



# LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

## Board Meeting

### Minutes

08/15/2024

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, Martinez and Verburg. Superintendent David VanderYacht was also in attendance.*

*The meeting began with a moment of silence in remembrance of a recent LHS graduate who unexpectedly passed away last week.*

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

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

*Board Vote: 5-0*

#### 3. Meeting Minutes

*Director Owsley motioned to approve the July 8, 2024 and July 11, 2024 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Brar.*

*Director Brar motioned to amend the minutes from July 11, 2024 under Information from the Board Directors to say "...lawsuit regarding Title IX 2024 Final Rule Department of Education."*

*Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

*Director Brar motioned to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Director Owsley.*

*Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 5-0*



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#### 4. Consent Agenda

*24/25 General Fund: \$308,074.19; warrants 169405-169433 dated July 15, 2024.*  
*24/25 ASB Fund: \$4,376.71; warrants 169434-169438 dated July 15, 2024.*  
*23/24 General Fund: \$223,331.00; warrants 169439-169507 dated July 15, 2024.*  
*23/24 Capital Projects Fund: \$84,754.81; warrants 169508-169508 dated July 15, 2024.*  
*23/24 ASB Fund: \$1,915.81; warrants 169509-169512 dated July 15, 2024.*  
*23/24 Transportation Fund: \$214,917.61; warrants 169513-169513 dated July 15, 2024.*  
*23/24 ACH-General Fund: \$3,513.58; warrants 232400454-232400466 dated July 15, 2024.*  
*23/24 ACH-ASB Fund: \$3,577.06; warrants 232400467-232400471 dated July 15, 2024.*  
*24/25 General Fund: \$155,174.74; warrants 169533-169547 dated July 31, 2024.*  
*23/24 General Fund: \$653,499.99; warrants 169548-169606 dated July 31, 2024.*  
*23/24 ASB Fund: \$4,802.49; warrants 169607-169617 dated July 31, 2024.*  
*23/24 ACH-General Fund: \$2,060.80; warrants 232400472-232400477 dated July 31, 2024.*  
*23/24 ACH-ASB Fund: \$234.46; warrants 232400478-232400479 dated July 31, 2024.*  
*Personnel Recommendations dated August 15, 2024.*

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

*Board Vote: 5-0.*

#### 5. Open Budget Hearing

*The budget hearing opened at 6:44pm.*

*Director of Finance, Ben Thomas, presented the final drafted budget for the 2024/2025 school year. The budget summary presentation included expenditures by programs, activities, & objects as well as revenues by source, enrollment projection. He also presented the 24/25 fines, fees, and meal prices as well as information on Capital Projects Fund, Debt Service Fund, ASB Funds, Transportation Vehicle Funds, Fees & ASB, MSOC disclosures, and an OSPI budget overview. Mr. Thomas also provided the four-year budget summary and spoke of the importance of maximizing the use of resources to provide the best possible education for the students of Lynden School District.*

*His presentation was followed by an opportunity for questions and/or comments from the public.*

#### 6. Close Budget Hearing

*The budget hearing was adjourned at 7:08pm.*



**7. Information from the Audience**

*A community member submitted written comment to the board expressing her desire for girls sports teams to be made up of only biological girls.*

*A community member submitted written comment to the board regarding preserving fair competition and safeguarding the right and protections of female athletes.*

*A community member submitted written comment to the board regarding a recent track & field competition in which a transgender athlete was allowed to compete against biological girls and asked the board to protect female athletes.*

*A community member submitted written comment to the board regarding the crisis female athletics is facing by the allowance of biological males to compete on girls sports.*

**8. Action Items**

Resolution #10-24: Adoption of the 24/25 Budget

*Director Owsley motioned to approve Resolution #10-24: Adoption of the 24/25 Budget.*

*Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

Approval of 24/25 Interscholastic Activities

*Director Owsley motioned to approve the 24/25 Interscholastic Activities as presented. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

Approval of 24/25 Highly Capable Program

*Director Martinez motioned to approve the 24/25 Highly Capable Program. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

Interlocal Agreement- Meridian School District Transportation Services

*Director Brar motioned to approve the interlocal agreement with Meridian School District for transportation services for the 24/25 school year. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 5-0*



