



LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

Board Meeting

Minutes

03/21/2024

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 Director Owsley at 6:30pm. Board of Directors in attendance were Directors Owsley, Brar, Martinez, and Verburg. Director Hickman was absent and excused. Superintendent David VanderYacht and Student Board Representatives Kyle Tucker and Cooper Graddon were also in attendance.

2. Meeting Minutes

*Director Martinez motioned to approve the March 7, 2024 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- \$496,298.04; warrants 168522-168610 dated March 15, 2024.
23/24 ASB Fund- \$7,112.99; warrants 168611-168623 dated March 15, 2024.
23/24 ACH- General Fund- \$5,527.42; warrants 232400248-232400271 dated March 15, 2024.
23/24 ACH- ASB Fund- \$334.65; warrants 232400272-232400277 dated March 15, 2024/
Personnel Recommendations dated March 21, 2024.
Donation- March 21, 2024*

*Director Brar motioned to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.
Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-0.*



4. Information from the Audience

A community member addressed the board to introduce a representative of Schooley Mitchell and explained how he was able to help his non-profit save money.

The individual then explained that his company specializes in cost reduction and that he may be able to help the district.

A member of the Citizens for Lynden Schools addressed the board with an update on the work being done by that group, and indicated that the group has a plan for promotion of the bond if and when the board approves a bond resolution.

A staff/community member addressed the board with her concerns about the time constraint regarding the bond- mainly due to the safety concerns with 70+ points of entry at LHS.

5. Reports

a. Superintendent

Director of Student Services, Tim Metz, and Mental Health Coordinator, Jordan Feigel, presented the board with a mental health update. Information included an overview of the mental health coordinator role, a summary of the recent healthy youth survey, and a summary of the electronic safety management system, Gaggle.

Following discussion during the March 7th meeting, Superintendent VanderYacht provided the board with an update regarding Initiative 2081 and its potential impact on current board policy.

b. Teaching & Learning

c. Finance and Operations

Director of Finance & Operations, Ben Thomas, presented the board with the February 2024 financial report. This included an executive summary, enrollment analysis, budget status report, revenue analysis, expenditure analysis, and financial information and projection.

6. Policies

a. Second Readings

Policy 5005- Employment and Volunteers

Director Verburg motioned to approve updated Policy 5005- Employment and Volunteers. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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



7. Action Items

Interlocal Agreement- Bellingham School District

Director Martinez motioned to approve the interlocal agreement with Bellingham School District. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Overnight Trip Request

Director Brar motioned to approve the overnight trip request as submitted by LHS teacher, Jody Bogues. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 3-0.

Director Martinez did not vote.

8. Board Workshop

Superintendent Evaluation

Director Owsley, as a member of the Board's Superintendent Evaluation Committee, facilitated discussion regarding the annual superintendent evaluation which included a proposed process and timeline. He explained how the evaluation is based on the Lynden School District Standards-Based Superintendent Framework. He requested that each director read through the standards in preparation for an evaluation to be presented in May. He will be sending a link to a spreadsheet where each director can enter their scores.

Facilities Planning

Superintendent VanderYacht presented the board with a capital facilities planning update. He provided a brief history and timeline regarding facilities committees and board action that has taken place to date with regards to district facilities. Directors Brar and Owsley distributed a breakdown of projects used to generate pre-design estimates.

The board discussed possible timelines if they decide to put a bond back out to vote and whether to consider modifying the scope of work.

Superintendent VanderYacht also shared updated information on assessed values and interest rates on bonds. Updated tax impact analyses were shared with the board and discussion was held about whether to rerun the cost estimates.

The board agreed to discuss scope & timeline in another board workshop at the April 4th meeting with Director Hickman present with an intent to vote on a bond resolution during the April 18th meeting.



9. Information from Board Members

Director Martinez inquired about whether retirees are celebrated by the district in any way.

Director Brar expressed an interest in having the board approve the agenda at the beginning of each meeting.

10. Adjourn Meeting

Director Owsley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm.

Tonya Hickman, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent