



# LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

## Board Meeting

### Minutes

09/19/2024

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. Director Martinez was absent with prior notice. Superintendent David VanderYacht and Student Board Representatives Kyle Tucker and Ashley Acton were also in attendance.*

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

*Director Brar made a motion to amend the agenda to move Board Committee Reports before Action Items. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Board Vote: 4-0*

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

*The board observed a moment of silence for community member and former student, Kevin Antonio-Jose, who passed away on September 11, 2024.*

#### 3. Meeting Minutes

*Director Owsley motioned to approve the September 5, 2024 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Board Vote: 4-0.*

#### 4. Consent Agenda

*24/25 General Fund- \$249,353.45; warrants 169702-169747 dated August 30, 2024*



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*24/25 ASB Fund- \$15,103.67; warrants 169748-169749*  
*23/24 General Fund- \$161,263.09; warrants 169750-169802 dated August 30, 2024*  
*23/24 ASB Fund- \$1,281.03; warrants 169803-169807 dated August 30, 2024*  
*23/24 ACH-General Fund- \$3,131.43; warrants 232400481-2324700486 dated August 30, 2024*  
*23/24 ACH-ASB Fund- \$15.99; warrants 232400487-232400487 dated August 30, 2024*  
*Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$1,919,956.59 dated August 30, 2024*  
*Payroll Taxes Transfers in the amount of \$665,401.19 dated August 30, 2024*  
*Payroll Vendor DRS Transfer in the amount of \$517,539.21 dated August 30, 2024*  
*Payroll Vendor Warrants #169682-169701 in the amount of \$715,219.58*  
*Personnel Recommendations dated September 19, 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**

*None*

### **6. Reports**

#### *a. Superintendent*

*Nancy & Dennis McHarness with Partners for Schools shared information with the board on the Be The One mentoring program. Lisa Reynolds, Samm VanKirk, and two community members were also in attendance and shared their perspective as mentors and mentor coordinators at LMS & LHS.*

#### *b. Teaching & Learning*

*None*

#### *c. Finance and Operations*

*None*

### **7. Policies**

#### *a. First Readings*

*Policy 2401- Financial Education Mastery-Based Learning & Credit  
Moved to second reading.*

*Policy 3241- Student Discipline*

*Moved to second reading.*



b. *Second Readings*

Policy 2125- Sexual Health Education

*Director Owsley motioned to approve updated Policy 2125- Sexual Health Education. Seconded by Director Brar.*

*Director Owsley made a motion to amend the opening paragraph to say “The Lynden School District will provide instruction in comprehensive sexual health education consistent with the state law.” Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-0*

*Director Verburg motioned to approve amended Policy 2125. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-0*

Policy 3211- Gender Inclusive Schools

*Director Brar motioned to approve updated Policy 3211- Gender Inclusive Schools. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory: 2-0; Board Vote: 3-1. Director Brar opposed.*

Policy 3211P- Gender Inclusive Schools

*Director Owsley motioned to approve updated procedures 3211P- Gender Inclusive Schools. Seconded by Director Brar.*

*Director Brar motioned to amend language on page 31 in the first paragraph in the section titled “Communication and Use Of Names and Pronouns” to strike “However, to avoid misgendering, it is appropriate for teachers and other school staff to privately seek clarification from students and/or” and replace it with “It is appropriate for teachers and other school staff to” Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-0*

*Director Verburg motioned to amend language in the second paragraph on page 32 to strike “referring to the student’s name and pronoun could be dangerous” and replace with “It is important to recognize that there may be parents/guardians who are not supportive or who are not aware of the student’s transition at school”. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-0*



*Director Owsley motioned to approve the policy as amended. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-0*

*Policy 3432- Emergencies*

*Director Owsley motioned to approve updated 3432- Emergencies. Seconded by Director Verburg.*

*Director Hickman motioned to amend the language under the section titled "Pandemic/Epidemic" to say "The superintendent and presiding officer of the board will serve as a liaison..." Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Board: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-0*

*Director Owsley motioned to approve amended policy 3432. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-0*

*Policy 4130- Title I Parent Involvement*

*Director Owsley motioned to approve updated Policy 4130- Title I, Parental Involvement. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-0*

*Policy 5314- Tax Deferred Annuity & Compensation*

*Director Owsley motioned to approve updated Policy 5314- Tax Deferred Annuity/Compensation. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-0*

*Policy 6220- Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements*

*Director Owsley motioned to approve updated Policy 6220- Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-0*

**8. Board Committee Reports**

*The legislative committee shared their process for selecting recommendations for the General Assembly.*



## 9. Action Items

### Approval of 24.25 Dairy Bid

Director Owsley motioned to approve the dairy bid submitted by Dairy Valley Distributing for the 24/25 school year. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-0

*\*\*Student Board Representatives exited the meeting.*

### WSSDA General Assembly

- Position 8- Climate Impact Mitigation Assistance  
Board Legislative Committee Recommendation: DO NOT PASS  
Director Brar motioned to approve the legislative committee's recommended vote.  
Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Board Vote: 3-1. Director Owsley opposed.
- Position 16- Ample Funded Staffing Levels  
Board Legislative Committee Recommendation: DO NOT PASS  
Director Brar motioned to approve the legislative committee's recommended vote.  
Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion not carried.  
Board Vote: 0-4
- Position 21- African American Studies Work Group  
Board Legislative Committee Recommendation: DO NOT PASS  
Director Brar motioned to approve the legislative committee's recommended vote.  
Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Board Vote: 4-0
- Position 23- Mental Health Supports and Counseling  
Board Legislative Committee Recommendation: DO NOT PASS  
Director Brar motioned to approve the legislative committee's recommended vote.  
Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Board Vote: 3-1. Director Owsley opposed.
- Position 29- Decision-Making Process  
Board Legislative Committee Recommendation: DO PASS



*Director Brar motioned to approve the legislative committee's recommended vote.  
Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion not carried.  
Board Vote: 0-4.*

- *Position 44- Native American Instructional Materials  
Board Legislative Committee Recommendation: DO NOT PASS  
Director Owsley motioned to approve the legislative committee's recommended vote.  
Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Board Vote: 4-0*
- *Position 48- School Athletics Officials  
Board Legislative Committee Recommendation: DO NOT PASS  
Director Brar motioned to approve the legislative committee's recommended vote.  
Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Board Vote: 3-0. Director Brar abstained.*

#### **10. Information from Board Members**

*Director Brar inquired about Initiative 2081 and which two provisions are not in effect.*

*Director Brar stated that we should have considered submitting a position to WSSDA to support legislation that protects fairness in girls sports.*

*Director Brar stated she believes that the appeal process included in the district's WIAA amendment proposal should not be included.*

*Director Brar asked whether Directors Verburg and/or Hickman were present during Superintendent VanderYacht's meeting with Senator Shewmake.*

#### **11. Adjourn Meeting**

*Director Hickman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:08pm.*

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Tonya Hickman, President

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David VanderYacht, Superintendent