## 9. Reports

### a. Superintendent

#### Annual Policy Reports

*Superintendent VanderYacht presented the board with annual reports for Policy 6801-Capital Assets and Policy 6500-Risk Management.*

#### Election Results

*Superintendent VanderYacht gave a brief update on the results of the Aug 6 election in relation to the capital projects bond that was on the ballot. He shared that we had approximately 1,700 more voters turn out at this election and he is thankful for the clear message that the community communicated through their votes. The board will need to discuss next steps which should include how to engage the community in partnering with us to ensure our facilities are meeting student needs. Superintendent VanderYacht will be adding a board workshop to a future to discuss next steps related to capital projects bond.*

*Director Hickman then shared her thanks to the community who engaged with the district throughout the process. She also expressed her thanks to the countless volunteers who served on the facilities planning teams, bond planning task force, the citizens bond campaign group, and many other volunteer groups who were vital in getting information out to the public and allowed them to make an informed vote.*

#### Graduation Pathways

*Lynden High School Principal, Ian Freeman, shared information with the board about graduation pathway options. He began by giving a brief history of pathway options and explained that giving pathway options for students to graduate ensures that students can personalize their pathway to align with their future plans. OSPI requires every student to complete a High School & Beyond Plan, complete a Graduation Pathway, and earn a minimum number of high school credits. Mr. Freeman shared information about how credits are obtained. He then shared information about each of the three pathway options- college, career & technical education, and military.*

### b. Teaching & Learning

#### Multilingual Learning

*Director of Academic Services, Molly Mitchell, and Bilingual Student Advocate, Suzie Cartegena, shared information related to our multilingual instruction program. Her presentation included information on how we identify ML students, how we serve them, who serves them, how we assess them, and what's on the horizon.*



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### c. Finance and Operations

#### **10. Board Workshop**

*Discussion was held regarding Gender Inclusive Schools. The first topic of discussion was regarding Policy 3211/P- Gender Inclusive Schools. Director Hickman shared about a recent phone call her and Superintendent VanderYacht had with the lead counsel of WSSDA to discuss how they draft and push out policies for school districts to adopt. Superintendent VanderYacht shared that he has been working with legal counsel to discuss viable options for amending our district's Policy 3211/P and recommended that he continue working legal counsel to draft a first reading of an amended 3211/P for the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

*Director Brar and Superintendent VanderYacht then facilitated discussion and shared recent updates related to WIAA participation policies and amendment process. Current WIAA participation policies state that students can participate in WIAA athletics in a manner that matches their gender identity. Director Brar gave a brief summary of how WIAA is structured and a timeline of the upcoming amendment process. Several districts across the state have an interest in amending the WIAA participation policy, which is done by a supermajority vote of WIAA voting districts within the state (52). Director Brar has submitted proposed language to Superintendent VanderYacht. It was noted that the resolution which was passed by the board in March directed Superintendent VanderYacht to work within the amendment process. As a result, he shared that he has been in contact with other Superintendents in the state to collaborate on the amendment process and proposed amended language.*

#### **11. Board Committee Reports**

*There were no board committee reports.*

#### **12. Information from Board Members**

*Director Hickman shared that WSSDA has released their final draft of the General Assembly Handbook. There are 48 proposals to vote on. She asked that the board look at the consent agenda to see if there are any proposals that they would like to be removed from it. Superintendent VanderYacht has provided a recommended process for the board to participate in voting during General Assembly in his Superintendent Update that was sent out last week.*

*Director Brar asked about the status of pursuing Impact Fees.*

*Director Brar asked about the status of the proposed crosswalk at Vossbeck Elementary. Superintendent VanderYacht explained that city is not in favor of placing a crosswalk in proposed area. Director Brar asked if the board can write a appeal letter to city. Superintendent*



*VanderYacht suggested we consider putting this as an item on an upcoming meeting agenda for further discussion.*

*Director Brar shared that she would be happy to order copies of the free pocket-sized copies of the U.S. Constitution through the 917 Society if they haven't already been ordered after she shared about them at a previous meeting.*

*Director Brar stated that she supports external cameras on the buses and would like to further discuss this.*

*Director Brar inquired about the Open Public Meetings Act and the process for calling special meetings.*

**13. Adjourn Meeting**

*Director Hickman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:02pm.*

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Tonya Hickman, President

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David VanderYacht, Superintendent