



# LYNDEN

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Tradition + Pride + Excellence*

August 12, 2021

School Board Meeting

**Minutes**

8750 Line Rd., Lynden, WA

or

Via Phone Conference

**7:00 P.M.**

In order to Call the Meeting to Order, the Board of Directors requested a 15-minute delay to address members of the audience pertaining to mask requirements within the school building.

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

*Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M. Board Directors in attendance were Steve Jilk, Brian Johnson, CJ Costanti, Kelli Kettles and David Vis.*

### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- July 8, 2021

*Brian Johnson motioned to approve the meeting minutes seconded by Kelli Kettels. Motion carried by voice vote.*

### **3. Consent Agenda**

- 2021-22 General Fund \$253,562.15 Warrants 161210 - 161246 dated July 15, 2021
- 2021-22 ASB Fund \$8,879.73 Warrants 161247 – 161252 dated July 15, 2021
- 2020-21 General Fund \$637,804.67 Warrants 161253 – 161324 dated July 15, 2021
- 2020-21 ASB Fund \$12,672.75 Warrants 161325 – 161338 dated July 15, 2021
- 2020-21 ACH General Fund \$1,064.31 Warrants 202100285 – 202100293 dated July 15, 2021
- 2020-21 ACH ASB Fund \$217.75 Warrants 202100294 - 202100296 dated July 15, 2021
- 2020-21 Custodial Fund \$3,000.00 Warrants 161339 – 161339 dated July 21, 2021
- 2021-22 General Fund \$58,869.10 Warrants 161355 – 161371 dated July 30, 2021
- 2021-22 ASB Fund \$248.92 Warrants 161372 – 161372 dated July 30, 2021
- 2020-21 General Fund \$195,111.99 Warrants 161373 – 161436 dated July 30, 2021
- 2020-21 ASB Fund \$11.19 Warrants 161437 – 161437 dated July 30, 2021
- 2020-21 ACH General Fund \$369.32 Warrants 2021000297 – 202100303 dated July 30, 2021
- Payroll Direct Deposit \$1,878,546.29 dated July 30, 2021
- Payroll Taxes Transfer \$623,689.09 dated July 30, 2021
- Payroll Vendor DRS Transfer \$595,681.31 dated July 30, 2021
- Payroll Vendor \$566,933.62 Warrants 161340 - 161354

*Brian Johnson motioned to approve the consent agenda seconded by CJ Costanti. Motion carried by voice vote.*

#### **4. Information from the Audience**

*Topics of discussion from the audience included: Need proof from the local health officials why masks are needed and how effective masks are; Concerns that government will enforce vaccines on children; Mental health affects of wearing masks; Stand together to make change in mandates with other districts and government entities; Loss of friends because of different beliefs; Board needs to step-up, parent input falling on deaf ears; Mask wearing is child abuse; Beliefs that COVID-19 is a fake pandemic; No science in the health data; Let parents raise their kids, not government; Be on the same team with parents, drop the mandate; Out of school activities are happening without masks; Do what makes sense, masks are not working; Prevention at homecare for recognized COVID by offering supplements and foods of parents choice; Board needs to address OSPI and government; Masks affecting staff at other entities; Masks affecting children between school and sport activities; Concerns of bullying for kids that don't vaccinate; Research more from legal counsel about government mandates.*

*The Board of Directors thanked the audience for their time to bring concerns, questions, and information to their attention. The Board notified the audience that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>.*

*Board President, Steve Jilk, requested a 10-minute break from 9:55 to 10:05 P.M.*

#### **5. Governors Order and Washington DOH Direction – Face Coverings**

*The Board of Directors discussed the comments with the audience and expressed that moving forward, decisions made are in the best interest of the community and aligned with public health direction and guidance. Board Vice President, Brian Johnson motioned to put forward a draft statement as to where the Board stands on the state mandates at a local level and gubernatorial level. The draft statement will be reviewed by the Board.*

*Brian Johnson motioned to move forward with a draft statement seconded by Kelli Kettels. Motion carried by voice vote.*

#### **6. Reports**

##### **Superintendent**

*None at this meeting*

##### **Teaching and Learning**

*None at this meeting*

##### **Finance**

*None at this meeting*

#### **7. Open Budget Hearing**

*Budget Hearing opened at 10:38 P.M. Finance Director, Christine Blake, provided a summary of the 2021-2022 budget for Board approval. The Board thanked Christine and all those that worked to finalize the 2021-2022 budget.*

#### **8. Close Budget Hearing**

*Budget Hearing closed at 10:48 P.M.*

## 9 Action Items

- **Resolution No. 17-21 – Adoption of the 2021-2022 Budget and Four-Year Forecast**

*The Board reviewed the 2021-2022 budget.*

*Brian Johnson motioned to approve the 2021-2022 Budget seconded by David Vis. Motion carried by voice vote.*

- **Resolution No. 18-21 – Authorization to Invest Funds**

*This is a formal follow-up with the Whatcom County Treasurer's Office to allow Finance Director, Christine Blake to invest funds.*

*Brian Johnson motioned to approve Resolution No. 18-21 seconded by CJ Costanti. Motion carried by voice vote.*

- **LEA and LCEA Contracts**

*The Board reviewed the summaries for the LEA and LCEA contracts.*

*Brian Johnson motioned to approve the LEA Contract seconded by David Vis. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Brian Johnson motioned to approve the LCEA Contract seconded by CJ Costanti. Motion carried by voice vote.*

- **Instructional Technology Purchase**

*Brian Johnson motioned to approve the American Capital Master Tax-Exempt Installment Purchase Agreement, seconded by CJ Costanti. Motion carried by voice vote.*

## 9. Policy

*The Board reviewed the following Policies for approval.*

*Policy #2420 – Grading and Progress Reports*

*Brian Johnson motioned to approve Policy #2420 seconded by Kelli Kettels. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Policy #3116 – Students in Foster Care*

*Brian Johnson motioned to approve Policy #3116 seconded by CJ Costanti. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Policy #3122 – Excused and Unexcused Absences*

*Brian Johnson motioned to approve Policy #3122 seconded by Kelli Kettels. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Policy #3231 – Student Records*

*Brian Johnson motioned to approve Policy #3231 seconded by Kelli Kettels. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Policy #3520 – Student Fees, Fines, or Charges*

*Brian Johnson motioned to approve Policy #3520 seconded by CJ Costanti. Motion carried by voice vote.*

## 10. Adjourn Meeting

*Meeting adjourned at 11:15 P.M.*

## 11. Executive Session (30 minutes)

- **Negotiations**

*David VanderYacht, Assistant Superintendent, updated the Board on negotiations taking place with Service Employees International Union (SEIU).*

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

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**Steve Jilk**  
**President**