



Lynden School District #504

Ensure that all students graduate college, career, and citizenship ready.

School Board Business Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Lynden School District Board Room

516 Main Street

Lynden, WA 98264

9/8/2022 07:00 PM

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Board of Directors in attendance were CJ Constanti, David Vis, Ken Owsley, Tonya Hickman and School Board of Director, Cindy Petersen was absent and excused. Also present and introduced were Student Directors Aislinn Nilsen & Cooper Graddon.

2. Good News

- Family Community Services hosted a successful student school supply distribution day serving 117 families and over 275 students.
- The Isom PTA provided \$1000 grants last spring to support the library, Music, and PE programs. Mr. Jorgenson, music teacher, used the funds to purchase materials and built (with his own hands) two Marimbas that are ready for use in 2022-2023.
- The personnel action form of staff joining the Lynden School District is expansive and full of celebrations.
- Two staff members were recently recognized. Laura Toften received the Lynden Lions Service Award from Lynden High School. Leanne VanHulzen was honored at a recent Seattle Mariner's game having been named a WSECU Teacher of the Week.
- Fisher reported that over 90% of their families have attended the originally scheduled parent connection conferences in place for the youngest learners. The newest little Lions are super excited for school to start!
- Partners for Schools has provided the third and final donation of \$35,000 toward the 2021-2022 Be The One Mentoring Program. This fulfills a \$105,000 commitment to the partnership with Lynden Schools and the greater community to provide a robust mentoring program for middle and high school students.
- The lead up and start of schools is to be celebrated. The positive energy observed among the students, families, and staff was noticeable and very encouraging. Good stuff on a lot of levels.

3. Meeting Minutes

- August 11, 2022
David Vis motioned to approve the meeting minutes seconded by Tonya Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.
- August 30, 2022
David Vis motioned to approve the meeting minutes seconded by Ken Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. Consent Agenda

7:17pm

2022-2023 General Fund \$61,016.01 Warrants 164137-164149 dated August 15, 2022
2022-2023 ASB Fund \$338.20 Warrants 164150-164150 dated August 15, 2022
2021-2022 General Fund \$303,868.95 Warrants 164151-164218 dated August 15, 2022
2021-2022 ASB Fund \$2,205.04 Warrants 164219-164223 dated August 15, 2022
2021-2022 ACH General Fund \$6,453.76 Warrants 212200454-212200481 dated August 15, 2022
2021-2022 ASB Fund \$419.58 Warrants 212200482-212200482 dated August 15, 2022
2022-2023 General Fund \$134,117.19 Warrants 164241-164264 dated August 31, 2022
2021-2022 General Fund \$247,822.33 Warrants 164265-164322 dated August 31, 2022
2021-2022 Capital Projects Fund \$40,883.78 Warrants 164323-164323 dated August 31, 2022
2021-2022 ASB Fund \$497.35 Warrants 164324-164325 dated August 31, 2022
2021-2022 Custodial Fund \$950.00 Warrants 164326-164326 dated August 31, 2022
2021-2022 ACH- General Fund \$10,064.72 Warrants 212200483-212200494 dated August 31, 2022
Personnel Action Items 9.8.22
Donations 8.31.2022

David Vis motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Ken Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. Reports

a. Teaching and Learning - Dr. Julie van Wijk

Dr. Julie van Wijk, Director of Teaching + Learning, shared an update on K-5 ELA CKLA/Amplify, transitional kindergarten, and new teacher onboarding.

b. Finance and Operations - Ben Thomas

Director of Finance and Operations, Ben Thomas, shared budget information pertaining to the 2022-2023 school year which included the July 2022 finance report.

c. Superintendent - David VanderYacht

Ian Freeman and Kent Victor provided information on the Lynden High School Graduation Pathways/Career & Technical Education Program.

6. Information from the audience

A parent addressed the board to express concerns about the plan for transitional housing units in Lynden near schools, and requested that the district communicate their position publicly. Another parent questioned the continued use of recess zones across elementary schools. Executive officers of the Lynden Classified Employees Association (LCEA) provided county wage comparisons to the board.

7. Action Items

9:07pm

- Running Start Agreement with Bellingham Technical College
Ken Owsley motioned to approve the agreement, seconded by Tonya Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.
- Resolution #17-22 General Fund Transfer to Debt Service Fund
David Vis motioned to approve the general fund transfer to debt service fund, seconded by Ken Owsley. Tonya Hickman abstained. Motion carried by voice vote.
- Resolution #18-22 Capital Project Fund Transfer to Debt Service Fund
David Vis motioned to approve the capital project fund transfer to debt service fund, seconded by Ken Owsley. Tonya Hickman abstained. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. **Policy**

9:19pm

a. **1st Reading of Policies**

Policy #2410- High School Graduation Requirements

Tonya Hickman motioned to approve the policy, seconded by David Vis. Motion carried by voice vote.

9. **Adjourn Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

David VanderYacht
Superintendent

CJ Costanti
President