



# LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

## Board Meeting

### Minutes

04/04/2024

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 6:32pm. Board of Directors in attendance were Directors Hickman, Owsley, Brar, Martinez, and Verburg. Superintendent David VanderYacht and Student Board Representative Cooper Graddon were also in attendance. Student Representative Kyle Tucker was absent and excused.*

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

*Director Brar made a motion to amend the agenda to add 'WSSDA Equity Statement' under action items and the list of current WSSDA positions. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 0-0; Board Vote: 4-0*

*Student Representative Cooper Graddon abstained. Director Owsley abstained.*

*Director Brar made a motion to amend the agenda to add 'Diversity' under action items and the list of current WSSDA positions. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 0-0; Board Vote: 4-1*

*Director Martinez opposed.*

*Student Representative Cooper Graddon abstained.*

*Director Owsley made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 1-0; Board Vote: 5-0*



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### 3. Meeting Minutes

*Director Owsley motioned to approve the March 21, 2024 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 1-0; Board Vote: 5-0.*

### 4. Consent Agenda

*Personnel Recommendations dated April 4, 2024.*

*Director Owsley motioned to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Director Verburg.*

*Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 1-0; Board Vote: 5-0.*

### 5. Reports

#### a. Superintendent

*Superintendent VanderYacht provided information related to consideration of school impact fees to the board. He explained what impact fees are and what they can be used for. He then explained what steps would need to be taken to pursue them with the city. More in-depth discussion will happen at a future meeting where the board can discuss pros and cons. Calculations should be in by the end of 2024.*

#### b. Teaching & Learning

#### c. Finance and Operations

### 6. Information from the Audience

*A parent, staff member, and member of the Citizens of Lynden Schools addressed the board regarding the bond. She thanked the board for their work in learning about the need for the bond to provide better facilities for our students. She shared her perspective on the work needed at elementary schools and that this need is just as important as the need for a new high school. She expressed her desire for the board to lead us toward a bond and openly support it.*

*A member of the Citizens for Lynden Schools addressed the board regarding the bond. He shared that even though the bond did not pass in February, the facility needs are still there and they are not going away. He expressed that he hopes the board will ask for the full \$157.5 million bond amount again so that the district does not have to ask for another bond in the near future.*

*A community member addressed the board regarding placing a bond on the ballot again. He expressed that he believes August would be the best time to put it back on the ballot, however he suggested that the board consider a reduction in the bond amount.*



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### 7. Board Workshop

*The board continued discussion from the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting regarding timing and scope of a potential bond resolution. Superintendent VanderYacht specified what is included in the bond resolution that is being considered tonight during action items. He also shared that interest rates for bonds and known appraised values have contributed to more favorable conditions for a bond to pass. The cost is estimated to be \$1.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value versus the \$1.53 that was estimated for the February special election.*

### 8. Action Items

#### Resolution #04-24- General Obligation Bonds

*Director Owsley motioned to approve Resolution 04-24- General Obligation Bonds to be put on the ballot in the August special election. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 1-0; Board Vote: 5-0*

#### Proposed Amendments and Additions to WSSDA positions

##### 1. Local Board Adoption of Core Instructional Materials-

*Director Martinez motioned to approve proposed amendment for submission to WSSDA for their position on Local Board Adoption of Core Instructional Materials. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 1-0; Board Vote: 5-0*

##### 2. Local Control

*Director Martinez motioned to approve proposed amendment for submission to WSSDA for their position on Local Control. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 1-0; Board Vote: 5-0*

##### 3. Goals

*Director Brar motioned to approve proposed amendment for submission to WSSDA for their position on goals. Seconded by Director Martinez.*

*Director Owsley motioned to amend the proposed position amendment to not remove the bullet saying "WSSDA leads in policy development to promote safe, secure, respectful learning environments for each and every student." Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 5-0*



*Director Martinez made a motion to approve the amended proposed position to include the amendment above for submission to WSSDA. Director Verburg seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

*4. Local Control Legislation*

*Director Brar motioned to approve proposed new position for submission to WSSDA regarding local control legislation. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

*5. Unfunded Mandates*

*Director Brar motioned to approve proposed new position for submission to WSSDA regarding unfunded mandates. Seconded by Director Martinez.*

*Director Owsley motioned to change “will not support” to “will actively oppose”. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

*Director Martinez motioned to approve proposed amended new position for submission to WSSDA. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote 5-0*

*WSSDA Equity Statement*

*Director Brar made a motion to approve the amended WSSDA Equity Statement for submission. No second. Motion not carried.*

*WSSDA Diversity*

*Director Brar made a motion to approve the amended WSSDA position for diversity for submission. No second. Motion not carried.*

**9. Policies**

*a. First Readings*

*Policy 2415- Performance-Based Pathway for High School Graduation*

*Director Martinez motioned to adopt Policy 2415- Performance-Based Pathway for High School Graduation. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 1-0; Board Vote: 5-0.*



*Policy 3421- Child Abuse & Neglect  
No action taken.*

**10. Information from Board Members**

*Director Brar expressed her desire to review the Board Handbook and the Policy 1220 as a group during the board retreat.*

*Director Hickman suggested we put time allotments on agenda items for the board retreat so that all agenda items are covered.*

*Director Martinez suggested that instead of discussing possible amendments to the policies during board retreat, the board reviews any policy revisions during regular board meetings.*

*Director Hickman indicated that the approved WSSDA positions that were voted on and approved tonight will be submitted to WSSDA by the deadline of April 8<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the General Assembly.*

**11. Executive Session**

*Director Hickman stated that the board would be moving into executive session to discuss the purchase and/or sale of real estate as allowed by RCW 42.30.110 until 8:50 pm. She further stated that the board would not be taking any action during, or after, executive session.*

*At 8:50pm, Superintendent VanderYacht announced that the executive session would be extended until 9:00pm.*

**12. Call Regular Meeting Back to Order**

*Director Hickman called the regular meeting back to order at 9:00pm.*

**13. Adjourn Meeting**

*There being no further business, Director Hickman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm.*

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Tonya Hickman, President

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David VanderYacht, Superintendent