

RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
March 23, 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 March 23, 2026. The following members were in attendance:

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

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 6:30 P.M.

Lind Director Williamson moved to excuse Director Weidemann. Lind 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 Wahl 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 6:30 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 - There was no public comment.

Student Representative Report - Student Representatives Cicely Herrera and Beau Fode reported on Lind-Ritzville High School activities, highlighting upcoming calendar dates, recap of prom, spring sports and various club activities.

Sports Cooperative Discussion - Superintendent Wargo distributed a handout containing the 60/40 split sports co-op information discussed at the March 12, 2026, special meeting. After spring break, he recommended a board workshop to further discuss possible addendums to the agreement and provided a draft addendum outlining proposed changes. He also recommended revising the deadline for other districts to notify LRCS of their intent to withdraw from the co-op.

2026-27 Calendar Discussion - Superintendent Wargo handed out Draft 3b of the 2026–27 school calendar. He explained that, in addition to the changes requested by the boards, four professional development days will coincide with the Harrington School District's professional development days to allow staff from both

districts to collaborate.

Lind Director Wahl moved to approve the 2026-27 calendar. Lind Director Williamson seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with three ayes and one nay. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to approve the 2026-27 calendar. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with four ayes and one nay. The motion carried.

Superintendent Updates

Superintendent Wargo reported that the district is awaiting one Interlocal Agreement from the City of Ritzville. All other Interlocal Agreements have been signed and are included on the Lind Consent Agenda for approval. Additionally, he briefly outlined the process for surplus school district vehicles, noting that one vehicle is currently listed on the joint consent agenda for board approval.

Early Learning Project - In his update on the early learning center project, Mr. Wargo presented the architect's site plans. He discussed the possibility of using WillScot modular buildings to reduce costs. Superintendent Wargo provided a projected total cost of \$2.45 million, noting that finalizing plans with Willscott is scheduled September 1st with a target opening date of September 2027. The district will pay invoices from the Capital Projects fund, which will then be reimbursed by the Department of Commerce grant.

Clean Buildings Performance Standards - Superintendent Wargo explained the state mandates requiring public school buildings to meet specific energy efficiency targets to reduce emissions. He noted that the initial step involves determining the energy usage of each building. David Funk, of Zero Emissions Northwest, will conduct a study to assess whether the districts currently meet these targets. Superintendent Wargo stated that he wanted to initiate this process now to ensure a smooth transition for the incoming superintendent.

Lind & Ritzville Study & Survey - Superintendent Wargo provided an update on the district's Study and Survey. Buildings and Grounds Facility Director Zach Gardner met with Architect West staff on March 6 to tour district facilities. The study now includes a seismic risk assessment. The OSPI-conducted Study and Survey must be completed by March 2027.

Finance Report - Business Manager Kris Robbins presented a snapshot of the 2026-27 budget based on current enrollment, agreed IPD, and proposed state changes to ALE and TK reductions and MSOC increases. She explained that the administration is reviewing strategies to modify expenses, maximize the efficiency of existing resources, and identify additional ways to reduce spending. She also requested a budget workshop with the boards after spring break to discuss options, noting that staff reductions may be necessary to account for decreased funding.

There was a second reading Policy 6220 - Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements. There was a first reading of Policy 6217 - Electronic Fund Transfer & ACH and Policy 6225 - Use of Electronic Signature.

Board Member Reports - There was nothing new to report.

Joint Consent Agenda

Ritzville Director Devore moved to approve the Joint Consent Agenda as follows: Approval of February 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Approval of February 24, 2026 Special Board Meeting

Minutes, Approval of February 27, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes, Approval of March 12, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes, Personnel Actions - New Hires: MS Softball Head Coach - Tina Wells, HS Baseball Assistant Coach - Brady Wahl, HS Assistant Golf Coach - Don Walker, HS Cheer Coach - Kelley Kiesz (50/50 split salary), HS Cheer Coach - Melody Miller (50/50 split salary), Resignation: HS Assistant Tennis Coach - Madeline Scoon. Lind Director Wahl seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Consent Agenda

Lind Director Wahl moved to approve the Lind Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$67,968.59, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$37,733.06, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$38.86, Payroll for March 31, 2026 - \$359,349.60, Personnel Actions: Leave of Absence Request - Natalie McKinney (2026-27 school year), Approve Interlocal Agreements: Bengé School District, Sprague/Lamont School Districts, Washtucna School District, Adams County Fire Protection District #1. Lind Director Williamson 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 - \$100,605.65, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$37,733.06, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$30,970.89, Capital Projects Accounts Payable - \$24,820.23, Payroll for March 31, 2026 - \$487,922.70, Personnel Actions: Termination - RGS paraeducator - Deborah Binam. Ritzville Director Devore seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

After a ten minute recess, at 7:40 P.M. an Executive Session was called by both boards chairs for approximately thirty minutes with no action to follow.

With no further business before the board, Lind Chair Labes and Ritzville Chair Repp adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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