



LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

Board Meeting

Minutes

07/11/2024

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. Superintendent David VanderYacht was also in attendance. Director Martinez indicated he would be arriving late and would join the meeting at that time.

2. Approval of Agenda

*Director Owsley made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 4-0*

3. Meeting Minutes

*Director Verburg motioned to approve the June 20, 2024 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 4-0.*

4. Consent Agenda

*23/24 General Fund: \$185,247.91; warrants 169311-169385 dated June 28, 2024.
23/24 Capital Projects Fund: \$5,935.21; warrants 169386-169386 dated June 28, 2024.
23/24 ASB Fund: \$12,119.91; warrants 169387-169404 dated June 28, 2024.
23/24 ACH-General Fund: \$3,576.93; warrants 232400421-232400445 dated June 28, 2024.
23/24 ACH-ASB Fund: \$821.60; warrants 232400446-232400453 dated June 28, 2024.
Personnel Recommendations dated July 11, 2024.*



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

Board Vote: 4-0.

5. Information from the Audience

A community member addressed the board regarding tax implications if the bond passes.

***Director Martinez joined the meeting at 6:47pm.*

6. Reports

a. Superintendent

Superintendent VanderYacht provided the board with a capital facilities bond update which included a historical recap, project breakdown, and an explanation of the Owner Representative Process and status. Ryan Swanson with Piper Sandler was also in attendance to provide information about bond financing and the debt repayment structure.

b. Teaching & Learning

c. Finance and Operations

Director Martinez made a motion to take a 5-minute recess. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

7. Action Items

24/25 Running Start Agreement- Bellingham Technical College

Director Owsley motioned to approve the Running Start agreement with Bellingham Technical College for 2024/2025. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

24/25 Northwest Educational Service District Agreement

Director Martinez motioned to approve the agreement with Northwest Educational Service District for 2024/2025. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0



LYNDEN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Interlocal Agreement- Nooksack Valley School District- Community Transitions 24/25

Director Martinez motioned to approve the interlocal agreement with Nooksack Valley School District regarding the Community Transitions Program for the 2024/2025 school year. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

8. Board Workshop

The board workshop began with discussion regarding gender inclusive schools. The board discussed optional next steps, if desired, of updating the district's current Policy 3211/3211P. The board requested that the district reaches out to Woodland School District to request their correspondence with OSPI. The board directed Superintendent VanderYacht to find out the process, with the help of legal counsel, of requesting that OSPI and WSSDA revisit the language in their model policy 3211/3211P. Superintendent VanderYacht also suggested reaching out to local legislators. The board asked that a first reading of policy 3211/3211P as updated by WSSDA in March of 2022 be put on the next agenda for consideration as a first step. The board would also like to explore the possibility of supporting and/or joining other districts in Washington State who are urging WSSDA to develop a more parent-friendly model policy.

The board workshop then continued with discussion around possible time limits placed on future board meetings. The possibility of specifying targeted times for each agenda item was discussed.

9. Board Committee Reports

The board's finance committee provided a report which included information on the 23/24 budget, the 24/25 budget development, and the AP/Payroll audit process.

10. Information from Board Members

Director Martinez asked about Kennewick's recent resolution regarding WIAA and Title IX. Brar suggested having legal counsel review that resolution so that the board can consider adopting the same resolution.

Director Brar asked about our board policy regarding board member absences. It was suggested that we review that process and board policy at the board retreat in October.

Director Brar asked about next steps regarding the email received by the board this week regarding consideration of joining a lawsuit regarding Title IX 2024 Final Rule, Department of Education.



LYNDEN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

11. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, Director Hickman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:17pm.

Tonya Hickman, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent