

RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
January 26, 2026

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 January 26, 2026. The following members were in attendance:

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

Ritzville School Board Members:	Erin Repp	Reid Phillips
	Tia Kubik	Travis Devore
	Courtney Fannin	

Lind Chair Labes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lind Chair Labes called the Lind School Board meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

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

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

Ritzville Director Kubik 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.

Joint Items

Public Comment - After Lind Chair Labes read the rules and regulations for public comment, Christina Heater read a statement from the Lind-Ritzville Cooperative School Agreement.

Student Representative Report - Lind-Ritzville High School Student Representatives Cicely Herrera and Beau Fode shared an update on events happening at LRHS, including upcoming dates, winter sports and the upcoming Donkey Basketball game that is sponsored by FCCLA.

Principal Reports - LRMS Principal Don Walker reported on School Improvement Plans, explaining what the plans are and that the board is to review and approve every year. Mr. Walker also spoke about the Highly Capable Plan, explaining the referral process and how the program provides opportunities for all students, not just the students who qualify.

For board appreciation month, each building principal presented board members with gifts to show appreciation to the members for their time and service to the board.

Bus Depreciation Report - Superintendent Wargo shared the current bus depreciation schedule with the board. Explaining that due to a proposed Senate bill, that would push depreciation from thirteen to fifteen years, and the district will have to hold off on ordering two buses for the fall of 2027. In preparation, one bus will be ordered now (on consent agenda) and once funding passes for 2026-27, the second bus will be ordered.

Grant Updates - Superintendent Wargo updated the boards on grants, noting that the district did not get the grant to replace the high school Ag shop roof or the Safety and Security grant to add vestibules at Lind Elementary and Lind-Ritzville Middle School, the district will reapply in the fall. Mr. Wargo shared that he recently spoke with Representative Joe Schmick and emphasized that small school grants are important to our districts. LRCS Business Manager Kris Robbins reported that the districts have received \$75,666 in grants. Per district policy, grants received in amounts exceeding \$2,500 are to be accepted by the board and will see them on the agenda. Lind Elementary and Ritzville Grade School both received a \$7,000 donation from Rattlesnake Flats. LES will use the funds to replace student chairs, testing headsets, storage racks and playground equipment. RGS will purchase tables and chairs for the library, water bottle filling stations, STEAM equipment and a sensory walk.

Finance Report - Business Manager Kris Robbins gave an update on financials, noting budget status reports and cash flow documents were available in board packets. She reported that there is an increase in the January apportionment since it is based on actuals. Due to the state reallocating funds, the district will be allocated less through the year, but will get the remainder in August. This may make the cash flow look like less than it really is.

Superintendent Wargo provided the board with a draft Interlocal Agreement for transportation. He explained that the transportation department works on local fire department and other small school district vehicles. Currently, there is no formal agreement in place, only a hand-shake agreement. Once agreements have been signed by the other entities, they will be brought to the board for approval.

Superintendent Wargo passed out Superintendent interview schedules and mentioned that Andy Wolf will be here to facilitate along with Central Office staff. Each candidate will be asked four to five prepared questions at the staff and community forums on Wednesday.

With several policy first readings on the agenda, Superintendent Wargo explained that he will be going through the most recent WSSDA suggested policy changes and updating district policies as needed.

There was a first reading of the following: Policy 1111 - Oath of Office, Policy 2106 - Program Compliance, Policy 2108 - Learning Assistance Program, Policy 2170 - Career and Technical Education, Policy 3226 - Interviews and Interrogation of Student on School Premises, Policy 5010 - Discrimination Free Workplace, Policy 5011 - Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited and Policy 5260 - Personnel Records.

Board Member Reports - There was nothing new to report.

Joint Consent Agenda

Lind Director Schmunk moved to approve the Joint Consent Agenda as follows: Approval of December 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Approve to Order 2026 G5 Micro Bird 28 Passenger Propane Bus Approximately \$227,993.00, Personnel Actions: Resignation - HS Assistant Softball Coach - Lacey Miller, Resignation - HS Cheer Coach - Kiera Buriak, Resignation - MS Assistant Baseball Coach - Brady Wahl, Resignation - MS Volleyball Coach - Kris Robbins, Resignation - MS Softball Coach - Kiera Buriak, New Hires - MS Assistant Baseball Coach - Tyson Kimble, New Hires - MS Assistant Track Coach - Emberlynn Mack (Murphy), Accept & Acknowledge First Washington Robotics Grant for LR Robotics Club, Accept & Acknowledge Ag West Farm Credit Grant for LR Robotics Club, Accept & Acknowledge CASE Grant for the LRHS Ag CTE Program. Lind Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Consent Agenda

Lind Director Weidemann moved to approve the Lind Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$48,652.00, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$37,176.96, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$70.00, Payroll for January 30, 2026 - \$188,387.91 & \$167,963.51, Accept & Acknowledge Rattlesnake Ridge Donation for Lind Elementary School, Approve Highly Capable Plan, Cooperative Agreement Section VI; revert to language that existed prior to 4/28/25. Lind Director Wahl seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Consent Agenda

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to approve the Ritzville Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$91,706.89, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$37,176.96, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$4,394.00, Payroll for January 30, 2026 - \$467,365.11, Cooperative Agreement Section VI; revert to language that existed prior to 4/28/25, Accept & Acknowledge Rattlesnake Ridge Donation for Ritzville Grade School, Approve Highly Capable Plan. Ritzville Director Devore seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

After a five minute recess, at 7:30 P.M. an Executive Session was called by both boards chairs for approximately fifteen minutes with no action to follow.

With no further business before the board, Ritzville Chair Repp and Lind Chair Labes adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

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