

RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
August 24, 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 High School Collaboration Room on August 24, 2026. The following members were in attendance:

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

Lind School Board Members:	Adam Labes	Greg Schmunk
	Jim Weidemann	

Ritzville Chair Repp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

Lind Director Weidemann moved to approve the agenda. Lind Director Schmunk 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.

FFA Advisor Andy Williams, along with LR FFA members Landon Williams, Kelly Cordill, and Cheyenne Hayes, appeared before the board to share their experiences from the State FFA Convention. They reported that 38 members attended the State Convention in Pullman, where LR FFA had four state champion teams. In October, the Agronomy and Meats Evaluation teams will compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. The group expressed appreciation for the board's support and requested funding support from both districts, consistent with past practice, to assist with travel costs estimated at \$18,000 to \$20,000. Mr. Williams shared that the group has received a \$2,000 grant from the WA FFA Foundation.

Athletic Director Dustan Arlt distributed a handout summarizing Middle and High School Athletics for the 2025–26 school year and Fall 2026. He shared the number of participants and coaches for each sport and provided an update on league and WIAA classifications. He

explained how enrollment numbers are used to determine WIAA classifications. Mr. Arlt also discussed districtwide facility updates and needs.

Superintendent Updates – Gary Wargo, former LRCS interim Superintendent, provided an update on the Early Learning Facility (ELF) project. He stated that the district is ready to begin working with engineers and modular building companies. He noted that while several items need to be completed before construction can begin, the Department of Commerce has confirmed that funding is guaranteed. Mr. Wargo reported that the building construction cost is estimated at \$1.7 million, with site work estimated at \$500,000, bringing total available funding from grants and matching funds to \$2.9 million. He stated that site work will begin in mid-February, buildings will be placed in May, and the project is scheduled for completion by July 1, 2027. He encouraged the Ritzville Board to approve the agreements with Coffman Engineering and Budinger Engineering, as well as the purchase order for the modular buildings. Mr. Wargo passed around photos of various parts of the project.

Superintendent Bacha discussed the need for the district to get creative regarding the high school special education teacher position. The individual hired will complete paperwork remotely and be present in person for IEP meetings and to support the high school paraeducator. She reported conducting one-on-one meetings with staff members across the district who signed up for individual sessions. Dr. Bacha also attended recent open houses and noted that they were well attended.

Superintendent Bacha reported on enrollment numbers, noting that they are better than expected, with both districts exceeding budgeted amounts. She also shared a graph displaying August enrollment trends from 2018 through 2026.

Finance Report – Business Manager Kris Robbins reported that cash flow documents are in the board packets, but noted that August is not included as the district has not received its state apportionment. The only change to the fee schedule on the agenda is the cost of adult meals.

Board Member Reports: Ritzville Director Devore shared that if anyone is interested in serving on the WSSDA state board, he can provide more information.

Joint Consent Agenda

Ritzville Director Kubik moved to approve the Joint Consent Agenda as follows: Approval of July 30, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Approval of 2026-27 Fee Schedule, Approval of Out of Endorsement Teaching Assignments, Personnel Actions - Resignation - HS Softball Coach - Kennedy Anderson, New Hire - HS/MS Assistant Cross Country Coach - Hailey Clark. Ritzville Director Phillips 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 - \$43,721.55, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$10,187.88, Associate Student Body Accounts Payable - \$35,396.39, Capital Projects Accounts Payable - \$67,602.04, Payroll for August 31, 2026 - \$557,518.20, Personnel Actions - New Hire - LRHS SPED Teacher - Kate Hoch, Approval of August 4, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes, Approval of Agreement with Coffman Engineering and Budinger Engineering, Approval of Purchase Order to KCDA for Modular Buildings. Ritzville Director Devore seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion

carried.

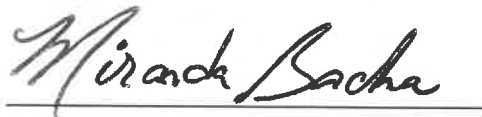
Lind Consent Agenda

Lind Director Schmunk moved to approve the Lind Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - \$34,401.50, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - \$10,187.88, Capital Projects Accounts Payable - \$8,600.46, Payroll for August 31, 2026 - \$379,391.43, Accept Resignation of Lind Board Director - Breanne Williamson, Personnel Actions - New Hire - LES Paraeducator - Kelcee Carlson. Lind Director Weidemann 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 Chair Labes adjourned at 7:34 P.M.


Chairman/Date


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Secretary to the Board