



LYNDEN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

Board Meeting

Minutes

03/06/2025

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 members in attendance were Directors Verburg, Owsley, Brar, Martinez and Hickman. Superintendent David VanderYacht and Student Board Representatives Ashley Acton & Kyle Tucker were also in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

*Director Hickman made a motion to amend the agenda to add the approval of the six-year capital facilities plan to action items after Resolution #04-25: Asset Preservation Program. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 5-0*

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

3. Meeting Minutes

*Director Martinez motioned to approve the February 20, 2025 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 5-0*

4. Consent Agenda

*24/25 General Fund: \$334,046.89; warrants 171479-171562 dated February 28, 2025.
24/25 ASB Fund: \$31,661.99; warrants 171563-171585 dated February 28, 2025.
24/25 ACH- General Fund: \$814.56; warrants 242500184-242500190 dated February 28, 2025.
24/25 ACH- ASB Fund: \$645.37; warrants 242500191-242500192 dated February 28, 2025.*



Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$2,253,862.55 dated February 28, 2025.

Payroll Taxes Transfers in the amount of \$757,562.76 dated February 28, 2025.

Payroll Vendor DRS Transfer in the amount of \$574,626.60 dated February 28, 2025.

Payroll Vendor Warrants 171460-171478 in the amount of \$787,465.94 dated February 28, 2025.

Personnel Recommendations dated March 6, 2025.

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

Board Vote: 5-0

5. Information from the Audience

A community member addressed the board regarding his opposition to Policy 1733- Board Compensation.

6. Information from Board Directors & Student Representatives

Student board directors shared about their most recent focus groups. The groups were focused on positive student experiences such as clubs, sports, drama, etc. They also shared that will be attending a student board retreat tomorrow. They will report to the board about it at the next meeting.

Director Hickman shared that she attended Hello Dolly! and it was a fantastic show. She expressed appreciation to Tina Miller for her work in directing the show.

Director Martinez expressed that he would like to provide justification to the community about their rationale for adopting board policy 1733-Board Compensation.

Director Brar shared that she judged a speech & debate tournament at Grace Baptist Church today and it was a positive, eye-opening experience to be a part of. She also shared her concern with the recent communications from the Department of Education informing districts of Title IX compliance deadlines and their threat to pull funding in the event of non-compliance.

Director Hickman clarified that the district is following a legal process with regards to the WIAA amendment proposal and Resolution #09-24 that the board passed in June 2024.

Director Verburg added that things are moving quickly in legislation, but we need to be thoughtful with how we proceed.



Director Owsley shared about his visit to Lynden High School. During his visit, he met with Mr. Vanderveen, who teaches math to students who do not speak English as their first language. There is great work being done to support all students, and this was a good example of that. He also shared that Family Community Services contacted Project Hope, where he is director, regarding a family in need and they were able to coordinate support. He expressed his gratefulness for being able to witness Lynden's generosity as a community.

Director Verburg shared that he also attended Hello Dolly! and expressed his appreciation to director Tina Miller and all of the parent volunteers who made the show possible. The level of talent was amazing!

7. Reports

- a. Superintendent
- b. Teaching & Learning
- c. Finance and Operations

Finance Report- January 2025

Ben Thomas presented the January 2025 monthly finance report. The report included an executive summary, enrollment, budget status, revenues, expenditures and projections.

Asset Preservation Program Report

Kevin Burke presented information on the Asset Preservation Program which is required by OSPI every year to ensure that taxpayer investment in state assisted construction of school facilities is protected through a system of building maintenance. The APP applies to school districts that received state assistance for new school buildings accepted by the school board after December 31, 1993. Fisher and Lynden Middle School fall into this category.

8. Action Items

Resolution #04-25: Asset Preservation Program

Director Martinez made a motion to approve Resolution #04-25: Asset Preservation Program. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Director Brar motioned to take a 5-minute recess. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.



Approval of the Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan

Director Owsley made a motion to approve the six-year capital facilities plan. Seconded by Director Hickman.

Director Owsley made a motion to amend page 13 of the six-year capital facilities plan to change the impact fees for multi-family dwelling units with 2+ bedrooms to \$6,992. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-1. Director Brar opposed.

Director Owsley motioned to approve the six-year capital facilities plan as amended. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

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

Director Martinez motioned to approve Resolution #03-25: Adoption of Capital Facilities Plan & Authorization to Request Impact Fees. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

9. Board Committee Reports

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

The board's finance committee, Directors Martinez & Verburg, shared key takeaways from their meeting held with Ben Thomas and Superintendent VanderYacht on March 5, 2025.

10. Adjourn Meeting

Director Verburg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

Jim Verburg, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent