



Lynden School District #504

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

Board Meeting

Minutes

02/20/2025

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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Meeting Minutes

*Director Owsley motioned to approve the February 6, 2025 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 5-0.*

4. Consent Agenda

*24/25 General Fund: \$289,050.87; warrants 171356-171440 dated February 14, 2025.
24/25 ASB Fund: \$11,523.50; warrants 171441-171459 dated February 14, 2025.
24/25 ACH-General Fund: \$2,951.27; warrants 242500166-242500180 dated February 14, 2025.
24/25 ACH- ASB Fund: \$383.55; warrants 232500181-232500183 dated February 14, 2025.
Personnel Recommendations dated February 20, 2025.
Overnight Trip Requests
Donation- Be The One*



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 regarding JD Vance's speech in Munich and asked whether the district is preparing students to be in the workforce.

A letter from the Lynden Public Schools Foundation was submitted and read aloud.

6. Information from Board Directors

Student Board Representative Ashley Acton shared that her and Kyle hosted a second student focus group. There were fewer students who participated in this focus group. The focus was on academics.

Director Martinez encouraged the board that to focus on Lynden School District and not get distracted by national rhetoric.

Director Brar shared that she will be working to request future agenda items.

Director Owsley had a visit to Fisher in his role as director of the food bank, and shared that they collected over 2,000 pounds of food.

Director Verburg shared that he and his daughter attended the Unified Basketball game last week. It was a wonderful experience and he expressed is appreciation.

7. Board Committee Reports

The board's legislative committee, Directors Verburg and Hickman, updated the board on recent activities related to the 2025 legislative session.

8. Reports

a. Superintendent

b. Teaching & Learning

Molly Mitchell, Director of Human Resources and Academic Services, and Suzie Cartagena, Multilingual Student Advocate, shared information with the board about the district's multilingual program.

c. Finance and Operations

None



Director Brar made a motion to take a 5-minute recess. Director Owsley seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

9. Action Items

Resolution #03-25: Adoption of Capital Facilities Plan & Authorization to Request Impact Fees

Director Martinez motioned to postpone approval of Resolution #03-25 until March 6, 2025.

Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

10. Adjourn Meeting

Director Verburg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:06pm.

Jim Verburg, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent