



LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

Board Meeting

Minutes

06/06/2024

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 directors in attendance were Directors Hickman, Owsley, Brar, Martinez and Verburg. 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 the amended agenda. Seconded by Director Martinez.

Director Brar made a motion to amend the agenda to add "WIAA Report" as item 16 on the agenda. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion not carried.

Board Vote: 2-3 Directors Martinez, Hickman and Owsley opposed.

Original agenda approved by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

3. Meeting Minutes

Director Owsley motioned to approve the May 16, 2024 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.

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



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4. Educator of the Year

Superintendent VanderYacht and Dick Decima, representative of the Lynden/Ferndale Masonic Lodge, presented the Educator of the Year Award to Laura Landis. Superintendent VanderYacht recognized Laura for her innovative and engaging teaching methods, and her investment through training and support of educators throughout the district. Laura's name has been added to the district plaque, and she received \$1,500 to use towards classroom items and equipment.

5. Consent Agenda

23/24 General Fund: \$290,117.70; warrants 168967-169031 dated May 15, 2024.

23/24 ASB Fund: 15,711.46; warrants 169032-169049 dated May 15, 2024.

23/24 ACH-General Fund: \$6,238.45; warrants 232400337-232400361 dated May 15, 2024.

23/24 ACH-ASB Fund: \$845.20; warrants 232400362-232400369 dated May 15, 2024.

23/24 General Fund: \$236,946.83; warrants 169069-169164 dated May 31, 2024.

23/24 Capital Project Fund: \$2,737.29; warrants 169165-169165 dated May 31, 2024.

23/24 ASB Fund: \$45,155.79; warrants 169166-169187 dated May 31, 2024.

23/24 ACH-General Fund: \$1,500.44; warrants 232400370-232400380 dated May 31, 2024.

23/24 ACH-ASB Fund: \$385.43; warrants 232400381-232400386 dated May 31, 2024.

Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$2,067,326.17 dated May 31, 2024.

Payroll Taxes Transfers in the amount of \$688,883.05 dated May 31, 2024.

Payroll Vendor DRS Transfer in the amount of \$525,955.80 dated May 31, 2024.

Payroll Vendor Warrants 169050-169068 in the amount of \$714,994.98.

Personnel Recommendations dated June 6, 2024.

Donation- Fisher Elementary PTA

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

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

6. Information from the Audience

A community member addressed the board in opposition of biological men competing in women's sports.

A community member addressed the board regarding Inspire Development Center being built on Isom property.

Another community member addressed the board regarding the plans for the Inspire Development Center being built on the Isom property.

A community member addressed the board with concerns regarding Title IX.



A member of the Citizens for Lynden Schools group shared what their group has been doing to inform the community about the upcoming bond election.

7. Information from Board Directors and Student Representatives

Student Board Representative Cooper Graddon expressed his thanks to the board for allowing him the opportunity to serve on the board for the last two years. He shared his thoughts about the role of the student board representative, and the board thanked him for his service.

Director Owsley shared about his visit to the bus garage and Isom Elementary.

Director Hickman gave an update as a member of the board's legislative committee.

Director Brar stated that she contacted Mt. Baker SD about their school-based health clinics. asked how many years their district has had the agreement with Whatcom County for behavioral health funding.

Director Brar asked some follow up questions regarding the crosswalks at Vossbeck Elementary.

Director Brar asked about the permanent classrooms being proposed at Isom and Vossbeck on the bond election.

Director Brar asked that Policy 3211 and Policy 1310 be added to a future agenda. She asked that WIAA also be added to a future agenda.

**Director Martinez exited the meeting due to a pre-scheduled personal commitment.*

8. Teaching & Learning Report

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Dr. Julie van Wijk, facilitated a presentation on the curriculum that has been selected and is being recommended by the Instructional Materials Committee for adoption by the board as the new science curriculum for LHS. A representative from Savvas Learning Company was also in attendance and shared information about their curriculum.

Savvas is being recommended for biology, chemistry, and physics. McGraw Hill is being recommended for physical science.

***Director Martinez rejoined the meeting.*



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9. Action Item

Director Martinez motioned to adopt the science curriculum recommended by the Instructional Materials Committee for Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics at Lynden High School. Seconded by Director Brar. Motioned carried by voice vote.

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

10. Superintendent Report

24/25 Student Board Representative

Superintendent VanderYacht reported that he has completed interviews of the students who submitted applications to serve as a 24/25 student board representative. He has selected Lynden High School student Ashley Acton, and she will be seated at the September 19th meeting.

Career & Technical Education Annual Report

Outgoing CTE Program Director, Kent Victor and incoming CTE Program Director, John Grubbs presented the board with a summary of the district's CTE 4-year plan as required by Policy 2170.

11. Action Item

Director Owsley motioned to approve the 4-year CTE plan as presented by Kent Victor and John Grubbs. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

12. Finance & Operations Report

Ben Thomas, Director of Finance & Operations, presented the board with the April 2024 financial report and an update on the 24/25 budget development. The April financial report included an executive summary, enrollment, budget status, revenue, expenditures, and projection. The 24/25 budget development update included a budget timeline and corresponding information.

13. Policy

a. *Second Readings*

Policy 2255- Alternative Learning Experience Courses

Director Martinez motioned to approve updated Policy 2255- Alternative Learning Experience Courses. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

14. Action Items

Inspire Development Center- Lease Amendment

Director Martinez motioned to approve the second lease amendment with Inspire Development Center. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

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



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Resolution #08-24: WSSDA Prioritization of Local Control & No Unfunded Mandates

Director Owsley motioned to approve Resolution #08-24- WSSDA Prioritization of Local Control & No Unfunded Mandates. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

15. Adjourn Meeting

Director Hickman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:07pm.

Tonya Hickman, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent