

Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools
Regular Board Meeting
August 24, 2026 - 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 DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

3. Public Comment
4. Principal Report
 - a. FFA Presentation - Andy Williams
 - b. Athletics Presentation - Dustan Arlt
5. Superintendent Updates
 - a. Early Learning project (ELF) Update
 - b. Enrollment Update
6. Finance
7. Board Director Reports
8. **Joint Consent Agenda (Lind & Ritzville)**
 - a. Approval of July 30, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval of 2026-27 Fee Schedule
 - c. Approval of Out of Endorsement Teaching Assignments
 - d. Personnel Actions -
 - Resignation - HS Softball Coach - Kennedy Anderson
 - New Hire - HS/MS Assistant Cross Country Coach - Hailey Clark
9. **Consent Agenda (Ritzville Only)**
 - a. General Fund Accounts Payable - \$43,721.55
 - b. Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$10,187.88
 - c. Associate Student Body Accounts Payable - \$35,396.39
 - d. Capital Projects Accounts Payable - \$67,602.04
 - d. Payroll for August 31, 2026 - \$557,518.20
 - e. Personnel Actions

- New Hire - LRHS SPED Teacher - Kate Hoch
- f. Approval of August 4, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- g. Approval of Agreement with Coffman Engineering and Budinger Engineering
- h. Approval of Purchase Order to KCDA for Modular Buildings

10. Consent Agenda (Lind Only)

- a. General Fund Accounts Payable - \$34,401.50
- b. Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$10,187.88
- c. Capital Projects Accounts Payable - \$8,600.46
- d. Payroll for August 31, 2026 - \$379,391.43
- e. Accept Resignation of Lind Board Director - Breanne Williamson
- e. Personnel Actions
 - New Hire - LES Paraeducator - Kelcee Carlson

11. Adjournment

Looking Ahead (September):

RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
July 30, 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 July 30, 2026. The following members were in attendance:

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

Ritzville School Board Members:	Erin Repp	Reid Phillips
	Travis Devore	

Lind Vice-Chair Schmunk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Lind Director Weidemann moved to excuse Chair Labes. 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 6:31 P.M.

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

Ritzville Director Devore 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.

There was no presentation by Lind-Ritzville FFA.

Public Hearing - The public hearing for the 2026–27 budget was opened at 6:34 p.m. for the Lind School District and at 6:53 p.m. for the Ritzville School District. Business Manager Robbins reviewed budget projections with the boards. Discussion focused on enrollment and its impact on the budget. With no public comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:53 p.m. for the Lind School District and at 7:15 p.m. for the Ritzville School District.

Superintendent Updates – Superintendent Bacha thanked the boards for allowing her to start early to work alongside outgoing Interim Superintendent Wargo. She reported that following two late administrative resignations, the district developed a coverage plan: LRMS Principal Don Walker will oversee both Lind

Elementary School and Lind-Ritzville Middle School, and LES will have a Dean of Students on site daily. This arrangement will also be a cost savings for the district. Following two rounds of principal interviews at Ritzville Grade School—and after one candidate accepted and later declined—former RGS Principal Cindy Deska Faught will return as interim principal until Shirley Hautala takes over in January. Mrs. Hautala brings more than twenty years of special education experience and will attend RGS staff meetings virtually in the interim to stay informed.

Superintendent Bacha also reported that she and the building principals attended the WASA/AWSP Conference in Spokane. She will meet with them to discuss preparations for the upcoming school year.

Finance Report – Business Manager Kris Robbins reported that another school district has expressed interest in purchasing the Ritzville surplus items listed on the agenda. She noted that the ongoing audit is currently focusing on credit card usage due to a statewide rise in fraud cases.

Mrs. Robbins also reported that Avista requires a new contract related to the solar project in Lind. The district needed to make a payment to Avista and requested approval from the Lind Board for a prepayment in the amount of \$16,000, noting that Zero Emissions had already reimbursed the district for this amount.

Lind Director Wahl moved to approve the \$16,000 prepayment to Avista. Lind Director Williamson seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

There was a second reading of Policy 3141 - Non-Resident Students.

Board Member Reports - There was nothing new to report.

Joint Consent Agenda

Lind Director Weidemann moved to approve the Joint Consent Agenda as follows: Approval of June 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Adoption of Policy 3141 - Nonresident Students. Ritzville Director Repp seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Consent Agenda

Lind Director Williamson moved to approve the Lind Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$53,735.32, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$19,917.50, TVF Fund Accounts Payable - \$186,013.18, Payroll for July 31, 2026 - \$367,998.98, Personnel Actions: New Hire - LES Dean of Student - Shauna Sanger, New Hire - LES 1st/2nd Grade Teacher - Mercedes Miller, Approval of Resolution #25-26 10 Adopting the 2026-27 Budget. 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 Devore moved to approve the Ritzville Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$98,927.98, \$579.07, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$19,917.50, Associated Student Body Fund Accounts Payable - \$18,048.26, Capital Projects Accounts Payable - \$921.94, Payroll for July 31, 2026 - \$439,972.65, Personnel Actions: New Hire - Interim RGS Principal - Cindy Deska Faught, New Hire - RGS Principal - Shirley Hautala (January 2027 Start), Approval of Resolution # 2025-26 10 Adopting the 2026-27 Budget, Approval of Surplus Items. Ritzville Director

Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

With no further business before the board, Ritzville Chair Repp and Lind Vice-Chair Schmunk adjourned at 7:36P.M.

Chairman/Date

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Secretary to the Board

Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools 2026-27 Fee Schedule

Food Service	Price
Breakfast (TK- 12)	\$0
Lunch (TK-12)	\$0
Reduced Price	Breakfast \$0 / Lunch \$0
Milk (purchased alone or extra milk)	\$ 0.50
Adult or student 2nd meal	Breakfast \$4.25 / Lunch \$5.25
School Fees	Price
Middle School ASB Card	\$ 40.00
High School ASB Card	\$ 50.00
Affiliation Fees (FFA, FBLA, FCCLA, etc)	\$ N/C if grant funded
FBLA - Fall & Winter Conference	\$ 25-50/conference
FBLA - State & Nationals *	Actual Cost TBD by Advisor
FFA - State & Nationals *	Actual Cost TBD by Advisor
FCCLA - State & Nationals *	Actual Cost TBD by Advisor
Yearbook - Current & Last 5 years	\$ 60.00
Yearbook - Older than 6 Years	\$ 30.00
Returned Check Fee/Non-Sufficient Funds	\$30.00/per returned check
Band Equipment Rentals/Loaners	Lost/Damage Fee Only**
Band Items (Reeds, oil, books, etc)	Actual Cost
CTE Fee - Project items that go home	Material Cost
Library Book - Lost or replace	Actual cost
* State & Nationals Cost are determined by the Actual Cost of attendance less fundraising efforts	
** See Assurance Coverage	

Sport Passes		Price
Family Sports Pass - Includes 2 parents and 3 children (Family = living in the same household and children under 18 years of age & living in household) Under 3yo not included		\$200.00
Senior Citizen/Veteran Sports Pass		\$65.00
Adult Sports Pass		\$95.00
K - 8 Sports Pass (students without ASB cards)		\$65.00
HS Athletics - Single Event Pricing		Price
LRMS or LRHS Students with ASB Card		FREE
Adult		\$ 8
Senior Citizen (65+ Years of Age)		\$ 6
Students (without ASB Card)		\$ 6
**Post-Season Pricing to be set annually by the WIAA		
Assurance Coverage (Device & Equipment Insurance)		Price
Full Cost		\$75.00
Students on Reduced Lunch Cost		\$40.00
Students on Free Lunch Cost		\$20.00
Insurance is for all equipment and items provided by the school for use by a student and returned at the end of the school year. Fee is for the first two paid students. Additional students living in the same household are at no additional cost. <i>(Example - 4 students at full fee would be \$150.00)</i>		

Device Coverage WITH Assurance		
Occurrence	Accidental	Lost/Stolen
1st Incident	\$0 to fix	\$25 to replace
2nd Incident	\$25 to fix	\$75 to replace
3rd Incident	Full Cost	Full Cost
Explanation	Dropping, water damage, natural disaster, etc.	Police report filed with in 24 hours if stolen and provided to Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools
Intentional damage to school property is the full responsibility of the student		

Approximate Cost WITHOUT Assurance	
Replacement Charger	\$25 - \$50
Replacement Screen	\$50 - \$150
Replacement Keyboard, Touchpad, Camera, Exterior, Ect	\$50 - \$100
Hinge	\$40 - \$60
New Chromebook (Lost/Stolen/Beyond Repair)	\$225 - \$325
Band Equipment	Actual Cost of item
Scientific Calculators	Actual Cost of item

Community Fees	
Preschool Fee (monthly Sept - May)	\$300/month
Half Day Preschool Fee (monthly Sept - May)	\$150/month
Weight Room Annual Fee	\$50.00
Replacement Card (lost within time of annual use)	\$20.00
Copies - per page	\$0.15 b/w \$0.25 color
Lamination - per square foot	\$2.00

Facility Rental Fees	
	Per Day
Ag Shop or Classroom	\$50
Collaboration Room	\$75
Football Field	\$40/day \$75/night
Gym/Stage	\$50
Kitchen/Cafeteria	\$40
Gym/Stage and Kitchen/Cafeteria	\$85
Cleaning or Extra Help	Actual Cost (\$200 minimum) Billed after event
A facility use application must be submitted to the district office prior to the use of any LRCS facility.	

STATEMENT OF OUT OF ENDORSEMENT TEACHING ASSIGNMENT

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

During the 2026-2027 school year, the Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Board of Directors will permit the following teacher(s) to instruct one or more courses out of endorsement. In doing so, the Board considered successful related previous and/or concurrent experience(s) in planning, preparation, and instruction. In some instances, related extra-curricular experience was taken into consideration.

Teacher	Course(s)	Grade (s)
Deanna Brooks	Pre-School Teacher	PreK
Chelsie Lavigueur	Transitional Kindergarten Teacher	TK
Nicole Shields	Kindergarten Teacher	K
Alicia Miller	Music/Tech	PreK-4
Rylie Sackmann	Art	PreK-4
Shannon Court	Art, Debate, and Pop Culture	7-8
Christina Heater	Photojournalism, Yearbook, Debate, and Art	7-8
Jennifer York	Drama	7-8
Brendan Bermea	Weight Lifting, and Strategy and Games	7-8
Allison Nichols	Film Appreciation	9-12

Adam Labes
Chairman, Lind Board of Directors

Erin Repp
Chairman, Ritzville Board of Directors

Dated this 24th day of August, 2026

Submitted by:

Miranda Bacha
Superintendent
Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools

**RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING**

August 4, 2026

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Ritzville School District #160-67 held a special meeting in the Lind-Ritzville High School Collaboration Room on August 4, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.

The following members were in attendance:

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

Also in attendance was Superintendent Miranda Bacha.

Ritzville Board Chair Erin Repp called the Ritzville Board meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Superintendent Miranda Bacha presented the board with a letter from Camille Nelson. Board Member Tia made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Camille Nelson. Board Member Courtney seconded the motion and was approved by a unanimous vote.

With no further business before the board, Ritzville Chair Repp adjourned the special meeting at 5:02 P.M.


Chairman/Date 8/4/2026


Secretary to the Board 8/4/26

Principal Reports

Lind Elementary

Professional Development

To prepare for our students, the LES staff dedicated the morning prior to day one reviewing our positive behavior (PBIS) systems, coordinating upcoming events, safety protocols, and started diving into the new ELA standards. We will be diving deeper into these standards during future professional development days. Staff also worked on how to teach their routines within their classrooms positively and effectively.

First Day of School

We officially opened our doors with music, high-fives, and a warm welcome for every child, carrying over the amazing community spirit from our Open House. The first few days ran incredibly smoothly; despite a few natural first-day jitters, the kids were radiating excitement to be back with their peers and teachers. We intentionally spent these first days prioritizing relationships, interactive getting-to-know-you activities, and setting clear, positive classroom routines. This intentional focus reinforced our school expectations and proved that learning can be both highly rigorous and incredibly fun.

Upcoming Events

TK and Kindergarten starts Tuesday, August 25th, we are so excited to see more smiling faces in the building!

Please remember that Friday, August 28th is a school day for Grades 1-5

Preschool students start school on Monday, August 31st!

During the week of September 8th, we will conduct our safety drill week to ensure all students are thoroughly prepared in the event of an emergency.

There is a PTO meeting in the LES library on Tuesday, September 8 at 5:30pm, parents are welcome to attend!

LES individual picture day will be on Thursday, September 10th.

Parent meeting Thursday, September 10th from 6:00pm-7:00pm - come and learn about our Title program!

Grandparents Luncheon will be on Monday, September 14th.

Dress Up week will be the week of Monday, September 21st-Thursday, September 24th.

Toothsavers will be here Wednesday, September 23.

Ritzville Grade School

Elementary Professional Development -

Our staff returned eager to get started. Time was spent on the importance of communication within our building, the Response to Intervention process and building and district expectations and requirements. We were able to spend some time discussing Interventions and who we are planning to target for these Friday opportunities. Teachers loved the time and opportunities to collaborate and set up their classes for our Back to School Open House that was on Tuesday night. We had 109 parents sign in for this event.

First Day-

What a great first day!

We currently have 164 students enrolled. The first day (without Kindergarten, Transitional Kindergarten, ECEAP and Preschool), we had 102 in attendance (with 6 absent). We started the day with a whole school assembly to review some expectations.

Students were excited to be here and teachers spent time reviewing classroom and school expectations. We all know that the time spent upfront teaching expectations will be a huge payoff down the road.

Our Kindergarten and TK teachers are having WaKids meetings, where they have the opportunity to meet with students individually and administer some screenings. We find this very valuable in students transitioning to our Transitional Kinder and Kindergarten. Our Kinder, TK, and ECEAP students begin class on Tuesday, August 25 and Pre-school (morning and afternoon) begins Monday, August 31.

Upcoming Events-

Picture Day September 15

Goodies with Grandparents - September 17 7:30 - 8:15 am

Lind-Ritzville Middle School

Professional Development

Prior to students arriving, staff participated in targeted professional development focused on building and district expectations, Open House and First Day of School preparation, and advancing our mastery based learning approach. Specifically, teams collaborated on our grading practices, establishing positive behavior interventions and reward systems, and incorporating greater student voice into daily instruction. Staff also refined classroom structures and routines, while aligning assessments to proficiency scales, ensuring students have multiple options and flexible pathways to demonstrate their learning.

First Days of School

We officially kicked off day one with a welcome assembly and a spirited "Bulldog Competition" featuring a Rock, Paper, Scissors, Hula Hoop tournament. Aside from one minor hiccup when

the first period bell was miscalculated, the day ran smoothly and the students were visibly excited to be back. Our first two days intentionally prioritized relationship building, getting to know you activities, and establishing clear operational routines. This is a critical focus, as strong culture and quality relationships are proven drivers of academic gains. These initial days effectively reinforced our core LRMS values: Lead by example, Relentlessly Motivated, which all leads to Success.

Upcoming Events

As we settle into the school year, middle school sports practices have officially started, and our athletes are hard at work preparing for their upcoming events. Full athletic schedules are available on the athletics tab of our school website.

Please remember to be ready for individual school pictures August 25th.

Mark your calendars for LRMS Family Night on September 1st, which will cover everything LRMS along with specialized sports meetings and an informational session on Camp Wooten.

We also have many students excited for fair week, where they will be showing their animals and displaying other projects they have worked hard to prepare during Labor Day Weekend at the Wheatland Communities Fair.

During the week of September 8th, we will conduct our safety drill week to ensure all students are thoroughly prepared in the event of an emergency.

Later in the month, we are excited to host Toothsavers on September 23rd.

Finally, we look forward to hosting our first of nine Academic Intervention Days on September 25th.

Lind-Ritzville High School

Staff Professional Learning, Planning & Compliance Training

Our staff had an outstanding week preparing for the start of the school year. In addition to completing required compliance training, staff spent valuable time collaborating, planning, and preparing classrooms and instructional systems for students. A particular focus was our Student Intervention Fridays, and staff are excited and prepared to use this additional time to provide targeted support, intervention, enrichment, and opportunities for students to stay on track academically. There was a noticeable energy throughout the building as staff worked together and prepared to welcome students back.

A Great First Day of School

Students had an excellent first day, and it was clear that they recognized how excited our staff was to have them back in the building. Our freshmen began the year with Link Crew,

participating in activities designed to build relationships, introduce them to high school, and help them feel comfortable and connected from the very beginning.

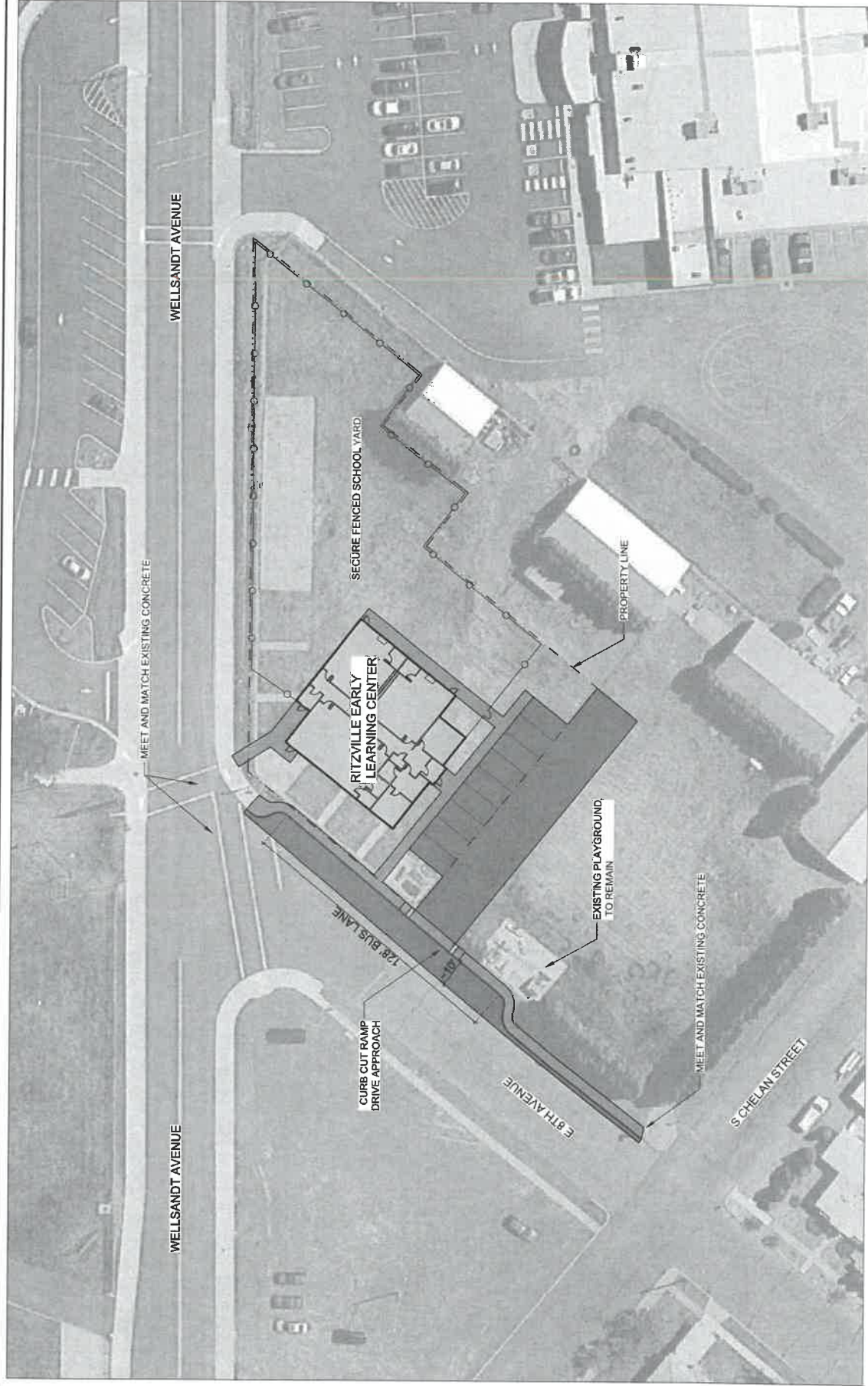
The remainder of the day went exceptionally smoothly. Student problem-solving needs and schedule-change requests were at an all-time low for a first day, allowing students and staff to settle quickly into the school year.

We ended the day with an amazing Welcome Back Assembly led by our ASB officers. One of the highlights was a schoolwide bingo activity that gave students a fun opportunity to learn more about their teachers and other VIPs who work throughout our building. It was a positive, energetic way to finish the first day and set the tone for the year ahead.

Overall, it was an amazing week of preparation and an even better first day with students. Our staff's enthusiasm, preparation, and genuine excitement to have students back were evident throughout the building—and our students noticed it.

Looking Ahead

We have many FFA students looking forward to the Wheatland Communities Fair. We have safety week on September 8th through the 11th, where we conduct daily drills so students know what to do in various situations. Lastly, our PD session on September 18th will focus on implementing student engagement practices, student intervention day planning, and developing our scope and sequence for the high school and beyond plan (a graduation requirement).



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