

**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 attending 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

5-28-25


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5.27.25


Secretary to the Board