

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.

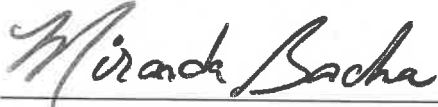
With no further business before the board, Ritzville Chair Repp and Lind Vice-Chair Schmunk adjourned at 7:36P.M.

 8/24/2026

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