



Lynden School District #504

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Board Meeting

Minutes

01/16/2025

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 Verburg at 6:30pm. Board of Directors in attendance were Directors Verburg, Owsley, Brar, Martinez and Hickman. 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 Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

3. Meeting Minutes

Director Hickman motioned to approve the January 2, 2025 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: Board Vote: 5-0.

4. Consent Agenda

Personnel Recommendations dated January 16, 2025.

Overnight Trip Requests-Lynden High School

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

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 5-0

5. Information from the Audience

A staff member expressed their thanks to the board for their service.



6. Information from Board Directors & Student Representatives

Director Owsley shared that he has received information from Mark Brossow, Director of Technology, regarding IT security processes/protocols. He will review the information and report back to the full board at a later date.

Student board representatives shared about the Martin Luther King Jr. assembly held at LHS this week. The guest speaker was great and they heard a lot of positive feedback from other students.

Director Hickman shared that her and Director Verburg met with Rep. Timmons. He has already followed up on some of things the district sent him (MSOC and insurance cost information). Directors Hickman and Verburg have also reached out to other local boards to get them engaged in legislative session.

Directors Brar and Martinez shared that they had a Teaching & Learning Board committee meeting yesterday and reviewed information on the history of School Improvement Plans and state assessments.

7. Board Committee Assignments

Director Verburg announced the appointment of members to the board committees for 2025. They will remain the same as 2024:

Legislative Committee- Directors Verburg & Hickman

Facilities Committee- Directors Owsley & Brar

Teaching & Learning Committee- Directors Martinez & Brar

Finance Committee- Directors Verburg & Martinez

Superintendent Evaluation- Directors Owsley & Hickman

8. Reports

a. Superintendent

Superintendent VanderYacht and Student Board Representatives Ashley Acton & Kyle Tucker shared recent activities with the goal of elevating student voice. They worked with LHS administrators to coordinate student focus groups at Lynden High School. Focus groups are scheduled for January 22nd. Topics and feedback will be reviewed and then next steps decided.

Following the recent approval of Resolution #13-24 which resulted in the transfer of \$975,000 from general fund to capital projects fund, Superintendent VanderYacht shared recent tentatively approved expenditures from the capital projects fund.



TK Playgrounds- \$55,000

LHS Track Resurfacing- \$147,657

LMS crosswalk flashers- \$ 72,653

- b. Teaching & Learning
None
- c. Finance and Operations
None

9. Board Work Session

Superintendent VanderYacht and the Board's Facilities Committee, Directors Owsley & Brar facilitated discussion regarding capital facilities. Topics included the 6-year capital facilities plan, collection of impact fees, and the master capital facilities plan. Superintendent VanderYacht shared that his next step is to convene a community solutions team who will be asked to participate in a series of meetings in order to make a recommendation to the board in April.

Trevor Carlson with Piper Sandler was also in attendance to share information related to refunding opportunities for the current bonds and share a bond refinancing review and debt repayment options should the board decide to put a bond on the ballot again in the future.

***Student Board Representatives Ashley Acton & Kyle Tucker exited the meeting.*

Director Martinez motioned to recess for 5 minutes. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

10. Policies

- a. *Second Readings*

Policy 1733- Board Member Compensation

Director Martinez motioned to adopt updated Policy 1733- Board Compensation.

Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 3-2. Hickman and Brar opposed.

Policy 2022- Electronic Resources and Internet Safety

Director Owsley motioned to adopt updated Policy 2022- Electronic Resources and Internet Safety. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0



Policy 3414- Infectious Diseases

Director Martinez motioned to adopt updated Policy 3414- Infectious Diseases. Seconded by Director Brar.

Director Hickman motioned to add a sentence at the end of the policy that says: "In such cases, an opportunity will be provided for stakeholder input ensuring that legal, medical, and community perspectives are considered to inform decision-making." Director Martinez seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

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

Board Vote: 5-0

Policy 3424- Opioid Related Overdose Reversal

Director Brar motioned to adopt updated Policy 3424- Opioid Related Overdose Reversal. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

11. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further agenda items, Director Verburg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:06pm.

Jim Verburg, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent