RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160-67 and LIND SCHOOL DISTRICT #158
JOINT BOARD MEETING
October 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 High School Collaboration Room on October 26, 2026. The following members were in attendance:

Ritzville School Board Members:	Tia Kubik	Courtney Fannin
	Travis Devore	
Lind School Board Members:	Adam Labes	Greg Schmunk
	Jim Weidemann	Andy Wahl

Ritzville Vice-Chair Kubik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ritzville Vice-Chair Kubik called the Ritzville School Board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Ritzville Director Devore moved to excuse Director Repp and Director Phillips. Ritzville Director Fannin 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 Fannin 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 Board Chair Labes welcomed Gretchen Youngren to the Lind School Board following her recent appointment.

Lind Director Schmunk 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.

Joint Items

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Student Representative Report: Student Representatives Sara Vidal and Marcial Davis reported on Lind-Ritzville High School activities and updates. October events included PSAT and SAT testing, the Bronco Cheerleaders' Little Cheer event, and the Career Showcase. They also highlighted that Lind-Ritzville FFA members recently attended the National Convention, where the Meats Evaluation Team placed 4th in the nation and the Agronomy Team earned a Silver Award.

Superintendent Updates -Superintendent Miranda Bacha reported on enrollment, noting that overall numbers across both districts and all buildings exceed projections. She requested input on scheduling a board refresher training conducted by ESD 101 Superintendent Roettger, who will travel to the district. The training was set for November 16 at 6:00 p.m. and will last approximately one hour. Dr. Bacha also inquired if any board members were interested in attending the WSSDA conference in Spokane,

November 19–21.

Superintendent Bacha provided an update on transportation, reporting that recent damage to a cargo door was repaired for $750. She highlighted a consent agenda item seeking preauthorization to purchase a replacement vehicle for an older one that was recently surplussed. Additional updates included a grant opportunity through ESD 112 offering virtual introductory healthcare courses for high school students during the second semester, designed to help rural schools deliver specialized CTE curriculum. She also highlighted a grant opportunity through the Hagen Foundation to help fund the Bronco Babysitting Academy, where students can receive training to become certified babysitters.

Regarding historical travel allocations requested at the September meeting, Dr. Bacha reported that each district previously provided $250 per student competing at nationals for FFA, FBLA, and FCCLA. Following discussion, the board agreed that until budget conditions improve, allocations will be $150 per student from each district, provided the student qualifies for nationals at a state competition. This item will be placed on the November agenda for formal approval.

Because the winter band concert conflicts with the December board meeting, Dr. Bacha asked if the board wished to adjust the meeting time. She shared that during a recent Superintendents and Business Managers meeting, some districts forgo the December meeting entirely by pre-authorizing payroll and accounts payable up to a specified limit during November, scheduling a special meeting only if urgent items arise. Discussion on this topic will continue at the next meeting.

Finance Report: Business Manager Kris Robbins reported that financial documents were included in the board folders. She noted that the Lind budget status report was inaccurate due to a system error, but she is working to correct the information.

Mrs. Robbins explained three resolutions on the consent agenda, including joining the MRSC Small Works Roster, a statewide database connecting licensed contractors for construction projects that streamlines procurement for a small fee. The other resolutions pertain to the Early Learning Center. Lastly, she shared that WSSDA is assisting the districts in updating policies and procedures, with critical updates on the agenda.

Board Member Reports: Director Weidemann reported attending a recent infrastructure conference, where he spoke with a representative from Safe Schools regarding a potential grant to fund new sidewalks in front of Lind Elementary. He noted that the current sidewalks are too high, causing the buses to pull up farther from the curb when unloading students.

Joint Consent Agenda

Lind Director Schmunk moved to approve the Joint Consent Agenda as follows: Approval of September 28, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Approval of Resolution 2026-27-11 MRSC Small Works Roster, Personnel Actions: New Hire - MS Head Baseball Coach - Tyson Kimble, Transfer - Walter Crow from MS Assistant Wrestling Coach to MS Head Coach, Transfer - Keith Johnson from MS Head Wrestling Coach to MS Assistant Coach, Preauthorization to Purchase a Motor Vehicle - not to exceed $20,000. Ritzville Director Devore seconded the motion.

Ritzville Consent Agenda

Ritzville Director Devore moved to approve the Ritzville Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund

Accounts Payable - $127,320.18, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - $45,090.75, Associate Student Body Accounts Payable - $23,298.49, Capital Projects Accounts Payable - $17,567.40, Payroll for October 30, 2026 - $494,202.39, Personnel Actions: New Hire - RGS Paraeducator - Michelle Double, Leave of Absence Approval - Haley Campbell, Resolution 2026-27-10 Interfund Loan/Transfer for Early Learning Center, Resolution 2026-27-12 Authorizing Superintendent to Sign on behalf of the Board for the Early Learning Center. Ritzville Director Fannin seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. The motion carried.

Lind Consent Agenda

Lind Director Weidemann moved to approve the Lind Consent Agenda as follows: General Fund Accounts Payable - $60,663.15, Transportation Cooperative Accounts Payable - $45,090.75, Associate Student Body Accounts Payable - $2,228.20, Payroll for October 30, 2026 - $362,425.49. Lind Director Wahl 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 7:23 P.M.

11/16/2026
Chairman/Date

11-16-26
Chairman/Date

11-17-26
Secretary to the Board