



Lynden School District #504

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Board Meeting

Minutes

02/08/24

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 Director Hickman at 7:01pm. Board of Directors in attendance were Directors Hickman, Owsley, Brar, Martinez, and Verburg. 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 January 25, 2024, board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.
Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 5-0.*

3. Consent Agenda

*23/24 General Fund- \$330,812.08; warrants 168166-168250 dated January 31, 2024.
23/24 ASB Fund- \$26,780.49; warrants 168251-168271 dated January 31, 2024.
23/24 ACH- General Fund- \$3,691.19; warrants 232400179-232400190 dated January 31, 2024.
23/24 ACH- ASB Fund- \$628.12; warrants 232400191-232400194 dated January 31, 2024.
Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$2,019,752.79 dated January 31, 2024.
Payroll Taxes Transfers in the amount of \$666.997.21 dated January 31, 2024.
Payroll Vendor DRS Transfer in the amount of \$521, 325.79 dated January 31, 2024.
Payroll Vendor Warrants 168147 – 168185 in the amount of \$695,122.89 dated January 31, 2024.
Personnel Recommendations dated February 8 ,2024.*

*Director Owsley motioned to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Director Verburg.
Motion carried by voice vote.
Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 5-0.*



4. Board Work Session

School board directors were joined by City of Lynden personnel including Mayor Scott Korthuis, City Administrator John Williams, Parks & Recreation personnel Bob Johnson & Greg Faber, and City Councilmembers Gary Bode, Brent Lenssen, and Kyle Strengholt.

After brief introductions, Superintendent VanderYacht shared information about district facilities planning committees that have worked over the last two years. Their work led to the bond and levy funding initiatives that are on the ballot for the Feb. 13th special election. He then shared information about capacity, projected enrollment and other projects that will need to be addressed in the future. He shared information about impact fees and that discussions may be held in the future about the district pursuing impact fees from the city.

Discussion continued regarding the project that will occur in front of the high school on Bradley Rd. The project entails high school parking space modifications, and that work is scheduled to begin this year. The modifications will allow for the addition of a pedestrian sidewalk along Bradley Rd. The chain link fence will be removed as well. The intersection of Bradley Rd. and Vinup continues to be a concern and discussion was held regarding ways to solve the traffic flow problem there.

Superintendent VanderYacht shared about the district's partnership with Inspire Development Center. They currently use space at Isom Elementary. They will be working with the city on a permit to construct a building with six classrooms on that property to serve students during the summer. Discussion was held on impacts of surrounding neighborhoods and traffic for bus stops and drop off.

Initial discussions with the district and the city are taking place regarding how to meet the needs of early learners and senior citizens in the community. Discussion was also held regarding the district's service to homeless students and what that looks like.

Bob Johnson with Parks & Recreation updated the group with information about the work being done as a result of the recently passed bond. The remainder of the money from that bond will be used for the development of Benson Park which will include the restoration of the Heusinkvelt Barn. Monies will also be used for Dickinson Park & the Jim Kaemingk Trail. Grants will also be pursued in the coming years.

Mayor Korthuis provided Information on the street/sidewalk projects. Information on future developments near the new Benson Park would cause the need for modified streets to accommodate the development in that area. A roundabout is planned for Benson Rd/ Badger Rd.



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Peace Health is finalizing construction and plans to open in April. Pepin Creek will see the development of 1400-1600 homes which will cause increased enrollment in the school district.

Schoolyard Park has had a donor provide funds for the construction of an outdoor pavilion. There will also be an entrance created on the south side. Parks & Recreation is looking to secure money from the rotary for playground equipment. The Jim Kaemingk Trail is on track for the first section to be completed in the fall.

Projects currently planned and/or under construction include Hannegan/ 1st Street, wastewater treatment upgrade, and the development of commercial buildings west of the Guide. 9th Street/ Judson will be done this year, then 10th Street next year. Cedar Street will also be addressed.

The city expressed interest in running a trail on the south end of Isom which would entail securing some of that land.

Discussion was then held regarding interagency emergency planning and response. Superintendent VanderYacht spoke of the district's Safety & Security Task Force which is working to review the emergency planning and response protocols. The "I Love You Guys" emergency planning program has been chosen and is being implemented by districts county wide. There is an opportunity to work more closely with local law enforcement agencies to collaborate on emergency response planning.

An opportunity for public input was then provided. No members of the public provided input.

The board and city personnel would like to plan to meet annually.

Rails to Trails was discussed regarding options for the railroad tracks near the high school.

Brent DeRuyter expressed an interest in collaborating use of the future Benson Park and would like it to be a regional park site instead of a city park site.

Discussion was held regarding whether there were plans for supporting performing arts. The outdoor pavilion planned for Glenning Park would support this.

The city also shared plans for a splash park.



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5. Adjourn Meeting

Director Hickman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:52.

Tonya Hickman, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent