



LYNDEN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

Board Meeting

Minutes

03/20/2025

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

3. Meeting Minutes

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

4. Consent Agenda

*24/25 General Fund: \$374,007.20; warrants 171586-171680 dated March 14, 2025.
24/25 ASB Fund: \$14,854.83; warrants 171681-171696 dated March 14, 2025.
24/25 ACH- General Fund: \$2,818.35; warrants 242500193-242500209 dated March 14, 2025.
24/25 ACH- ASB Fund: \$1,146.01; warrants 242500210-242500213 dated March 14, 2025.
Personnel Recommendations dated March 20, 2025.
Purchase Order 1272400026- Student Laptops
Resolution #05-25: Surplus Personal Property*



Director Owsley motioned to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Director Hickman.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

5. Information from the Audience

A community member addressed the board regarding an upcoming VFW event at the Lynden Heritage Museum on March 29th and provided her perspective on DSMS.

6. Information from Board Directors & Student Representatives

Student board director, Ashley Acton, shared about her and Kyle's experience at a recent ESD Student Board Retreat. Ashley also shared about recent events and activities at LHS and updated the board on some of their ideas and possible next steps.

Director Martinez shared about his visits to Isom and Fisher with Director Hickman. He expressed how excited he was to see that the TK playgrounds have been installed and he was able to hear the excitement of our youngest learners having an age-appropriate place to play. He was also able to connect with principals regarding the ML learning program.

Director Brar shared that she was supposed to testify today on HB 1296, but never got called. She is continuing research on topics she has previously brought up.

Director Owsley shared about attending a Kiwanis breakfast earlier this week with Director Hickman. He also had an impromptu tour of a school bus this morning and shared he was very impressed with the fact that this bus driver knew every single student's name and when they ride the bus. He expressed appreciation for the level of care bus drivers have for our kids every single day.

Director Martinez shared that a few teachers expressed their appreciation of the recent waiver day training. It was very productive and engaging.

7. Reports

a. Superintendent

Capital Facilities Update-

Superintendent VanderYacht provided an update to the board on recent activities and next steps related to capital facilities.

Family Community Services Presentation-



The district's Family Community Services Coordinators, Margaret Vailencour and Anna Hernandez, shared information with the board on the services provided by their program.

b. Teaching & Learning

Early Learning Program Spotlight-

Dr. Julie van Wijk shared an update with the board on the development of early learning key performance indicators (KPI's).

c. Finance and Operations

8. Action Items

MOU- What-Comm

Director Hickman made a motion to approve the MOU with What-Comm. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Interdistrict Cooperative Agreement- Whatcom County Skills Center

Director Owsley motioned to approve the interdistrict cooperative agreement for the financing and operation of the Whatcom County Skills Center. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 1-0; 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.

10. Executive Session

At 9:23pm, Director Verburg announced that the board would be meeting in executive session until 10:00pm to discuss litigation or potential litigation with legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110.

At 10:00pm, Director Verburg announced that executive session would be extended until 10:10pm.

11. Call Regular Meeting Back to Order

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

12. Adjourn Meeting



There being no further agenda items, Director Verburg adjourned the meeting at 10:10pm.

Jim Verburg, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent