



Lynden School District #504

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Board Meeting

Minutes

04/17/2025

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 Owsley at 6:30pm. Board members in attendance were Directors Owsley, Brar, Martinez and Hickman. Director Verburg was absent with prior notice. Superintendent David VanderYacht and Student Board Representatives Kyle Tucker & Ashley Acton were also in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

*Director Brar made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 4-0*

3. Meeting Minutes

*Director Hickman motioned to approve the April 3, 2025, board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 4-0*

4. Consent Agenda

*24/25 General Fund: \$779,616.97; warrants 171803-171888 dated April 15, 2025.
24/25 ASB Fund: \$31,597.03; warrants 171889-171905 dated April 15, 2025.
24/25 ACH- General Fund: \$2,568.39; warrants 242500249-242500262 dated April 15, 2025.
24/25 ACH- ASB Fund: \$696.17; warrants 242500263-242500268 dated April 15, 2025.
Personnel Recommendations dated April 17, 2025.
Interlocal Agreement- Whatcom County Detention Center 2025.2026
Interlocal Agreement- Whatcom Discovery 2025.2026*



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

Board Vote: 4-0

5. Information from the Audience

None

6. Information from Board Directors & Student Representatives

Kyle Tucker shared that him & Ashley have a meeting scheduled next week with Mr. Freeman to talk about launching the Link program.

Ashley Acton shared about the AVID field trip she just returned from.

Director Brar shared that she attended the boats & bridges day and book fair events at Vossbeck.

Director Owsley shared about his experience riding a morning school bus route with one of the district's drivers. He also shared about a family he interacted with at the food bank who primarily spoke Spanish. During the conversation, the children were able to step in and speak English when needed, showing that the support we're providing to our multilingual learners is making a positive impact.

7. Reports

a. Superintendent

b. Teaching & Learning

School Improvement Plan Progress Updates- Fisher, Isom & Vossbeck Elementary Schools

Principal Mandy Jessee updated the board on progress toward school improvement plans and goals for Fisher Elementary.

Principal Tim Doering updated the board on progress toward school improvement plans and goals for Isom Elementary.

Principal Rex Fraser updated the board on progress toward school improvement plans and goals for Vossbeck Elementary.

c. Finance and Operations

8. Action Items

Resolution #06-25: Local Governance and Legal Clarity in Public Education

Director Brar made a motion to approve Resolution #06-25: Local Governance and Legal Clarity. Seconded by Director Hickman.



Director Hickman made a motion to amend the resolution on page 2 under “Now, Therefore be it resolved”, item #3 as follows: a) replace “authorizes Superintendent VanderYacht” with “intends” in the first sentence and b) add a sentence “The Board authorizes Superintendent VanderYacht to work with legal counsel to prepare all necessary legal filings, briefings, and other documents in support of the intended legal action”. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 1-0- Tucker abstained; Board Vote: 4-0

Director Brar made a motion to approve Resolution #06-25 as amended. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 1-0 - Tucker abstained; Board Vote: 4-0

Director Owsley entered two drafted letters into the record for the board’s review in preparation for the May 1st meeting. One letter is to the Office of Civil Rights and the other is to the Attorney General’s office. No action was taken.

Proposal for WSSDA Policy Development Procedure

Director Brar made a motion to approve the submission of policy development procedures to WSSDA as a platform revision proposal. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.

Director Brar made a motion to amend the rationale to strike “mirrors the APA’s emphasis on” and replace with “emphasizes”. Seconded by Director Hickman.

Advisory Vote: 0-0 Tucker & Acton abstained; Board Vote: 4-0

Director Brar made a motion to add “and procedures” anywhere in document that mentioned ‘model policy’ or ‘model policies’. Seconded by Director Martinez.

Advisory Vote- 0-0 Tucker & Acton abstained; Board Vote: 4-0

Director Brar made a motion to approve the submission as amended. Seconded by Director Hickman.

Advisory Vote: 0-0 – Tucker & Acton abstained; Board Vote: 4-0

9. Board Committee Reports

Director Hickman provided an update to the board on behalf of the board’s legislative committee related to the 2025 legislative session.



Director Martinez shared that he attended a Teaching & Learning Committee meeting today and will give a more detailed report at a later date.

10. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further agenda items, Director Owsley adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Jim Verburg, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent