

Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools
Regular Board Meeting
August 25, 2025 - 6:30 PM - LRHS Collaboration Room

Flag Salute

RITZVILLE

1. Call to Order and Establish a Quorum
 - a. Action to Excuse Absent Members
2. Approval of Agenda

LIND

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JOINT ITEMS

3. Public Comment
4. FFA Presentation - Andy Williams & Lori Sanderson
5. Superintendent Search Discussion - Andy Wolf NW Leadership Associates
6. Solar Project Presentation
7. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Open Houses
 - b. Staff Training Day - August 20 & 21
 - c. Secondary Friday Schedule
8. Finance
 - a. Budget Year End Status
 - b. Year End Grant Review & Expense
 - c. Preliminary Enrollment - August 25, 2025
9. Board Director Reports
10. Consent Agenda (**Ritzville Only**)
 - a. Approval July 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval August 13, 2025 Board Retreat Minutes
 - c. General Fund Accounts Payable - \$52,978.55
 - d. Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$5,727.06
 - e. Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$14,802.63
 - f. Capital Projects Accounts Payable - \$16,506.61
 - g. Payroll for August 29, 2025 - \$433,069.37
 - h. Personnel Actions
 - New Hires - RGS Paraeducator - Natalie Lewis (increase from .5 FTE to 1.0 FTE)
RGS Paraeducator - Isaura Rios (.5 FTE)

I. Approval of Solar Power Purchase Agreement (RGS & LRHS)

10. Consent Agenda (**Lind Only**)

- a. Approval July 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval August 13, 2025 Board Retreat Minutes
- c. General Fund Accounts Payable - \$42,523.55
- d. Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$5,727.06
- e. Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$1,500.00
- f. Payroll for August 29, 2025 - \$351,172.93
- g. Personnel Actions
 - Retirements - Bus Driver - Debra Armfield
Bus Driver - Teena Dean
 - New Hires - Bus Driver - Rafael Espinoza
Bus Driver - Steven Boyer
- h. Approval of Solar Power Purchase Agreement (LES & LRMS)

11. Adjournment

RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
July 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 Middle School Collaboration Room on July 28, 2025. The following members were in attendance:

Lind School Board Members:	Jim Weidemann	Breanne Williamson
	Greg Schmunk	

Ritzville School Board Members:	Erin Repp	Reid Phillips
	Scott Carruth	Andy Powell

Lind Vice-Chair Schmunk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lind Vice-Chair Schmunk called the Lind School Board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Lind Director Williamson moved to excuse absent members: Lind Chair Labes and Lind Director Wahl. Lind Director Weidemann 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 Williamson 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 Carruth moved to excuse absent members: Ritzville Director Kubik. 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 agenda. Ritzville Director Powell seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Joint Items

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Public Hearing was opened at 6:33 p.m. for the 2025-26 Budget for both Lind & Ritzville School District. Business Manager Robbins reviewed the budget projections with the board. Discussions revolved around the enrollments and impacts to the budget. With no public comment Public Hearing was closed at 7:23 p.m.

There was a discussion about the proposed Solar Project. There will be a presentation at the August school board meeting and a vote on the approval of a contract.

Superintendent Report - Superintendent Wargo reported on the Basic Ed Report, upcoming open houses and dates for an upcoming board retreat.

Finance Report - Business Manager, Kris Robbins reported on the budget status report, insurance report and the proposed fee schedule.

Board Member Reports - There was nothing to report.

Lind Director Williamson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Approval June 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Approval July 9, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes, General Fund Accounts Payable - \$63,019.05, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$24,287.20, Capital Projects Accounts Payable - \$16,479.70, Payroll for July 31, 2025 - \$461,671.24, Accept Recommendation of HS Assistant Football Coach - Dallas Killian, Approval of Fuel Bid received from CO-Energy for 2025-26, Approval of Meal Prices, Approval of Resolution #24-25-05 Adopting the 2025-26 Budget, Approval of 2025-26 Fees Schedule. 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 Consent Agenda as follows: Approval June 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Approval July 9, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes, General Fund Accounts Payable - \$144,951.76, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$24,287.20, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$23,591.76, Capital Projects Accounts Payable - \$23,942.00, Payroll for July 31, 2025 - \$441,365.89, Accept Recommendation of HS Assistant Football Coach - Dallas Killian, Approval of Fuel Bid received from CO-Energy for 2025-26, Approval of Meal Prices, Approval of Resolution #2024-25 06 Adopting the 2025-26 Budget, Approval of 2025-26 Fees Schedule. Ritzville Director Carruth seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

With no further business before the board, the meeting for the Lind & Ritzville School Boards adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Chairman/Date

Chairman/Date

Secretary to the Board

RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158

JOINT BOARD RETREAT

August 13, 2025

The board retreat 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 August 13, 2025. The following members were in attendance:

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

Lind School Board Members:	Jim Weidemann	Breanne Williamson
	Greg Schmunk	Andy Wahl

Also present was Superintendent Gary Wargo and Business Manager Kris Robbins.

Ritzville Chair Repp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ritzville Chair Repp called the Ritzville School Board meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

Lind Vice-Chair Schmunk called the Lind School Board meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

The Boards discussed:

Business Manager shared Information requested by the board. Kris shared which staff are hired and paid for by each district and which staff are shared expenses. She also spoke about the Childcare Center grant and the next steps.

Cooperative School Board meeting process & procedures, including agenda format and School Board Director roles. The Superintendent Wargo shared how he will share board agenda information and other communications with all board members.

4-Day School week - Board members had the opportunity to share their perspectives on the 4-day proposal. Superintendent Wargo gave the board a document that outlined his discussions with other districts that are currently on a 4-day schedule, including his review of data collected from research from Lind-Ritzville parent and community surveys.

Review of Goals and set goals for 2025-26, including upcoming levy and Superintendent search process.

With no further business, Ritzville Chair Repp adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm. Vice-Chair Schmunk adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

_____	_____ Chairman/Date
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Secretary to the Board

Solar Power Purchase Agreement

This Solar Power Purchase Agreement (this “**Agreement**”) is entered into by the parties listed below (each a “**Party**” and collectively the “**Parties**”) as of the date signed by Seller below (the “**Effective Date**”).

<i>Purchaser:</i>		<i>Seller:</i>	
Name and Address	Ritzville School District 209 E Wellsandt Rd Ritzville, WA 99169 Attention: Kris Robbins	Name and Address	Zero Emissions Northwest, LLC 3216 N Washington St Spokane WA 99205
Phone	509-677-3499	Phone	509-518-5147
Fax	509-000-0000	Fax	N/A
E-mail	krobbins@lrschools.org	E-mail	David.Funk@zeroemissionsnorthwest.com
Premises Ownership	Purchaser owns the Premises.	Additional Seller Information	
Tax Status	Tax Exempt		
Project Name	Ritzville High School Community Solar Project		

This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions of the purchase and sale of solar generated electricity from the solar panel system described in **Exhibit 2** (the “**System**”) and installed on the real property comprising Purchaser’s premises described or depicted in Schedule A to **Exhibit 2** (the “**Premises**”), including any buildings and other improvements on the Premises other than the System (the “**Improvements**”).

The exhibits listed below are incorporated by reference and made part of this Agreement.

Exhibit 1	Pricing
Exhibit 2	System Description, Delivery Point and Premises
Exhibit 3	General Terms and Conditions

<i>Purchaser:</i>	Ritzville School District
Signature:	
Printed Name:	
Title:	
Date:	

<i>Seller:</i>	Zero Emissions Northwest, LLC
Signature:	
Printed Name:	
Title:	
Date:	



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Pricing

1. **Initial Term:** Ten (10) years, beginning on the Commercial Operation Date (the “Initial Term”).
2. **Additional Terms:** Up to two (2) terms of five (5) years, each beginning on the expiration of the Initial Term, each an “Additional Term”.
3. **Contract Price:**

Contract Year	Solar Energy \$/kwh	Insurance Premium	Total Solar \$/kwh
1 \$	0.030	\$ 0.009	\$ 0.039
2 \$	0.031	\$ 0.009	\$ 0.039
3 \$	0.031	\$ 0.009	\$ 0.040
4 \$	0.032	\$ 0.009	\$ 0.041
5 \$	0.032	\$ 0.009	\$ 0.042
6 \$	0.033	\$ 0.010	\$ 0.043
7 \$	0.034	\$ 0.010	\$ 0.044
8 \$	0.034	\$ 0.010	\$ 0.044
9 \$	0.035	\$ 0.010	\$ 0.045
10 \$	0.036	\$ 0.010	\$ 0.046

Contract Year	Estimated Utility \$/kwh	Estimated Solar kwh	Estimated Utility Purchases
1 \$	0.122	182,300	\$ 22,300
2 \$	0.127	181,400	\$ 23,100
3 \$	0.132	180,500	\$ 23,900
4 \$	0.138	179,600	\$ 24,700
5 \$	0.143	178,700	\$ 25,600
6 \$	0.149	177,800	\$ 26,500
7 \$	0.155	176,900	\$ 27,400
8 \$	0.161	176,000	\$ 28,400
9 \$	0.168	175,100	\$ 29,400
10 \$	0.174	174,200	\$ 30,400

Contract Year	Total Solar \$/kwh	Estimated Solar kwh	Estimated ZEN Purchases
1 \$	0.039	182,300	\$ 7,000
2 \$	0.039	181,400	\$ 7,200
3 \$	0.040	180,500	\$ 7,300
4 \$	0.041	179,600	\$ 7,400
5 \$	0.042	178,700	\$ 7,500
6 \$	0.043	177,800	\$ 7,600
7 \$	0.044	176,900	\$ 7,700
8 \$	0.044	176,000	\$ 7,800
9 \$	0.045	175,100	\$ 7,900
10 \$	0.046	174,200	\$ 8,000

Contract Year	Net Energy Savings
1	\$ 15,300
2	\$ 15,900
3	\$ 16,600
4	\$ 17,300
5	\$ 18,100
6	\$ 18,900
7	\$ 19,700
8	\$ 20,600
9	\$ 21,500
10	\$ 22,400

Total	\$ 186,300
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4. **Contract Price Assumptions.** The Contract Price is based on the following assumptions:
- a. Interconnection costs for the System will not exceed \$0.00 in the aggregate.
 - b. Statutory prevailing wage rates (e.g., Davis-Bacon) do not apply.
 - c. All prices in this Agreement are calculated based on an upfront rebate of 100%. In the event that the reimbursable rebate is not paid by the Utility, the PPA price shall be equal to 95% of the Utility rate.
 - e. The Contract Price is exclusive of Seller's Taxes (as defined in Section 3(d) of **Exhibit 3**) at the rates in effect as of the Effective Date.
5. **Contract Price Exclusions.** Unless Seller and Purchaser have agreed otherwise in writing, and except as otherwise provided in Section 2(c) of **Exhibit 3**, the Contract Price excludes the following:
- a. Unforeseen groundwork (including excavation and circumvention of underground obstacles). Upgrades or repair to customer or utility electrical infrastructure (including: client or utility service, transformers, substations, poles, breakers, reclosers, and disconnects).
 - b. Snow removal, tree removal, tree trimming, mowing and any landscape improvements.
 - c. Decorative fencing and/or any visual screening materials, decorative enhancements to solar support structures (including: painting, paint matching, masonry/stone work, and any lighting not required to meet the minimum code compliance).
 - d. Removal of existing lighting, light poles, or concrete light post bases.
 - e. Roof membrane maintenance or reroofing work.
 - f. Structural upgrades to the Improvements, including ADA upgrades.
 - g. Installation of public information screen or kiosk (including accompanying internet connection, power supply, technical support and ADA access).
 - h. Changes in System design caused by any inaccuracy or ambiguity in information provided by Purchaser, including information regarding Purchaser's energy use, the Premises and the Improvements, including building plans and specifications.
6. Termination Payment Schedule (**Exhibit 3**, Section 11(b)):

Contract Year	Termination Payment
1	\$72,000
2	\$71,000
3	\$70,000
4	\$69,000
5	\$68,000
6	\$67,000
7	\$66,000
8	\$65,000
9	\$64,000
10	\$63,000

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E-mail	krobbins@lrschools.org	E-mail	David.Funk@zeroemissionsnorthwest.com
Premises Ownership	Purchaser owns the Premises.	Additional Seller Information	
Tax Status	Tax Exempt		
Project Name	Ritzville Grade School Community Solar Project		

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10 \$	0.036	\$ 0.010	\$ 0.046

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1 \$	0.096	182,300	\$ 17,600
2 \$	0.100	181,400	\$ 18,200
3 \$	0.104	180,500	\$ 18,800
4 \$	0.108	179,600	\$ 19,500
5 \$	0.113	178,700	\$ 20,100
6 \$	0.117	177,800	\$ 20,800
7 \$	0.122	176,900	\$ 21,600
8 \$	0.127	176,000	\$ 22,300
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10 \$	0.137	174,200	\$ 23,900

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10 \$	0.046	174,200	\$ 8,000

Contract Year	Net Energy Savings
1	\$ 10,600
2	\$ 11,000
3	\$ 11,500
4	\$ 12,100
5	\$ 12,600
6	\$ 13,200
7	\$ 13,900
8	\$ 14,500
9	\$ 15,200
10	\$ 15,900

Total	\$ 130,500
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Phone	509-677-3499	Phone	509-518-5147
Fax	509-000-0000	Fax	N/A
E-mail	krobbins@lrschools.org	E-mail	David.Funk@zeroemissionsnorthwest.com
Premises Ownership	Purchaser owns the Premises.	Additional Seller Information	
Tax Status	Tax Exempt		
Project Name	Lind Middle School Community Solar Project		

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Date:	

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Signature:	
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8 \$	0.034	\$ 0.010	\$ 0.045
9 \$	0.035	\$ 0.011	\$ 0.046
10 \$	0.036	\$ 0.011	\$ 0.047

Contract Year	Estimated Utility \$/kWh	Estimated Solar kWh	Estimated Utility Purchases
1 \$	0.098	184,100	\$ 18,100
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3 \$	0.106	182,300	\$ 19,300
4 \$	0.110	181,400	\$ 20,000
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6 \$	0.119	179,600	\$ 21,400
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10 \$	0.140	176,000	\$ 24,600

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1	\$ 10,900
2	\$ 11,400
3	\$ 11,900
4	\$ 12,500
5	\$ 13,100
6	\$ 13,700
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8	\$ 15,000
9	\$ 15,600
10	\$ 16,400

Total	\$ 134,900
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Printed Name:	
Title:	
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<i>Seller:</i>	Zero Emissions Northwest, LLC
Signature:	
Printed Name:	
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Date:	



Exhibit 1:

Pricing

1. **Initial Term:** Ten (10) years, beginning on the Commercial Operation Date (the “Initial Term”).
2. **Additional Terms:** Up to two (2) terms of five (5) years, each beginning on the expiration of the Initial Term, each an “Additional Term”.
3. **Contract Price:**

Contract Year	Solar Energy \$/kWh	Insurance Premium	Total Solar \$/kWh
1 \$	0.030 \$	0.009 \$	0.039
2 \$	0.031 \$	0.009 \$	0.040
3 \$	0.031 \$	0.009 \$	0.041
4 \$	0.032 \$	0.010 \$	0.041
5 \$	0.032 \$	0.010 \$	0.042
6 \$	0.033 \$	0.010 \$	0.043
7 \$	0.034 \$	0.010 \$	0.044
8 \$	0.034 \$	0.010 \$	0.045
9 \$	0.035 \$	0.011 \$	0.046
10 \$	0.036 \$	0.011 \$	0.047

Contract Year	Estimated Utility \$/kWh	Estimated Solar kWh	Estimated Utility Purchases
1 \$	0.125	135,300 \$	16,900
2 \$	0.130	134,600 \$	17,500
3 \$	0.135	133,900 \$	18,100
4 \$	0.140	133,200 \$	18,700
5 \$	0.146	132,500 \$	19,300
6 \$	0.152	131,800 \$	20,000
7 \$	0.158	131,100 \$	20,700
8 \$	0.164	130,400 \$	21,400
9 \$	0.171	129,700 \$	22,100
10 \$	0.178	129,100 \$	22,900

Contract Year	Total Solar \$/kWh	Estimated Solar kWh	Estimated ZEN Purchases
1 \$	0.039	135,300 \$	5,300
2 \$	0.040	134,600 \$	5,300
3 \$	0.041	133,900 \$	5,400
4 \$	0.041	133,200 \$	5,500
5 \$	0.042	132,500 \$	5,600
6 \$	0.043	131,800 \$	5,700
7 \$	0.044	131,100 \$	5,800
8 \$	0.045	130,400 \$	5,800
9 \$	0.046	129,700 \$	5,900
10 \$	0.047	129,100 \$	6,000

Contract Year	Net Energy Savings
1	\$ 11,600
2	\$ 12,200
3	\$ 12,700
4	\$ 13,200
5	\$ 13,700
6	\$ 14,300
7	\$ 14,900
8	\$ 15,600
9	\$ 16,200
10	\$ 16,900

Total	\$ 141,300
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The first Contract Year shall commence on the Commercial Operation Date, and each subsequent Contract Year shall commence on the anniversary of the Commercial Operation Date.

4. **Contract Price Assumptions.** The Contract Price is based on the following assumptions:
- a. Interconnection costs for the System will not exceed \$0.00 in the aggregate.
 - b. Statutory prevailing wage rates (e.g., Davis-Bacon) do not apply.
 - c. All prices in this Agreement are calculated based on an upfront rebate of 100%. In the event that the reimbursable rebate is not paid by the Utility, the PPA price shall be equal to 95% of the Utility rate.
 - e. The Contract Price is exclusive of Seller's Taxes (as defined in Section 3(d) of **Exhibit 3**) at the rates in effect as of the Effective Date.
5. **Contract Price Exclusions.** Unless Seller and Purchaser have agreed otherwise in writing, and except as otherwise provided in Section 2(c) of **Exhibit 3**, the Contract Price excludes the following:
- a. Unforeseen groundwork (including excavation and circumvention of underground obstacles). Upgrades or repair to customer or utility electrical infrastructure (including: client or utility service, transformers, substations, poles, breakers, reclosers, and disconnects).
 - b. Snow removal, tree removal, tree trimming, mowing and any landscape improvements.
 - c. Decorative fencing and/or any visual screening materials, decorative enhancements to solar support structures (including: painting, paint matching, masonry/stone work, and any lighting not required to meet the minimum code compliance).
 - d. Removal of existing lighting, light poles, or concrete light post bases.
 - e. Roof membrane maintenance or reroofing work.
 - f. Structural upgrades to the Improvements, including ADA upgrades.
 - g. Installation of public information screen or kiosk (including accompanying internet connection, power supply, technical support and ADA access).
 - h. Changes in System design caused by any inaccuracy or ambiguity in information provided by Purchaser, including information regarding Purchaser's energy use, the Premises and the Improvements, including building plans and specifications.
6. Termination Payment Schedule (**Exhibit 3**, Section 11(b)):

Contract Year	Termination Payment
1	\$54,000
2	\$53,000
3	\$53,000
4	\$52,000
5	\$51,000
6	\$50,000
7	\$50,000
8	\$49,000
9	\$48,000
10	\$47,000



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‘Pennies from the sun’: Schools in rural communities look to save money in solar power project

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Workers put solar panels in Harrington School District, Aug. 13, 2025. This part of a joint project put together by organizations in Eastern Washington to help rural schools save money.

HARRINGTON, Wash. – Harrington School District is one of sixteen rural schools across Eastern Washington turning sunlight into savings, thanks to a new project bringing solar

power to rural communities.

“It’s pennies from the sun,” said David Funk, president of Zero Emissions Northwest.

Partners for Rural Washington and Zero Emissions Northwest have partnered to bring solar projects to 16 rural schools across Eastern Washington. The initiative is funded by one-time incentives from the Community Solar Expansion Program, which was authorized by the state Legislature and is administered through the Washington State University Energy Program.

Under the program, solar systems will be installed on or near school buildings at no cost to the districts. Utility companies Inland Power and Avista have also joined the effort, supporting the State Community Solar program.

The money saved in energy costs will be reinvested into the district by using those funds to help low-income populations for the first 10 years of the 30-year lifespan of the solar panel system.

“We look at our rural communities and see these schools as that beating heart and soul of these rural areas,” Funk said.

Harrington School District, with a student population of about 110, was the first of the 16 schools to have solar panels installed last week. The panels were placed on the roof of the locker room at the gymnasium, as well as on the welding shop and bus garage.



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Kelli Tanke, office manager at Harrington School District, said Funk was working on their family farm when he pitched the idea to her last year, wondering if it could help the district.

“He has connections to our tiny little district, and was looking for ways to help stretch the dollar farther. So if we can save energy costs, his question to us was like, “What can you guys turn around and do with that money?” Tanke said. “Easily, you just think of the kids.”

It wasn’t long after working with Funk and the other nonprofits that they decided to come on board.

Tanke said they anticipate the project will save their district about \$15,000 a year, totaling nearly \$1 million over the next 30 years.

Staci Nelson, director of grant services for Partners for Rural Washington, said schools can use the savings for various needs, such as uniforms, transportation fees and summer camps focused on science, technology, engineering and maths.

“We’re hoping to remove barriers and open up opportunities for the schools themselves, teachers and administrators who identify needs and don’t have funding themselves or within the district,” Nelson said.

“It’s a super exciting low risk way for rural schools to be able to generate money and funding that goes right back into supporting schools and families,” she continued.

Although Courtney Strozyk, principal and superintendent of the school district, had just started her role in June of this year, she said that having grown up in the town, she saw both the support for and the need for a project like this.

“It’s just nice to be able to know there’s a few more resources that we can stretch those dollars in these tiny communities a little farther,” Strozyk said.

Funk said the next projects will be at Tekoa School District, located between Spokane and Pullman on the Palouse, and then Davenport School District. The remaining schools are still in the final review phase.

“When we have more signed contracts, we can announce all of this a little bit more,” Funk said

Funk said all the organizations involved are actively reaching out to rural schools to join the project, with the goal of helping “as many Eastern Washington communities as possible.”

“There’s so many people that want to do good, and work hard doing so, and it’s just a pleasure to get to work alongside many of those people,” Funk said.

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Lind Elementary August Board Report

"Ready for a year of learning, laughter, and lots of Bulldog pride!"

Family Connections

As the new principal, one of my priorities is to continue strengthening family partnerships. To support this, we're using two key tools: our S'more newsletter, which provides families with clear updates and school highlights, and our Lind Elementary Facebook page, which shares quick reminders and celebrations in real time. Together, these platforms give families consistent, reliable ways to stay informed and engaged with school life.

Back-to-School Open House

Our Back-to-School Open House was a great way to start the year. It gave students and families the chance to meet teachers, drop off supplies, and get comfortable in classrooms before the first day. It was also a wonderful opportunity for me to introduce myself to many families, and we were glad to have several of our community partners join us as well.

Staff In-Service

We kicked off the year with our Marzano trainer, focusing on strategies to inspire and motivate students. The session served as both a refresher and a recharge, and staff engaged in meaningful discussions about how to apply these strategies in their classrooms. Many left excited to implement key takeaways and incorporate new ideas that will support student learning and engagement throughout the year.

Looking Ahead: First Day of School

The first day will focus on building relationships and establishing routines. Teachers will take time to connect with students, review classroom expectations, and introduce the "Teach-To's" across the building. I will also be going into each classroom to meet students, welcome them to Lind Elementary, and help set the tone for a positive and productive school year.

Ritzville Grade School August Board Report

Ritzville Grade School is off to a strong start! The energy from staff, students, and families has been great, and we're looking forward to a positive year of learning and growth.

