



Lynden School District #504

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

School Board Meeting

Lynden School District
Board Room
516 Main St, Lynden, WA 98264

4/3/2025 06:30 PM

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Start time: 06:30 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

Start time: 06:35 PM

3. Good News

Start time: 06:35 PM

- Isom Elementary held their second annual STEAM fair on March 20th. K-2 students had the opportunity to write animal reports and build animal models using the engineering design process they learned in STEAM class while 3rd-5th graders focused on science investigations and engineering projects using the scientific and engineer design process. With nearly 70 students participating, the event was a huge success with the winners announced at the end of the evening. LTI, Dari Tec, Spark Museum, Papa Murphy's, McDonald's, and the Isom PTA helped sponsor the event. Special thanks to Mrs. McDonald for coordinating this fantastic event!
- Lynden High School's HOSA Club (Healthcare Occupations Students of America) traveled to Spokane last month for the state leadership conference. Blair Dowdy and Evangeline Korthuis placed ninth in the EMT competition. Also advancing to the state round were Priya Dhaliwal and Alexa VanderPol (Health Careers Display) and Tonantzi Telles (Nursing). Sessions offered included suturing, intubating, "stop the bleed", pharmaceutical compounding, pathway to medical school, nursing anesthesiology and intro to speech/language pathology.
- The Lynden Culinary Arts team captured a win at the annual Cupcake Wars event hosted by Meridian High School. This year's event saw teams from Meridian, Ferndale and Lynden with an "illusion cupcakes" theme, requiring the bakers to design cupcakes that represented something other than a standard cupcake. A panel of judges selected the winners based on the theme, appearance and texture. Lynden's campfire design, flavored with a s'mores profile, took home the top prize. The Lynden team included Genesis Castro, Lizbhet Flores, Finley Freeman, Ruby Lopez and Alex Rodriguez.
- As part of the fourth-grade salmon enhancement project through the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, all elementary students enjoyed watching salmon eggs develop into alevin, then smolt, and finally fry in their school aquariums. Fourth graders took a field trip to Lynden City Park with NSEA representatives to release the fry into Fishtrap Creek, where they will begin their journey to the ocean.
- A group of 11th grade students from Lynden High School visited Western Washington University for the Junior College Planning Day. They got to hear from a variety of Washington public and private schools.
- Fisher staff participated in a peer observation model facilitated by Shannon Sinclair. The focus was on engagement strategies for Multilingual Learners (ML) and strengthening Tier 1 instruction. The first round of observations took place in the fall, and Fisher staff completed the final round last week. This collaborative process provided a valuable opportunity for teachers to share best practices and learn from one another in support of high-quality, equitable instruction.
- Thank you to the Assistance League of Bellingham and their Books and Beyond program for a very generous donation that allowed Lynden Middle School to select dozens of new books for their library. They chose a variety of books – some that are new to their collection and some that will replace copies that have already been well-loved. Middle schoolers certainly have their favorite titles and those get

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checked-out a lot!

- Lynden Middle School was recently recognized as being an AVID Certified Site for the 2024-25 school year. This status is awarded to sites that have met AVID's rigorous implementation expectations and submitted required data documentation that supports program effectiveness and student progress. AVID is a program that aims to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college and career readiness, which fits in with the Lynden School District's mission for all students to graduate college, career, and citizenship ready.
- Congratulations to the LHS band for earning their 31st consecutive Superior rating at the SJMEA Band Festival! This recognition is a direct reflection of the hard work, talent, and dedication of both our students and their director, Trevor Galligan.
- Vossbeck Elementary students participated in a series of music concerts held over the last few weeks. Parents and family members enjoyed watching the fun performances!

4. Meeting Minutes

(Action)

Start time: 06:40 PM

[Meeting Minutes- March 20, 2025](#)

5. Consent Agenda

(Action)

Start time: 06:40 PM

[AP/Payroll- March 31, 2025](#)

[Personnel Recommendations- April 3, 2025](#)

[Donations- April 3, 2025](#)

6. Information from the audience

Start time: 06:45 PM

Those wishing to address the Board must sign up on the sheet provided. Individuals may address the Board on agenda items as well as non-agenda items. Tonight's agenda items that may result in action being taken by the board include:

- 2025/2026 Academic Calendar

Speakers will be recognized by the Board president at the time they are to speak. Each speaker has a maximum of five minutes. It is important for community members to feel welcome and safe during the meeting. Board members listen and learn from public comment, but generally will not respond. Topics raised during public comment may receive a follow up from a board member or the superintendent at a later date as appropriate. The school board does not take public comments on issues related to personnel or individually named staff members. The presiding officer of the board reserves the right to terminate an individual's statement when the allotted time has passed and may interrupt a speaker to require the same standard of civility as the board imposes on itself as specified in Board Policy 1400.

7. Information from Board Directors & Student Representatives

Start time: 07:00 PM

[Information from Board Directors & Student Representatives- 04.03.25](#)

8. Reports

Start time: 07:10 PM

a. Superintendent

b. Teaching and Learning

[Presentation- AVID Program](#)

[School Improvement Plan Progress Updates- LHS, LMS, LA](#)

c. Finance and Operations

[Finance Report- February 2025](#)

9. Action Items

(Action)

Start time: 08:30 PM

10. Board Committee Reports

Start time: 08:40 PM

[Board Committee Reports- 04.03.25](#)

11. Adjourn to Executive Session

Start time: 08:45 PM

12. Executive Session

Start time: 08:45 PM

[Executive Session- 04.03.25](#)

13. Call Regular Meeting Back to Order

14. Adjourn Meeting