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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

Board Meeting

Minutes

01/11/2024

Lynden School District

Board Room

516 Main Street, Lynden, WA 98264

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

Meeting called to order by Tonya Hickman at 7:00pm. Board of Directors in attendance were Directors Hickman, Owsley, Brar, and Verburg. Director Martinez was absent and excused. Superintendent David VanderYacht and Student Board Representatives Kyle Tucker and Cooper Graddon were also in attendance.

2. Meeting Minutes

*Director Owsley motioned to approve the December 14, 2023, board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.
Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-0.*

3. Consent Agenda

23/24 General Fund- \$477,378.68; warrants 167847-167972 dated December 20, 2023.

23/24 Capital Projects Fund- \$8,584.71; warrants 167973-167973 dated December 20, 2023.

23/24 ASB Fund- \$13,390.42; warrants 167974-167999 dated December 20, 2023.

23/24 ACH General Fund- \$4,643.82; warrants 232400130-232400148 dated December 20, 2023.

23/24 ACH ASB Fund- \$2,505.00; warrants 232400149-232400151 dated December 20, 2023.

Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$2,077,161.56 dated December 29, 2023.

Payroll Taxes Transfers in the amount of \$686,374.03 dated December 29, 2023.

Payroll Vendor DRS Transfer in the amount of \$528,661.45 dated December 29, 2023.

Payroll Vendor Warrant 16800 in the amount of \$153.20 dated December 29, 2023.

Payroll Vendor Warrants 168001-168019 in the amount of \$668,581.27 dated December 29, 2023.

Personnel Recommendations dated January 11, 2024.



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Director Owsley motioned to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-0.

4. Organization the Board

Director Owsley nominated Director Hickman to serve as the legislative representative. She accepted the nomination.

Director Brar made a motion to approve Director Hickman to serve as the legislative representative for a term of two years. Seconded by Director Verburg.

Motion carried by voice vote.

No advisory vote taken; Board Vote 4-0.

Director Verburg nominated Director Owsley to serve as the WIAA representative. He did not accept the nomination.

Directors agreed to postpone this agenda item until Director Martinez is in attendance at the next meeting.

5. Committee Assignments

Discussion was held regarding board committee assignments as allowed by Policy 1240. The purpose of board committees was explained, and the board was given information on the current committees already in place.

- *Finance Committee- Director Verburg and Director Brar expressed interest in serving.*
- *Superintendent Evaluation Committee- Director Owsley expressed interest in continuing to serve on this committee, and Director Hickman expressed interest in serving on this committee as well.*
- *Communications Committee- discussion was held on whether to dissolve this committee.*
- *Teaching & Learning Committee- Director Hickman expressed interest in continuing serving on this committee. Director Brar expressed interest in serving on this committee.*
- *Facilities and Planning Committee- Directors Verburg, Owsley, and Brar expressed interest in serving on this committee.*
- *Legislative Committee- discussion was held about creating this new committee. Director Hickman would serve on this committee as part of her role as the legislative representative. Directors Brar and Verburg expressed interest as well.*

Discussion will continue at the next meeting with the goal of finalizing board committee assignments.

6. Information from the Audience

A community member addressed the board regarding his support of the bond.



7. Reports

a. Teaching and Learning

Ian Freeman, David Kish, Nicolette Rinker, and Kevin Richins presented Lynden High School's School Improvement Plan (SIP).

Goal #1: all teachers increase understanding and use of UDL learning design principles and tools measured by self-assessment staff surveys in Spring 2024. This aligns with the district's strategic priority of exceptional learning experiences for all students.

Goal #2: Create and implement Tier 1, 2, and 3 systems of academic support to positively impact student success in classes as measured by semester grades with a goal of <15% D/F. This aligns with the district's strategic priority of safe and supportive learning environments for all students.

They then shared the strategic steps being taken to reach those goals.

Tim Doering, Savanna Balfour, and Justyn Freeman presented Isom Elementary School's School Improvement Plan.

Goal #1: Related to strategic priority of exceptional learning experiences for all students-75% of students will be proficient on the STAR reading fluency assessment. Data used to inform this goal: STAR fluency test and student perception survey.

Goal #2: 85% of students will attend regularly by the end of 23/24 school year.

Vince Riccobene, Cyndi Selcho, Christie Long, and Melissa Valley presented Lynden Middle School's School Improvement Plan.

Goal #1: Staff will participate in UDL PD and be able to articulate UDL guidelines and explore these guidelines in the classrooms. They shared that they are partnering with ESD to provide professional development and using feedback from surveys to guide next steps.

Goal #2: Addressing Tier 1 behavioral & attendance concerns in the MITSS Framework through implementation of PBIS. Goals will be measured through discipline, attendance & grades. Goal is to decrease behavioral referrals by 25% from 22/23.

b. Superintendent

Director of Human Resources and Academic Services, Molly Mitchell, presented an updated Nondiscrimination in Hiring Plan for the board's consideration. She explained that she collaborated with legal counsel to update and align this plan with our nondiscrimination policy and procedures.

c. Finance and Operations



Student Board Representatives exited the meeting at the conclusion of Reports.

8. Policies

a. First Readings

Policy 5010- Nondiscrimination

No action taken. Moved to next meeting.

Policy 5161- Civility in the Workplace

No action taken. Moved to next meeting.

b. Second Readings

Policy 2090- Program Evaluation

Director Hickman motioned to approve updated Policy 2090- Program Evaluation.

Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 4-0.

9. Action Items

School Improvement Plans

The board was provided a summary of the School Improvement Plans presented on December 14th by Fisher Elementary, Vossbeck Elementary, and Lynden Academy as well as the presentations during tonight's meeting by Lynden High School, Isom Elementary, and Lynden Middle School. Director Brar motioned to approve all School Improvement Plans as presented. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 4-0.

Nondiscrimination in Hiring Plan

Following the presentation earlier in the meeting, Director Verburg motioned to postpone the approval of the updated Nondiscrimination in Hiring Plan as presented. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 3-1. Director Owsley opposed.

10. Information from Board Members

Discussion was held around changing the board meeting schedule to the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month instead of the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Discussion was also held about changing the start time of the board meetings to an earlier time. This will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

Director Hickman shared a brief legislative update.



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11. Board Workshop

Class Action Lawsuit

Superintendent VanderYacht shared information about a class action lawsuit involving social media's effect on youth mental health. Directors discussed the merits of joining the lawsuit. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

12. Adjourn Meeting

Director Hickman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:06pm.

Tonya Hickman, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent