



LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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Board Meeting

Minutes

11/07/2024

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 Representative Ashley Acton were also in attendance. Student Board Representative Kyle Tucker was absent with prior notice.

2. Approval of Agenda

*Director Martinez made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 5-0*

3. Meeting Minutes

*Director Owsley motioned to approve the October 3, 2024 and October 12, 2024 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 5-0.*

4. Consent Agenda

*24/25 General Fund- \$586,499.74; warrants 170069-170182 dated October 15, 2024
24/25 Capital Projects Fund- \$149,268.11; warrants 170183-170183 dated October 15, 2024
24/25 ASB Fund- \$50,905.72; warrants 170184-170206 dated October 15, 2024
24/25 Transportation Fund- \$214,917.61; warrants 170207-170207 dated October 15, 2024
24/25 ACH/General Fund- \$3,640.48; warrants 242500033-242500053 dated October 15, 2024
24/25 ACH/ASB Fund- \$64.98; warrants 242500054-242500055 dated October 15, 2024
24/25 General Fund- \$282,449.21; warrants 170233-170312 dated October 31, 2024
24/25 Capital Projects Fund \$89,290.01; warrants 170313-170314 dated October 31, 2024*



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24/25 ASB Fund- \$10,405.90; warrants 170315-170335 dated October 31, 2024
24/25 ACH/General Fund- \$1,626.52; warrants 242500056-242500065 dated October 31, 2024
24/25 ACH/ASB Fund- \$675.31; warrants 242500066-242500069 dated October 31, 2024
Payroll Warrants 170208-170210 in the amount of \$1,705.10 dated October 31, 2024
Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$2,267,266.62 dated October 31, 2024
Payroll Taxes Transfers in the amount of \$784,948.59 dated October 31, 2024
Payroll Vendor DRS Transfer in the amount of \$592,652.26 dated October 31, 2024
Payroll Vendor Warrants 170211-170232 in the amount of \$779,724.03 dated October 31, 2024
Personnel Recommendations dated November 7, 2024
Resolution #11-24- Food Service Meal Balances

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

Board Vote: 5-0

5. Information from the Audience

A community member addressed the board about school safety and the addition of a security officer at Lynden High School and thanked the board for moving forward with that. He also expressed his disagreement with high school athletics following NCAA gender identity participation policies.

6. Reports

a. Superintendent

None

b. Teaching & Learning

Rex Fraser, Principal of Bernice Vossbeck Elementary School and interventionists Melissa VanDalen and Joelle Dodd presented their 24/25 school improvement plan. Vossbeck's first goal is to define Tier I non-negotiables for writing instruction that are through the exploration and addition of Self-Regulated Strategy Development as a Universal Design for Learning strategy. Their second goal is by May of 2025, 85% of multilingual students will be within the average high growth categories in both reading and math as measured by the Student Growth Percentile (STAR).

Mandy Jessee, principal of Fisher Elementary School and interventionist Holly Priestman presented their 24/25 school improvement plan. Fisher's first goal is to increase the percentage of 2nd-5th grade students meeting the grade level benchmark for reading from 53% to 61% by the spring of 2025. Their second goal is to increase the percentage of 2nd-5th grade students meeting the grade level benchmark for math from 51% to 59% by spring of 2025.



Isom Elementary Principal, Tim Doering and Dean of Students, Jen Vachon presented their 24/25 school improvement plan. Isom's first goal is for multilingual students to improve their average score on the Speaking & Language Development Rubric from 11.2 to 15.0 by June of 2025. Their second goal is for 95% of Isom students to attend school regularly by the end of the 24/25 school year and for 85% of Isom's multilingual learners to attend regularly by the end of the 24/25 school year.

c. Finance and Operations

Director of Finance & Operations, Ben Thomas, presented a 23/24 year-end finance report. This included an executive summary, enrollment report, budget status, revenue & expenditure, and year-end fund balance.

7. Policies

a. Second Readings

Policy 5515- Workforce Secondary Traumatic Stress

Director Owsley motioned to approve updated Policy 5515- Workforce Secondary Traumatic Stress. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 1-0; Board Vote: 5-0

8. Board Committee Reports

No committee reports were given.

9. Information from Board Members

Director Martinez shared that Directors Brar & Martinez reviewed the sexual health education curriculum. Director Brar added that the sexual health education curriculum is now published online.

Director Martinez recently visited LHS and shared that he noticed that cell phones were being used by many students. He questioned the consistency of enforcement.

Director Verburg visited Vossbeck & LHS and noted the professionalism of the staff and students are known by name.

Director Hickman shared that the WSSDA legislative priorities have been announced and published. She also shared that her and Director Verburg have been speaking about some ideas for the upcoming legislative session and will share more details at a later date.



Director Brar expressed an interest in memorializing Kristie Hutchins in a meaningful way. Director Brar expressed that she would like data sheets included in superintendent update. So that we have data in one place. She also inquired about revisiting the district's strategic plan.

10. Executive Session

Director Hickman announced that the board would be moving into executive session until 10:30pm to discuss litigation or potential litigation as allowed by RCW 42.30.110.

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11. Call Regular Meeting Back to Order

Director Hickman called the regular meeting back to order at 11:10pm.

12. Adjourn Meeting

As there were no further agenda items, Director Hickman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:10pm.

Tonya Hickman, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent