RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
September 28, 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 September 28, 2026. The following members were in attendance:

Lind School Board Members:	Greg Schmunk	Andy Wahl
	Jim Weidemann	
Ritzville School Board Members:	Tia Kubik	Courtney Fannin
	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 Director Labes. Lind Director Wahl seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

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

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

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

Ritzville Director Phillips 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 - Student Representatives Sara Vidal reported on Lind-Ritzville High School activities, shared an update on events happening at LRHS, including a recap of homecoming activities and fall sports.

Superintendent Updates – LRCS Transportation Supervisor Lynn Sackmann presented the transportation report, noting that OSPI is expected to roll out new regulations in October regarding who may transport students in school vehicles. While an effective date and specific details have not yet been released, more information will be provided at the October meeting. The new rules are anticipated to require training, potentially available online, which may significantly impact driver eligibility for athletics and activities. Mr.

Sackmann also reported that the department has enough subs to cover for drivers.

LRCS Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor Zach Gardner updated the board on projects completed over the summer. He shared photos and videos of various updates, including new basketball hoops for the RGS gym, which were partially funded by the youth basketball organization, and demonstrated the gym floor refinishing process via video. He provided an update on the installation of the powder coat oven and spray booth in the high school AG shop, noting that the project was significantly more involved than anticipated but is expected to be complete and operational by November. Additionally, Mr. Gardner shared videos of the robotic line painter in use on the middle and high school football fields, highlighting that once programmed, the automated system frees up staff to complete other tasks while the field is painted.

Superintendent Miranda Bacha reported on enrollment, noting that overall numbers across both districts and all buildings exceed projections. Enrollment in the Lind School District is 27 students above budget, Ritzville is up by 19 students, and the LR Academy has 11 more students than projected. She also reported attending several district events, including Grandparents Day, middle and high school football games, and the district-hosted cross country meet.

She updated the boards on the pig barns, reporting that the area has been mowed and middle school students have cleaned out the stalls. Dr. Bacha reported that, going forward, the middle school Ag classes will maintain the facility. She extended an invitation to the boards to visit the buildings and noted that Lind Board Chair Labes visited during the first intervention day. Superintendent Bacha concluded by sharing attendance figures for each building's first Intervention Friday.

Finance Report – Business Manager Kris Robbins reported that both districts ended the fiscal year in a better financial position than anticipated, with general fund revenues exceeding projections and expenditures coming in under budget. She stated that she is currently preparing the year-end report due in November. Mrs. Robbins shared updates from a recent Northeast Washington Association of School Administrators (NEWASA) workshop she attended with Superintendent Bacha. A key topic of discussion was Materials, Supplies, and Operating Costs (MSOC) funding, which currently covers essential operational expenses such as utilities, insurance, curriculum, and facility maintenance. Due to rising utility and insurance costs, it was discussed reallocating these operational expenses out of MSOC so that MSOC funds can be used for student needs.

Additionally, Mrs. Robbins directed the boards to the AFPlanServ Non-Standardized Pre-Approved 403(b) Plan document included in their board packets. She noted that this plan requires board approval every three years to allow employees to make voluntary retirement contributions directly via payroll deduction.

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 the August 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes; approval of FFA out-of-state travel and allocations for Nationals; approval of Perkins Grant stipulations; and personnel actions (New Hire: MS Football Assistant Coach – Dale Anderson). Ritzville Director Fannin seconded the motion.

Prior to the vote, Ritzville Vice-Chair Kubik noted the need to inform staff about reducing the amount the

districts pay for students to travel to national competitions. The Lind Vice-Chair asked if discussion could be continued at the next meeting and requested historical information from Superintendent Bacha.

Ritzville Director Devore amended the motion to allocate $250 per district for each FFA student traveling to Nationals. Ritzville Director Fannin seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with all members present voting aye. The motion carried.

Joint Consent Agenda — A voice vote was taken, with all members present voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Consent Agenda

Lind Director Wahl moved to approve the Lind Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - $191,660.45, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - $114,121.81, Associate Student Body Accounts Payable - $814.64, Payroll for September 30, 2026 - $352,549.59, Personnel Actions: New Hire - Lind Elementary Paraeducator - Ashley Huff, New Hire - Migrant Records - Dawne Lillard, New Hire - Migrant Home Visitor - Ana Espinoza Mendoza, Approve Agreement for American Fidelity to be Plan Administrator of the 403(b) Plan, Approval to Order Blue Bird Propane 48 Passenger Bus (September 2027 Delivery) - $212,143.86, Approve Surplus - 2014 Collins 30 Passenger Minibus. Lind Director Weidemann seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Ritzville Consent Agenda

Ritzville Director Phillips moved to approve the Ritzville Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - $274,848.29, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - $114,121.81, Associate Student Body Accounts Payable - $9,270.14, Capital Projects Accounts Payable - $50,176.35, Payroll for September 30, 2026 - $480,328.70, Personnel Actions: New Hire - Ritzville Grade School Paraeducator - Tracy Crotsley, Approve Agreement for American Fidelity to be Plan Administrator of the 403(b) Plan. Ritzville Director Fannin seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

With no further business before the board, Lind Vice-Chair Schmunk Repp and Ritzville Vice-Chair Kubik adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

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Chairman/Date Chairman/Date

Secretary to the Board