



# LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

## Board Meeting

### Minutes

10/03/2024

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.*

*Director Hickman read a statement to the attendees regarding recent social media posts about the recent work of the board related to transgender athletes' participation policy.*

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

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

*Board Vote: 4-1. Director Brar opposed.*

#### 3. Meeting Minutes

*Director Owsley motioned to approve the September 19, 2024 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 5-0.*

#### 4. Consent Agenda

*23/24 General Fund- \$292,028.24; warrants 169808-169862 dated September 16, 2024*

*23/24 Capital Projects Fund-\$12,810.50; warrants 169863-169863 dated September 16, 2024*

*23/24 ASB Fund- \$9,719.93; warrants 169864-169870 dated September 16, 2024*

*24/25 General Fund- \$205,470.67; warrants 169871-169933 dated September 16, 2024*

*24/25 ASB Fund- \$26,213.56; warrants 169934-169948 dated September 16, 2024*



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*24/25 ACH-General Fund- \$1,949.53; warrants 242500001-242500013 dated September 16, 2024*

*24/25 ACH-ASB Fund- \$79.78; warrants 242500014-242500015 dated September 16, 2024*

*24/25 General Fund- \$826,825.42; warrants 169970-170054 dated September 30, 2024*

*24/25 ASB Fund- \$12,645.87; warrants 170055-170068 dated September 30, 2024*

*24/25 ACH- General Fund- \$1,523.36; warrants 242500016-242500027 dated September 30, 2024*

*24/25 ACH- ASB Fund- \$1,631.95; warrants 242500028-242500032 dated September 30, 2024*

*Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$2,134,754.05 dated September 30, 2024*

*Payroll Taxes Transfers in the amount of \$743,325.52 dated September 30, 2024*

*Payroll Vendor DRS Transfer in the amount of \$571,731.36 dated September 30, 2024*

*Payroll Vendor Warrants 169949-169969 in the amount of \$757,377.77 dated September 30, 2024.*

*Personnel Recommendations dated October 3, 2024*

*Director Verburg motioned to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Director Martinez.*

*Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

## **5. Information from the Audience**

*A community member addressed the board in opposition of transgender athletes participating in girls' sports.*

*A community member expressed that she agreed with the community member who just spoke.*

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*A community member shared his experience in observing a recent track and field event when a transgender girl won a race against biological girls.*

*A community member addressed the board regarding the WIAA Amendment Proposal and the inclusion of an appeal process.*

*A community member inquired as to whether a WIAA amendment proposal is necessary.*

*\*\*Student Board Representative Ashley Acton exited the meeting.*



## 6. Reports

- a. Superintendent  
None

- b. Teaching & Learning

*Ellie Meenk, Principal of Lynden Academy, presented the board with Lynden Academy's School Improvement Plan for the 24/25 school year. Also joining her was staff member Scott Noteboom. Their first goal is for secondary students to improve their ability to engage in academic conversations and use subject-specific vocabulary as evidenced by a 15% increase in proficiency. Their second goal is to increase the percentage of students in kindergarten to eighth grade who are performing at or above grade level in mathematics with a goal of a 5% increase in comparison to spring exam results of this year compared to previous years.*

*Ian Freeman, Principal at Lynden High School, and Assistant Principals Nicolette Rinker and David Kish presented the board with Lynden High School's School Improvement Plan for the 24/25 school year. Their first goal is by spring 2025, all multilingual learners will grow by one or more levels in speaking English, measured by the WIDA assessment. Their second goal is related to student voice, and they would like to see an increase of positive responses increasing from 62% positive responses in September 2024 to 80% positive in May 2025 to the following question: "My teachers ask for my feedback about their lessons and instruction." This would help to inform instruction and increase belonging and learning. Their third goal is related to improving attendance by increasing students who regularly attend school from 82.3% in 23/24 to 85% or more in 24/25. All strategies to reach goals are nested in the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support framework.*

- c. Finance and Operations  
None

*Director Verburg made a motion to take a 5-minute recess. Director Martinez seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

*\*\*Student Board Representative Kyle Tucker exited the meeting.*

## 7. Policies

- a. *First Readings*  
*Policy 5515- Workforce Secondary Traumatic Stress*  
*Moved to second reading.*



*b. Second Readings*

*Policy 2401- Financial Education Mastery-Based Learning & Credit*

*Director Owsley motioned to adopt Policy 2401- Financial Education Mastery-Based Learning & Credit. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

*Policy 3241- Student Discipline*

*Director Martinez motioned to approve updated Policy 3241- Student Discipline.*

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

*Board Vote: 5-0*

**8. Board Workshop**

*Directors were provided the updated WSSDA positions catalog prior to tonight's meeting and were asked to submit individually ranked lists of top ten priorities. Those lists were combined to make a master list for review during tonight's board workshop. The board reviewed the master list and discussed potential reranking for submission to WSSDA.*

**9. Action Items**

*Approval of WSSDA Position Prioritization*

*Director Martinez motioned to approve the prioritized list of positions for submission to WSSDA that will provide Lynden's input on WSSDA's advocacy efforts for 2025.*

- *Amplify Funded Staffing Levels*
- *MSOC Funding*
- *Tax Revenue for Schools*
- *Full Funding for Basic Education*
- *Fiscal Notes & Unfunded Mandates*
- *Funding Safe, Healthy, Contemporary School Buildings*
- *Transition to Kindergarten*
- *Enhanced Funding for Transitional Bilingual Education*
- *Career & Technical Education Funding*
- *Support for Special Education*

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

*Board Vote: 5-0*

*Approval of 24.25 Fuel Bid*

*Director Owsley motioned to approve the fuel bid submitted by Reisner Distributing for the 24/25 school year. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.*



*Board Vote: 5-0*

**10. Board Committee Reports**

*Directors Brar & Martinez, as the board's teaching & learning committee, shared briefly about their meeting held earlier this evening regarding sexual health curriculum. They will plan to provide a more formal summary at a future meeting.*

*Directors Verburg and Martinez, as the board's finance committee, shared key takeaways from their meeting held on September 30, 2024. The main topic discussed at that meeting was the district's contract with eResources for technology services. Another topic was 23/24 year-end close, and possible consideration of transferring money from general fund to capital fund. This will require board approval.*

*Directors Hickman & Verburg, as the board's legislative committee, shared updates on the General Assembly. WSSDA will publish their top ten priorities by October 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

**11. Information from Board Members**

*Director Martinez shared he has heard of some community concern about the lack of TK playgrounds.*

**12. Adjourn Meeting**

*Director Hickman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:21pm.*

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Tonya Hickman, President

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David VanderYacht, Superintendent