



# LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 31, 2022  
School Board Special Meeting  
**Minutes**  
516 Main Street, Lynden, WA  
or  
Via Teleconference  
**7:30 A.M.**

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

*Meeting called to order at 7:30 A.M. Board Directors in attendance were Brian Johson, CJ Costanti, David Vis, Kelli Kettels and Tonya Hickman. Student Director, Grace Potter was absent and excused.*

## **2. Adjourn Special Session**

*Special Session adjourned at 7:31 A.M.*

## **3. Executive Session (90 minutes)**

*The Board convened for Executive Session at 7:31 A.M. to discuss qualifications of the finalist superintendent candidates; David VanderYacht, Tavis Peterson, Lisa Riggs as the next Lynden School District Superintendent.*

## **4. Executive Session - Extension**

*President, Brian Johnson announced that Executive Session would be extended for 15 minutes.*

## **5. Adjourn Executive Session**

*Executive Session adjourned at 9:13 A.M.*

## **6. Open Meeting**

*Open meeting began at 9:15 A.M.*

## **7. Announce Superintendent**

Interim Superintendent, Mike Stromme reviewed the process that began in November 2021 to engage the Lynden School District staff, families and community members and receive feedback regarding identification and selection of the next Lynden School District superintendent. Board President, Brian Johnson invited board directors to speak about the process. He then entertained a motion to select the next Lynden School District superintendent. CJ Costanti made a motion to select David VanderYacht as the next Lynden School District superintendent, effective July 1, 2022, subject to the successful negotiation of a contract and the successful completion of a required third-party comprehensive background check. Kelli Kettles seconded the motion. Board President Johnson noted the motion by Director Costanti and the second by Director Kettles. Board President Johnson, then asked the Secretary to the Board, Dr. Stromme, to conduct a roll call vote of the Board. Dr. Stromme conducted the roll call

vote. The motion carried with a unanimous 5-0 voice vote in favor of appointing Mr. David VanderYacht as the next Lynden School District superintendent, effective July 1, 2022.

## **8. Adjourn Meeting**

*Meeting adjourned at 9:26 A.M.*

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**Mike Stromme**  
**Interim Superintendent**

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**Brian Johnson**  
**President**