



# LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

## Board Meeting

### Minutes

04/18/2024

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 6:30pm. Board of Directors in attendance were Directors Hickman, Owsley, Brar, and Martinez. Director Verburg was in attendance by speaker phone and did not place a vote on any agenda items. Superintendent David VanderYacht and Student Board Representative Kyle Tucker were also in attendance. Student Board Representative Cooper Graddon was absent and excused.*

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

*Director Owsley motion to amend the agenda to move the Interlocal Agreement with Bellingham School District from the consent agenda to the Action Items. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.*

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

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

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

#### 3. Meeting Minutes

*Director Owsley motioned to approve the April 4, 2024, board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.*

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

#### 4. Consent Agenda

*23/24 General Fund- \$159,909.55; warrants 168644-168716 dated March 29, 2024*

*23/24 ASB Fund- \$5,603.37; warrants 168717-168730 dated March 29, 2024*



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*23/24 ACH- General Fund- \$2,434.26; warrants 232400278-232400292 dated March 29, 2024*  
*23/24 ACH- ASB Fund- \$186.29; warrants 232400293-232400294 dated March 29, 2024*  
*Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$2,078,969.81 dated March 29, 2024*  
*Payroll Taxes Transfers in the amount of \$686,688.38 dated March 29, 2024*  
*Payroll Vendor DRS Transfer in the amount of \$528,090.60 dated March 29, 2024*  
*Payroll Vendor Warrants 168624-168643 in the amount of \$701,304.80 dated March 29, 2024*  
*23/24 General Fund- \$736,576.36; warrants 168731-168803 dated April 15, 2024*  
*23/24 ASB Fund- \$19,858.37; warrants 168804-168817 dated April 15, 2024*  
*23/24 ACH- General Fund- \$2,716.50; warrants 232400295-232400306 dated April 15, 2024*  
*23/24 Ach- ASB Fund- \$1,708.51; warrants 232400307-232400312 dated April 15, 2024*  
*Personnel Recommendations dated April 18, 2024.*

*Director Martinez motioned to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Director Owsley.  
Motion carried by voice vote.  
Advisory Vote: 1-0; Board Vote: 4-0.*

### **5. Information from the Audience**

*A district parent and member of the Citizens for Lynden Schools addressed the board regarding the bond. She expressed her hopes for educating the community about the August election and the need for the bond to pass. She thanked the board for seeing the need and invited the board to attend upcoming events related to the bond initiative.*

*A member of the community and member of the Citizens of Lynden Schools thanked Directors Owsley and Brar for attending the recent Citizens for Lynden Schools meeting. He explained that the community is sometimes misinformed regarding school funding. Education and communication about taxes will be key to communication moving forward.*

### **6. Reports**

- a. Superintendent
- b. Teaching & Learning

#### School Improvement Plan Presentations

*Fisher Elementary Principal, Mandy Jessee, provided a progress update on their School Improvement Plan goals. Their first goal is regarding professional development in activities focused on Universal Design for Learning (UDL). The second goal is to increase students' ability to comprehend written text by improving foundational skills from 35% to 42%. Based on winter testing, they are now at 34%.*

*Bernice Vossbeck Elementary Principal, Rex Fraser, provided the board with progress updates of their School Improvement Plan goals. The first goal is for staff to participate*



*in entry-level professional learning about the UDL Framework and to be able to incorporate UDL strategies into their lessons by May 2024. His staff has been implementing one strategy of their choice from the UDL book they are studying. The second goal is for 70% of students to be within the high growth quadrants of the performance-growth matrix in both reading and math. Right now, reading is at ~61% and math is at ~53%.*

c. Finance and Operations

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

*\*\*Student Board Representative Kyle Tucker exited the meeting.*

**7. Policies**

a. First Readings

*Policy 2413- Equivalency Credit Opportunities  
No action taken.*

*Policy 6700- Nutrition  
No action taken.*

*Policy 6701- Recess & Physical Activity  
No action taken.*

*Policy 6702- Wellness  
No action taken.*

*Policy 2124- Physical Education & Health Class  
No action taken.*

b. Second Readings

*Policy 3421- Child Abuse & Neglect*

*Director Martinez made a motion to approve updated Policy 3421- Child Abuse & Neglect. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 4-0*



## 8. Action Items

### Resolution #05-24: Asset Preservation Program

Director Owsley made a motion to approve Resolution #05-24- Asset Preservation Program. Seconded by Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 4-0

### Approval of Pro & Con Committee Members

Director Martinez motioned to approve the appointment of Doris Smith as 'Against' committee member for the bond resolution. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 4-0

Director Owsley motioned to approve the appointment of Kyle Kleindel, Angie Costanti, and Tim Koetje as 'For' committee members for the bond resolution. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 4-0

### Interlocal Agreement- Bellingham SD, Title 1 Services

Director Owsley motioned to approve the interlocal agreement with Bellingham School District for Title 1 services. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 4-0

## 9. Information from Board Members

Director Martinez shared about his visits to LMS and Lynden Academy. He also shared about the level of community engagement with the BVE PTA sponsored father-daughter dance. He also shared that he will be missing the next meeting.

## 10. Adjourn Meeting

Director Hickman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm.

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Tonya Hickman, President

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David VanderYacht, Superintendent