



LYNDEN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

Board Meeting

Minutes

02/20/2024

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 6:30am. Board of Directors in attendance were Directors Hickman, Owsley, Brar, Martinez, and Verburg. Superintendent David VanderYacht was also in attendance.

2. Meeting Minutes

*Director Martinez motioned to approve the February 15, 2024 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 5-0.*

3. Public Input

The board received four written comments regarding the capital facilities bond and reviewed those individually during the meeting.

A community member addressed the board regarding the general obligations bond that recently failed in the February election. He expressed that he believed the bond is a worthy investment and urged the board to run the bond again in April.

A community member addressed the board regarding their duties as elected officials and how their time and energy should be spent.

A staff member & community member expressed his desire for the board to put the bond out to vote again. He explained that teaching in new well-thought and well-designed facility is profoundly more impactful to students. The need is there. Children will be effected by this bond



in a positive way. He also inquired about whether the board could advocate for the bond in their positions as directors.

4. Board Workshop

Discussion was held regarding whether to place the general obligations on the April ballot. Topics included timelines and options for future elections, scope of projects, low voter turnout.

Other factors for consideration that were brought up and considered were the tight timeline and whether that would allow the board and the district to perform their due diligence in decision making and communicating. However, the longer we wait the more it will cost.

There was acknowledgment that more information needs to be communicated so that the community understands the bond process. An April ballot measure would not allow for the opportunity to engage with community members about the bond as needed.

5. Action Items

Resolution #01-24- General Obligations Bond

Director Martinez motioned to move forward with placing Resolution #01-24, General Obligations Bond on the ballot for the April election. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion not carried.

Board Vote: 2-3

Yay Votes: Martinez, Owsley

Nay Votes: Verburg, Brar, Hickman.

Delegation to Superintendent for For/Against Committees

As the resolution for the General Obligations Bond was not passed, no action was taken regarding delegation to the Superintendent for the appointment of For/Against Committees in relation to the bond.

Resolution #02-24- House Bill 2331 and Senate Bill 5462

Director Martinez motioned to approve a letter from the Board of Directors stating opposition to House Bill 2331 and Senate Bill 5462. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote 5-0

6. Adjourn Meeting

Director Hickman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22am.



Tonya Hickman, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent