurisdiction and will assess WIAA member schools based on tiered billing rates at the same time service fees are billed. Officials L&I coverage is only in effect for activities in which registered WOA officials officiate, and which are authorized and offered by School Board approval and listed on the school's WIAA membership form.

Member schools will be billed in August according to the Membership Fee Structure outlined in the handbook of the upcoming school year. Labor and Industries (L&I) fees will be included on the bills sent out to each member school at that time. Per Rule 3.6.4: Member school service and Labor and Industries fees are due November 1. Schools that fail to submit service and L & I fees by December 1 will be excluded from participation in regular season contests and culminating events until fees are remitted and be assessed a \$100.00 late fee.

By signing below the School District Superintendent/Head of School, School Board President (for Public School Districts), and school board members agree to the information above for the public school district or private school listed above, on or before the date listed above.

Superintendent/Head of School: Don Vanderholm

Signature: _____

School Board President (if applicable): Erin Repp & Adam Labes

Signature: _____

LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 158
RESOLUTION NO. 24-25 04

AND

RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 160/67
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-25 04

WHEREAS, the Lind School Board and the Ritzville School Board ("Boards") are committed to providing the public full access to records concerning the administration and operations of the Districts in compliance with Chapter 42.56, RCW, otherwise known as the Washington Public Records Act; and

WHEREAS the Boards recognize that the district continuously generates a tremendous volume and diversity of records; and

WHEREAS attempting to maintain a current index of all the district's records would be impracticable, unduly burdensome and ultimately interfere with the operational work of the Districts for the following reasons:

1. The time needed to evaluate the tremendous volume and diversity of records generated by the Districts for inclusion in the index by RCW 42.56.070(3); and
2. The limited the financial and staffing resources available to the Districts to maintain the index;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lind School District and the Ritzville School District will not maintain a current index of its records and that a copy of this resolution will be made available upon request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Boards' approval of this action and of the authority granted herein. The Boards warrant that they have, and at the time of this action had, full power and lawful authority to adopt this instrument.

Adopted and approved this _____ day of _____.

By: _____

Board President or Designee, Lind School Board

By: _____

Board President or Designee, Ritzville School Board
of Directors

Attest: _____

Superintendent and Secretary to Board
Lind School District #158 and
Ritzville School District #160-67