

Location: Lind-Ritzville Middle School Room 101, Lind, WA

School Board Meeting 6:30pm.

Purpose of the meeting was to present to the Lind and Ritzville School Boards a proposed idea to move the Ritzville Public Library temporarily while the main branch library is closed for installation of an elevator from January to May 2017. As there was a quorum of trustees who attended, the minutes below are from the meeting of the Lind-Ritzville School Board in which the idea was proposed to them.

Trustees Attending: Kylie Fullmer-Director, Thomas Pulliam, Vel Babbitt, Dick Davis and Karen Potts.

Library section began at 7:00 pm.

Kylie presented the background story, as to how this situation arose. The library was under the impression the last two years that we would be able to remain open during this construction process, however in the last few weeks it was strongly encouraged for us to not be open during this duration of construction. The library had to find an alternate site or close for the next five months and offer no services. Kylie provided all answers to the various Lind and Ritzville Board member questions.

Rena Wahl – Would you have to move all the books?

We would only move the popular and new books as well as the DVD's.

Rena Wahl – How would you keep books separated? Will the library [district] be responsible for materials?

We have ways we have used in Lind to keep books separated. We have issued temporary cards in Lind when patrons wish to check out middle school books and we take responsibility for their return. We track down missing materials, which so far hasn't been a problem.

Layne Iltz – How will they have computer access?

We would need our IT guys to talk with each other, issue passwords as needed, and see what we can do to help the public have access to sites they need that are blocked by the school.

Rena Wahl – Would it be a deterrent if patrons couldn't access Facebook or things like that?

Yes, low income people and those who cannot afford Internet at home use the library to access social media and emails.

Rena Wahl – How about hours?

We would like to keep our hours if possible, but are flexible in working out a plan. We would still like to be open on Saturday's if possible.

Layne Iltz – How would this work being open to the public when we have a watch list?

We can and will enforce school policy in this regard while we are in the school building.

Rena Wahl – Will you offer after school programs?

We would like to do after school programs and continue with ones we already have. [Many programs were mentioned] After school hours at the library are always busy with lots of people, and students would not have as far to go to attend programs.

Rena Wahl – What about space accommodations? How can we monitor the community in the building during school hours?

We would need a big space to work in. We can monitor the library space as we have four employees that will be there as well. During the school day, they can monitor patrons to make sure they stay in the library area.

Matt Ellis – Could be tutoring opportunities. How many computers are available?

Lisa Cox – How many computers do you have now?

Four computers as well as laptop(s).

Marci Miller – When would this need to happen?

The project starts January 2, so we would need to be set up in another location by then. We are hoping we can get an agreement as soon as possible

Rena suggested that an agreement should be worked up by the library district and shared with Matt before the next board meeting.

Marci stated that a Memorandum of Agreement should be drawn up and presented for adoption at the December 19 meeting of both school boards.

Section completed at 7:11 pm.

Lind School Board Members Present: Laurinda Ritz, Adam Labes, Jani Melcher, Rena Wahl, Beverly Kulm

Ritzville School Board Members Present: Marci Miller, Layne Iltz, Greg Galbreath, Reid Phillips

School Administration Team: Matt Ellis, Lisa Cox, Dana Telecky, Tina Schuler

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Pulliam

Secretary to the Board of Trustees