Family Connections

We're continuing to strengthen partnerships with families through our monthly S'more newsletter and the RGS Facebook page. These give families consistent updates, reminders, and celebrations. Teachers will also be sending out monthly newsletters to keep families up to date and informed on what is happening in their classroom.

Back-to-School Open House

Our Open House was a great kickoff. Families visited classrooms, connected with teachers, and enjoyed food and conversation. It was a reminder of how important community is in starting the year strong.

Staff Training & PBIS

We began the year with Marzano training focused on motivating students and reinforcing positive behavior. This ties in directly with our PBIS work at RGS. Staff are using consistent expectations and positive recognition to support **Bronco P.R.I.D.E** : Positive Attitude, Respectful, In Control, Dependable, and Engaged.

Curriculum & Innovation

With the first year of our new curriculum behind us, we're ready to fine-tune instruction and keep improving. We're also excited to expand student opportunities with more robotics and coding this year.

Looking Ahead

The first days of school are focused on relationships, routines, and helping students feel connected and ready to learn. On the first day, we will play music, greet students at classroom doors, and review expectations in all areas of the school. Teachers are also planning team-building activities with their classes to start building strong, positive relationships with students right away. There will also be a lot of unpacking and organizing of school supplies on the first day of school.

There's something special about Ritzville Grade School, and with the team and systems we have in place, this year is going to be the best year ever!

LRMS August Board Report

We are off to a strong start at Lind-Ritzville Middle School! This brief report highlights our first days back, the Marzano professional development sessions, and a few other updates worth sharing. It already feels like our theme, **L**eading by example, **R**elentlessly **M**otivated, which all leads to **S**uccess, is alive in our halls. The energy from staff, students, and families is contagious, and yes, even the hotdogs helped fuel the momentum.

S'more Newsletters

Sent out the first newsletter of the year a few weeks ago. Our focus this year is on improving communication. Families can now expect a newsletter on the first school day of every month, giving them a consistent date to look forward to and rely on for updates.

New System: Minga

We're launching a new hall pass and positive behavior system, rolling it out slowly to ensure a smooth start. This system will help provide structure, accountability, and consistent positive recognition for the amazing things our students do every day.

Open House

Great turnout! Families connected, kids showed off their classrooms, and the hotdogs and chips were a big hit. Breaking bread together is still one of the best community builders.

Staff In-Service

We kicked off the year with our Marzano trainer, focusing on inspiring and motivating students while staying consistent with positive behavior reinforcement. It was equal parts refresher and recharge, a good reminder that consistency and intentionality matters as much as enthusiasm, and will serve as a spark for ideas we'll continue exploring in future Friday professional development sessions.

First Day of School

- Student handbook review (available on our website for families who love a good rulebook read)
- Bulldog class competitions, because a little friendly rivalry keeps school fun
- A motivational assembly with Duncan Kirkwood, who helped launch the year with energy and inspiration

Don Walker

Principal

Lind-Ritzville Middle School

August 2025 LRHS Board Report

First Day School Plans

All Freshmen students will be greeted by their Lind Crew Leader. We take the transition to high school seriously, so the freshmen will be led through a series of sessions to better equip them for success in their freshman year.

At 1 PM, we are hosting a guest speaker, Duncan Kirkwood, in Gilson Gym to kickstart the school year off with a message about resilience and committing something bigger than ourselves.

Trainings on the 19th, 20th, and 21st

The three days of training were quite productive for our high school staff. We used our time to make commitments to staff and student well-being, moving the needle on past initiatives this school year, and making our school and classrooms the most engaging place for students to be.

Open House

We had good turnout for our open house, particularly from many of our new students who are coming to use this school year.

Enrollment

We currently have 202 students enrolled in LRHS and the LRAcademy. We currently have students choosing into our high school from Odessa, Washtucna, Sprague, Moses Lake, and Cheney.

We have 184 fulltime LRHS students with 18 LRAcademy students. Some LRAcademy students have hybrid course schedules that include homeschool programs, LRHS courses, and LRA Edmentum courses, to create full-time schedules. This is a sign of our flexibility to encourage enrollment in our high school and academy.