



# LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

## Board Meeting

### Minutes

09/05/2024

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, Martinez and Verburg. Superintendent David VanderYacht and Student Board Representatives Kyle Tucker and Ashley Acton were also in attendance.*

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

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

*Board Vote: 5-0*

#### 3. Welcome & Introduction of Student Board Representatives

*Superintendent VanderYacht welcomed Ashley Acton as our new student board representative for the 24/25 school year.*

*He also welcomed back Kyle Tucker, who is serving his second year as a student board representative.*

#### 4. Meeting Minutes

*Director Brar motioned to approve the August 15, 2024 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 5-0.*

#### 5. Consent Agenda

*24/25 General Fund- \$32,858.46; warrants 169618-169626 dated August 15, 2024*

*23/24 General Fund- \$272,495.67; warrants 169627-169677 dated August 15, 2024*

*23/24 ASB Fund- \$5,970.71; warrants 169678-69681 dated August 15, 2024*



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*23/24 ACH-General Fund- \$132.86; warrants 232400480-232400480 dated August 15, 2024*

*Personnel Recommendations dated September 5, 2024*

*Interlocal Agreement- Meridian School District, Physical Therapist for 24/25*

*Interlocal Agreements- Blaine, Nooksack, Mt. Baker, Meridian School District- Teacher of the Visually Impaired for 24/25*

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

*Board Vote: 5-0.*

### **6. Information from the Audience**

*A community member addressed the board regarding the bond. He expressed that he believes that the bond failed largely because of the board's lack of involvement. He further expressed that because the bond failed, the safety and security of campuses will need to be prioritized. He specifically addressed the need for security officers on all campuses and asked the board to find money in the budget to fund those positions.*

### **7. Reports**

#### **a. Superintendent**

*Director of Northwest Career & Technical Academy, Lynette Brower, and Dr. James Everett, Superintendent of Meridian School District, shared information with the board about the NCTA and the development of plans for a skills center in Whatcom County.*

#### **b. Teaching & Learning**

*None*

#### **c. Finance and Operations**

*Superintendent VanderYacht presented the board with the July 2024 finance report. This included an executive summary, enrollment, budget status, revenue, expenditures, and year-end projection.*

### **8. Policies**

#### **a. First Readings**

*Policy 2125- Sexual Health Education  
Moved to second reading.*

*Policy 3211/P- Gender Inclusive Schools  
Moved to second reading.*

*Policy 3432- Emergencies  
Moved to second reading.*



*Policy 4130- Title I Parent Involvement  
Moved to second reading.*

*Policy 5314- Tax Deferred Annuity & Compensation  
Moved to second reading.*

*Policy 6220- Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements  
Moved to second reading.*

## **9. Action Items**

### *Letter to Legislators- Transgender Athlete Participation*

*Director Martinez motioned to approve the drafted letter to local legislators as part of a collective effort to see change in girls' sports- specifically with regards to the inclusion of transgender athletes that are assigned male at birth. Seconded by Director Owsley.*

*Director Owsley made a motion to strike the third bullet point titled 'Education and Awareness'.  
Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Advisory Vote: 0-2; Board Vote: 3-2. Directors Hickman and Martinez opposed.*

*Director Martinez motioned to approve the letter to legislators as amended. Seconded by  
Directors Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Advisory- 2-0; Board Vote: 5-0*

### *Letter to WIAA- Transgender Athlete Participation Policy*

*Director Owsley motioned to approve the drafted letter in response to the board's interest in communicating with the WIAA regarding the need for change to their current participation policy for transgender athletes. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 5-0*

## **10. Board Committee Reports**

*There were no board committee reports.*

## **11. Information from Board Members**

*Director Brar shared information she received from Superintendent VanderYacht regarding pursuing the banning of cell phones in schools. Director Verburg added that if we decide to discuss this as a board meeting agenda item, it would be good to receive input from student board representatives.*



*Director Brar requested further discussion on Initiative 2081.*

*Director Brar asked when the board should expect to receive information on General Assembly.*

*Director Martinez asked about eResources- specifically, what that contract includes and how it came to be in existence.*

*Director Martinez inquired about ASB Funds and asked if student board representatives would be able to provide input on how ASB Funds are used.*

*Director Verburg thanked Superintendent VanderYacht for sending AP/Payroll reports to finance committee each month.*

*Director Verburg shared his thoughts on the public comment that was directed to the board earlier in the meeting.*

*Director Hickman added to let her know when a directors believes that public comments are becoming defamatory during the meetings so that she can step in as chair.*

*Director Martinez asked for clarification on what “budget capacity” means in the finance report.*

*Director Owsley shared about his new position as Director of Project Hope.*

*Director Owsley asked if the board had an interest in having a guest speaker regarding transgender topic.*

## **12. Adjourn Meeting**

*Director Hickman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm.*

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Tonya Hickman, President

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David VanderYacht, Superintendent