

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
May 27, 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 May 27, 2025. The following members were in attendance:

Lind School Board Members:	Adam Labes	Breanne Williamson
	Greg Schmunk	Andy Wahl

Ritzville School Board Members:	Tia Kubik	Reid Phillips
	Scott Carruth	Andy Powell

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 Weidemann was excused.

Lind Director Williamson moved to approve the April 28, 2025 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. Lind Director Williamson 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 - \$64,062.39, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$27,859.16, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$72.29, Payroll for May 30, 2025 - \$372,804.13, Accept Resignation of LRMS Electives Teacher - Davis Hatch, Accept Resignation of LES Principal - Sarah Dinkins, Accept Resignation of MS Boys Basketball Coach - Dale Anderson, Accept Resignation of LES Music Teacher - Rebecca Gordon, Accept Resignation of LRMS Paraeducator - Maria Hernandez, Accept Resignation of HS Tennis Coach - Chelsie LaVigueur, Accept Resignation of HS Tennis Coach - Audra Christianson, Accept Resignation of LRCS Superintendent - Don Vanderholm, Accept Recommendation of Speech-Language Pathologist - Hailey Arland, Accept Recommendation of HS Girls Head Basketball Coach - James Saetre. Lind Director Williamson seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

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

Ritzville Director Phillips moved to approve the April 28, 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 - \$59,397.70, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$27,859.16, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$20,185.85, Payroll for May 30, 2025 - \$453,629.93, Accept Resignation of MS Boys Basketball Coach - Dale Anderson, Accept Resignation of RGS Music Teacher - Rebecca Gordon, Accept Resignation of HS Secretary - Michelle Balfe, Accept Resignation of HS World Languages Teacher - Kevin Proszek, Accept Resignation of RGS Paraprofessional - Johanna Ewing, Accept Resignation of LRHS PE/Health Teacher - Joseph Roach, Accept Resignation of HS Tennis Coach - Chelsie LaVigueur, Accept Resignation of HS Tennis Coach - Audra Christianson, Accept Resignation of LRCS Superintendent - Don Vanderholm, Accept Recommendation of Speech-Language Pathologist - Hailey Arland, Accept Recommendation of HS Girls Head Basketball Coach - James Saetre. Director Powell seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Joint Items

Legislative Update

Superintendent Vanderholm gave a summary of the key education impacts of the 2025 Legislative Session including, districts will receive a one-time \$50 per pupil apportionment payment in June 2025, SPED funding cap lifted, High-need safety net eligibility thresholds were lowered, and statewide inclusionary practice efforts will receive grant support. He also reported that MSOC funding increased by \$109.84 per FTE, totaling \$1,614.28 per student in 2025–26. This includes the required inflationary adjustment of \$45.99. State-funded TTK is now capped statewide. Students must be permitted to wear items of cultural significance at graduation and the Seal of Biliteracy must be awarded to all students meeting state criteria. Mr. Vanderholm noted that the K–12 share of the state budget continues to decline, it used to be 54% of total state spending and is now at 43.2%.

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 upcoming dates, a recap of the Junior Summit, Academic Assembly, spring sports and announced the 2025-26 ASB officers. A video was shared that was made in partnership with LaunchNW, Adams County Development Council and Innovia that spotlights the high school's mission to ensure all our students build enthusiasm around a post-secondary plan and the work being done to bring more employment opportunities to our area. The commercial featured LRHS students.

Superintendent Vanderholm recognized Addy Colbert and thanked her for serving on the board. It was announced that Beau Fode will replace Addy Colbert as the new student representative beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Principals' Report

Lind-Ritzville High School Principal Kevin Terris gave a report on graduation, noting there were a total of forty seniors in the cohort from 2022-2025. Thirty-seven are on track to graduate, including thirty-five enrolled in LRHS and two enrolled in the LR Academy. The combined graduation rate is 93%.

LRHS FBLA advisor Steve Greenwalt along with students and FBLA members Amelia Clack and Willow Lawler appeared before the board to share their experiences from the State FBLA conference. Mr. Greenwalt shared that FBLA membership has grown from twenty-eight to forty-two members in one year. He reported that thirty-eight members competed at the State conference and four came in first place and qualified for Nationals. Hannah Towne, Amelia Clack and Willow Lawler will be competing at the National FBLA Contest which will be held June 29-July 2 in Anaheim, California. Mr. Greenwalt asked the board for approval of out-of-state travel to attend and for financial support to help with travel costs. He shared that the FBLA members have all worked during concessions, Lind Lions Club dinners or the shaved ice booth at the Lind Combine Derby to help raise money for State and Nationals. He also thanked the board for their support.

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

Zero Emissions Northwest founder and President David Funk gave a presentation about a solar energy project. They provide turnkey services to school districts with no upfront costs. The energy savings for the first ten years can be spent on STEM courses, life skills, community gym access, and miscellaneous benefits for students at the school's discretion. This project should help with state green energy requirements. The projected cost savings to both districts would be significant. The Boards will vote at the July meeting to move forward with the project.

Superintendent Vanderholm shared great fiscal news, both districts will receive an one-time additional Title allocations, Ritzville will receive \$40,000 and Lind \$60,000. These funds will be used for various projects in the buildings.

Mr. Vanderholm also reported that the Community Wellness Center received a state allocation of \$2 million, with a total of \$3.29 million dollars coming into our communities. Other items shared were updates on grounds, other various school events and the continuing work of Mastery-Based Learning.

Superintendent Vanderholm, along with building Principals, spoke about the 2025 WASA Region 101 awards. The honorees were chosen for their exceptional commitment to student success and the broader educational community. They recognized the local recipients who were: LRHS student Fredy Grandos-Lopez, Bronc Booster President Angelina Vallone, RGS Volunteer Heather Hennings, and Lind PTO.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Policy Review & Emerging Issues

Ritzville Director Kubik moved for Approval of FFA out of State Travel and \$250 per person/per district allocation for the FFA National Convention. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present Lind & Ritzville members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved for Approval of FBLA out of State Travel and \$250 per person/per district allocation for the FBLA National Convention. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present Lind & Ritzville members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to Approve FFA and FBLA annual out of state travel. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. Clarification was made that this approval is per policy 2320 allowing the boards to make an approval one time for the annual trips. A voice vote was heard, with all present Lind & Ritzville members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Schmunk moved for Approval of LRHS Junior Class Overnight Stay for Junior Summit. Ritzville Director Kubik seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present Lind & Ritzville members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Williamson moved for Approval of Resolution #2024-25 03 WIAA School Board Authorization. Ritzville Director Kubik seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present Lind & Ritzville members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved for Approval of Resolution #2024-25 04 Public Records Index. Lind Director Wahl seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present Lind & Ritzville members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Director Schmunk moved for Approval of Contract with Northwest Leadership. Ritzville Director Kubik seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard, with all present Lind & Ritzville 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 for the 2025-26 school year, based on Level 2 Threat Assessment teams recommendation.

Superintendent Vanderholm updated the board on the proposed 4-day school week, including the community forum flyer and newspaper ad inviting families and community members to attend. He also shared the 4-Day information tab on the district website, which has a sample calendar, schedules, RGS and LEs impact survey results and FAQ's. There will be another survey available after the forums have taken place. Both boards will vote separately in September, it will not be a Cooperative vote because each district needs their own, separate resolution for OPSI submission. The Lind Board will need to vote again, as the resolution has expired.

Mr. Vanderholm reported on the PD/collaboration survey taken by the teaching staff, 77.5% of staff chose every other Friday and 22.5% chose every other Wednesday. Since it's a calendar change the Boards will need to make a decision at the June meeting.

Board Member Reports - Lind Board Director Williamson gave a report on the WSSDA Regional meeting she attended.

There being no further business and no Executive Session necessary, the Lind and Ritzville School Board meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

T. M. Kubik 6-24-25
Chairman/Date

Ad 6-24-25
Chairman/Date

Am Vanderholm
Secretary to the Board

