

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

Lind Chair Labes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lind Chair Labes called the Lind School Board meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Lind Director Schmunk moved to excuse Director Weidemann. Lind 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.

Ritzville Chair Repp called the Ritzville School Board meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to excuse Director Fannin. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to approve the agenda. Ritzville Director Devore 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, including upcoming calendar dates, spring sports, the marching band's performance at the Lilac Parade, and FFA state contest results.

LRHS Principal Kevin Terris recognized and thanked Herrera and Fode for serving as the voice of the student body. Marcial Davis and Sara Vidal were announced as the new student representatives for the 2026–27 school year.

Principal's Report – LES Principal Gabe Gonzales recognized teachers Darlene O'Neill and Connie Field for their many years of service to the school district. LRHS Principal Kevin Terris recognized Interim Superintendent Gary Wargo for stepping into this role.

LRHS Principal Kevin Terris provided the board with a sample agenda for a Friday Professional Learning Day. Each session would consist of whole-group learning, small-group collaboration, and independent work time. Mr. Terris noted that the high school may occasionally focus on different topics than the elementary buildings to allow for building specific learning. Furthermore, plans include collaborating with the Washtucna and Harrington school districts, which also utilize a four-day week. This partnership will provide regional collaboration opportunities; for instance, English teachers from all three districts would be able to meet and discuss subject-specific topics.

LRMS Principal Don Walker updated the Board on the structure of the Friday Academic Intervention days, which was developed using feedback from teachers and families. Under this plan, teaching staff will recommend student attendance based on grades, attendance, and missing assignments, though students may also request to attend. Notification will be sent to families and students on the Monday afternoon prior to the scheduled Academic Friday. Transportation Supervisor Lynn Sackmann will be provided a student list to arrange necessary transportation. One to two teachers will be present to provide direct support. Additionally, any extracurricular groups wishing to meet on these Fridays must do so during the session block from 8:15 to 11:30 AM.

Superintendent Updates – Superintendent Wargo discussed travel support for FCCLA students traveling to the national competition. In the past, each district has provided each student with \$250 for travel expenses. He asked if the boards would consider reducing this amount, as it is costly to the district. Ritzville Director Devore noted that if the boards move forward with a change, advisors would need time to adjust their budgets. Both boards agreed to maintain the current support of \$250 for each student competing at FCCLA Nationals.

Superintendent Wargo also reported that the June Board meeting has been moved to Wednesday, June 24, 2026, in order for incoming Superintendent Miranda Bacha to be present. He explained that the WIAA Resolution on the agenda was an annual WIAA authorization.

Finance Report - Business Manager Kris Robbins reported that cash flow documents are included in the board packets. She noted that on the Lind side, the state transportation allocation was incorrect but will be corrected in the June allocation, adding that this was a statewide issue. Mrs. Robbins provided an update on the ongoing audit, noting that the auditors have been asking specific fraud-related questions and that the audit is nearing completion. Finally, she reported that transportation depreciation funds will not impact the districts as severely as initially reported.

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 April 27, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Approval of May 21, 2026 Board Workshop Meeting Minutes, Approval of FCCLA Out of State Travel & Allocation for National Convention, Approval of Resolution # 2025-26 03 WIAA School Board Authorization, Approval of Pre-Employment Contract with Miranda Bacha, Adoption - Policy 3245 - Students and Telecommunication Devices (Update), Approval of FFA Out

of State Travel to Linn-Benton Livestock Camp in Albany, Oregon, Personnel Actions: Admin Salary Schedule, New Hires - Tyson Kimble - Assistant MS Football Coach, Resignation - Grace Fedie - Assistant HS Volleyball Coach, Resignation - Christina Heater - Cross Country Coach. 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 - \$61,288.41, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$41,126.21, TVF Fund Accounts Payable - \$215,556.52, Payroll for May 29, 2026 - \$364,955.85, Personnel Actions: New Hire- LeaCadia Bren - LES Early Learning Paraeducator (Leave replacement for 1 year only), New Hire - Brenna-Leigh Kiefer - LRMS Special Education Paraeducator. 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 - \$156,176.05, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$41,126.21, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$23,271.08, Capital Projects Accounts Payable - \$3,436.99, Payroll for May 29, 2026 - \$475,958.92, Personnel Actions: New Hires - Katheran Gingrich - HS ELA/Social Studies Teacher. Ritzville Director Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

After a ten minute recess, at 7:34 P.M. an Executive Session was called by both boards chairs for approximately twenty minutes with no action to follow.

With no further business before the board, Lind Chair Labes and Ritzville Chair Repp adjourned at 7:54 P.M.


Chairman/Date

 6/24/2026
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Secretary to the Board

