



LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

Board Meeting

Minutes

05/02/2024

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Director Owsley made a motion to amend the agenda to add WSSDA platform revisions to 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 agenda as amended. Seconded by Director Verburg.

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

3. Meeting Minutes

Director Owsley motioned to approve the April 13, 2024 and April 18, 2024 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

4. Consent Agenda

23/24 General Fund: \$732,483.16; warrants 168838-168944 dated April 30, 2024.

23/24 ASB Fund: \$20,819.94; warrants 168945-168966 dated April 30, 2024.

23/24 ACH-General Fund: \$2,551.49; warrants 232400313-232400332 dated April 30, 2024.



*23/24 ACH-ASB Fund: \$1,588.46; warrants 232400333-232400336 dated April 30, 2024.
Payroll Warrant 168818 in the amount of \$87.25 dated April 30, 2024.
Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$2,071,040.52 dated April 30, 2024.
Payroll Taxes Transfers in the amount of \$689,515.80 dated April 30, 2024.
Payroll Vendor DRS Transfer in the amount of \$529,197.56 dated April 30, 2024.
Payroll Vendor Warrants 168819-168837 in the amount of \$690,179.31.
Personnel Recommendations dated May 2, 2024.*

Director Owsley motioned to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

5. Information from the Audience

None

6. Reports

- a. Superintendent
- b. Teaching & Learning

Tim Doering, Principal of Isom Elementary School, presented the board with a progress update related to Isom's School Improvement Plan. Their first goal for this year is for 75% of Isom students to be proficient on the STAR reading fluency assessment. At the beginning of the year, 47% of Isom students were proficient. Winter scores showed growth toward goal at 60%. Isom's second goal is that 85% of students will attend regularly by the end of 23/24. At the beginning of year, 75% of students were attending regularly. As of the end of April just over 90% attending regularly.

Ian Freeman, Principal of Lynden High School, presented the board with a progress update related to LHS's School Improvement Plan. Their first goal for this year is that all teachers at LHS will increase understanding and use of UDL as measured by self-assessment surveys in spring 2024. Principal Freeman explained the steps that have taken place so far to reach this goal. Their second goal is to create and implement Tier 1, 2, and 3 systems of academic support to positively impact student success in classes as measured by semester grades with a goal of <15% of D and F grades. Semester 1 had a 13.9% D/F rate.

- c. Finance and Operations



7. Policies

a. First Readings

Policy 6905- Site Acquisition

No action taken.

b. Second Readings

Policy 6700- Nutrition

Director Owsley motioned to approve updated Policy 6700- Nutrition. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Policy 6701- Recess & Physical Activity

Director Owsley motioned to adopt Policy 6701- Recess & Physical Activity. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Policy 6702- Wellness

Director Owsley motioned to adopt Policy 6702- Wellness. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Policy 2124- Physical Education & Health Class

Director Brar motioned to adopt Policy 2124- Physical Education & Health Class. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Director Brar made a motion for a 5-minute recess. Seconded by Director Owsley.

Policy 2413- Equivalency Credit Opportunities

Director Brar made a motion to amend the policy to include to add "those available within the school district or at a skill center" at the end of the introductory paragraph.

Seconded by Director Verburg.

Advisory 1-0; Board Vote: 4-0

Director Owsley motioned to approve updated Policy 2124- Equivalency Credit Opportunities as amended. Seconded by Director Verburg.

Director Brar made a motion to amend Policy 2413 to strike "to ensure cultural responsiveness and equity in awarding mastery-based credit" in the first sentence of the



last paragraph in the section titled “Mastery/Competency-based credits”. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Director Verburg motioned to adopt Policy 2413 as amended. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

8. Action Items

Interlocal Agreement- Whatcom County Detention Center 24/25

Director Owsley motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Whatcom County Detention Center for 2024/2025. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Resolution #06-24: WIAA Membership Renewal

Director Owsley motioned to approve Resolution #06-24- WIAA Membership Renewal for the 2024/2025 school year. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

WSSDA Advocacy Platform

Director Owsley made a motion to authorize the board legislative committee to revise and submit revisions on the “Local Control” proposal to WSSDA on behalf of the full board. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

9. Information from Board Members

Director Hickman shared about her recent school visits to Isom Elementary and Lynden Middle School and encouraged other board members to continue to visit schools.

Director Owsley reminded the board to enter their superintendent evaluation scores by May 4th.

Director Brar distributed a copy of a resolution entitled “WSSDA Prioritization of Local Control & No Unfunded Mandates” for review by the board for possible adoption.

Student Board Representative Cooper Graddon expressed his thanks to the LHS teachers for their work in providing so many opportunities for students to succeed.



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10. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, Director Hickman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm.

Tonya Hickman, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent