



LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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Board Meeting

Minutes

05/16/2024

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, Verburg, and Martinez. Superintendent David VanderYacht and Student Board Representatives Cooper Graddon and Kyle Tucker were also in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Director Owsley made a motion to approve and accept the agenda. Seconded by Director Martinez.

Director Brar motioned to amend the agenda to move the election of a WIAA representative to the first item under action items. Director Martinez seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 5-0

Director Verburg made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Director Owsley seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. Motion carried by voice vote. Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 5-0

3. Meeting Minutes

Director Owsley motioned to approve the May 2, 2024, board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Verburg.

Director Brar made a motion to amend the May 2, 2024 meeting minutes under Information from the Board Members to add "for possible adoption" to the end of the third item that starts with "Director Brar distributed....". Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote. Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 5-0.



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Director Brar motioned to approve the amended meeting minutes for May 2, 2024. Director Owsley seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 5-0

4. Consent Agenda

Personnel Recommendations dated May 16, 2024.

Director Owsley motioned to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Director Martinez.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 5-0.

5. Information from the Audience

A community member addressed the board regarding a safety concern at Bernice Vossbeck Elementary- specifically with regards to the traffic, buses, and pedestrians.

A community member addressed the board regarding the general obligations bond.

6. Information from Board Directors and Student Representatives

Student Board Representatives Kyle Tucker & Cooper Graddon shared that over 200 AP exams have been given at LHS and expressed their appreciation for the support and opportunities that staff has given to students through the testing process. They shared that LHS is scoring higher on AP exams than the global average. They also shared that following the state FFA competition last week, 3 students qualified for nationals. Additionally, the LHS FBLA chapter was awarded the gold level champion chapter and gold seal chapter. They also shared that the LHS tennis team won district in singles and have one person in singles and one doubles team going to state. The tennis team as a whole won the overall district conference championship.

Director Brar inquired as to why move there was a decision made to move this agenda item to beginning of the meeting.

Directors Hickman & Verburg spoke of proposals for WSSDA's positions for General Assembly regarding local control. They will not be submitting proposed revisions.

Director Brar provided further information on the resolution she presented at last meeting regarding local control and unfunded mandates. She explained the process for passing and submitting the resolution to WSSDA for general assembly.

7. Reports

- a. Superintendent



b. Teaching & Learning

Ellie Meenk, Principal of Lynden Academy, presented the board with a progress update related to Lynden Academy's School Improvement Plan. Their first goal is for staff to understand and articulate the three key UDL guidelines to foster a deeper understanding of UDL principles. 21% of staff have reported that they are confident enough to explain an overview of UDL while 65% indicate they would be able to explain a basic overview of UDL. Their second goal was to increase the percentage of students in Kindergarten to eighth grade who are performing above grade level in mathematics by 10%. She shared that most grade levels have increased that percentage by 8-34%.

Vince Riccobene, Principal of Lynden Middle School, presented the board with a progress update related to LMS's School Improvement Plan. Their first goal was for staff at LMS to participate in UDL professional development and explore the guidelines in their classrooms. Mr. Riccobene explained that they partnered with ESD 189 for professional development and also received feedback from staff surveys to guide next steps. Their second goal was for implementation of the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) incentive programs to address Tier 1 behavioral and attendance in the MTSS framework. They measure progress of this goal through discipline, attendance, and grade data. He shared that as of May 1st in the 22/23 school year, there were 388 behavioral referrals and 225 unexcused absences. For May 1st of this school year, they are at 507 behavioral referrals and 186 unexcused absence referrals. Of those 507 behavioral referrals, 91% have 3 or less referrals, which means the redirection of behavior is working on the 1st or 2nd time.

c. Finance and Operations

8. Policies

a. *First Readings*

No action taken.

b. *Second Readings*

Policy 6905- Site Acquisition

Director Owsley motioned to approve updated Policy 6905- Site Acquisition. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 5-0

9. Board Workshop

Directors Hickman & Owsley, as the board's Superintendent Evaluation Committee, presented a draft of the 2024 superintendent evaluation. Discussion was held around how the evaluation was



scored by the collective group of directors. Superintendent VanderYacht expressed his thanks to the directors for their feedback and shared that this will help guide their collective work moving forward.

10. Action Items

Election of WIAA Representative

Director Martinez nominated Director Brar to serve as the board's Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association's (WIAA) Representative. Director Brar accepted the nomination.

Director Martinez made a motion to approve Director Brar as the WIAA representative.

Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote 5-0

Interlocal Agreement- Whatcom County Behavioral Health- 24/25

Director Owsley motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Whatcom County for Behavioral Health Services Support for 2024/2025. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 5-0

Interlocal Agreement- Whatcom Discovery- 24/25

Director Martinez motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Whatcom Discovery for 2024/2025. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 5-0

Resolution #07-24: Surplus Personal Property

Director Brar motioned to approve Resolution #07-24- Surplus Personal Property. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 5-0

11. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, Director Hickman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:53pm.

Tonya Hickman, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent