



Lynden School District #504

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

Board Meeting

Minutes

05/01/2025

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 Kyle Tucker & Ashley Acton were also in attendance.

A moment of silence was observed for Annette Lyon, a district bus driver who passed away in an accident this morning.

2. Approval of Agenda

Director Owsley made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Director Hickman.

Director Owsley made a motion to move the Board Workshop to Item #9 (before Policy) on the agenda. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

Director Hickman made a motion to add Resolution #08-25: Establishment of Political Minority and Small/Midsize Districts Caucus for Equitable Representation within WSSDA to Action Items. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

Director Owsley motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0.



3. Meeting Minutes

Director Martinez motioned to approve the April 17, 2025, board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 4-0. Verburg abstained.

4. Consent Agenda

24/25 General Fund: \$986,517.99; warrants 171925-172002 dated April 30, 2025.

24/25 ASB Fund: \$61,387.79; warrants 172003-172024 dated April 30, 2025.

24/25 ACH- General Fund: \$1,180.61; warrants 242500269-242500278 dated April 30, 2025.

24/25 ACH- ASB Fund: \$75.00; warrants 242500279-242500279 dated April 30, 2025.

Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$2,293,750.92 dated April 30, 2025.

Payroll Taxes Transfers in the amount of \$771,937.52 dated April 30, 2025.

Payroll Vendor DRS Transfer in the amount of \$582,791.22 dated April 30, 2025.

Payroll Vendor Warrants #171906-#171924 in the amount of \$774,150.26 dated April 30, 2025.

Personnel Recommendations dated May 1, 2025.

Interlocal Agreement- BTC Youth Reengagement 25.26

Interlocal Agreement- WSIPC

Director Brar 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 in opposition of the district's intended legal action.

A community member addressed the board in opposition of biological boys in girls sports.

A staff/community member shared her reflections on loss following the death of staff members and also her appreciation of the Lynden School District.

A student from LHS addressed the board in opposition of the district's intended legal action.

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6. Information from Board Directors & Student Representatives

Director Owsley spoke about the death of the bus driver this morning, and expressed his appreciation for the care all bus drivers give to our students. He also thanked Superintendent VanderYacht for his leadership and for being in attendance tonight following the day's events.



Director Verburg also expressed his sentiments regarding the bus driver who passed away. He also thanked tonight's attendees for taking the time to address the board with their thoughts and concerns.

Director Hickman thanked the attendees for their respectful dialogue tonight with the board.

Director Martinez shared about his experience observing the ML after-school help at LHS yesterday. It was encouraging to see the supports in place for our ML learners. He gave special thanks to Suzie Cartegena, Melissa VanDalen, and Melissa Valley for their collaborative work in supporting these students.

Director Brar also expressed thanks for the services that we pour into ML learners.

Student Representatives, Ashley Acton & Kyle Tucker, shared briefly about the status of planning a freshman mentorship program. They are meeting with Principal Freeman and Superintendent VanderYacht tomorrow. They also shared that state testing is happening this week, and that SAT testing happened yesterday.

7. Reports

a. Superintendent

Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) Program Report-

Superintendent VanderYacht shared the annual ALE program report which included documentation of ALE student headcount, identification of overall ratio of certificated instructional staff to full-time equivalent, and a list of ALE course providers

b. Teaching & Learning

Online Learning Program Selection

Tim Metz provided the board with information related to the selection of online learning program to support credit recovery and other special circumstances for individual students.

c. Finance and Operations

March 2025 Finance Report

Ben Thomas provided the board with the March 2025 finance report which included an executive summary, enrollment, budget status, revenue and expenditures, and year-end projection.

8. Board Workshop

Superintendent VanderYacht provided the board with updates on the steps taken regarding staffing options for a safety officer as recommended by the Safety & Security Task Force.



9. Policy

a. First Readings

Policy 1400- Meeting Conduct, Order of Business, and Quorum

Moved to second reading

Policy 6801- Capital Assets/Theft-Sensitive Assets

Moved to second reading

10. Action Items

Alternative Learning Experience Program Approval

Following the presentation earlier in the evening, Director Hickman made a motion to approve the ALE program. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 4-0. Brar was absent for this vote.

Letter to U. S. Attorney General's Office

Director Martinez made a motion to approve the letter to the U.S. Attorney General's Office.

Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 0-1; Board Vote: 5-0. Acton abstained. Tucker opposed.

Letter of Complaint to Office of Civil Rights

Director Brar made a motion to approve the letter of complaint to the Office of Civil Rights.

Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 0-1; Board Vote: 5-0. Acton abstained. Tucker opposed.

Resolution #07-25: WSSDA Model Policy & Procedure Development

Director Brar made a motion to approve Resolution #07-25: WSSDA Model Policy & Procedure Development. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 0-0; Board Vote: 5-0. Acton and Tucker abstained.

Resolution #08-25: Establishment of a Political Minority and Small/Midsize Districts Caucus for Equitable Representation within WSSDA

Director Martinez made a motion to approve Resolution #08-25: Establishment of a Political Minority and Small/Midsize Districts Caucus for Equitable Representation within WSSDA.

Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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



11. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Directors Verburg & Martinez provided key takeaways related to the audit exit conference held on April 24, 2025.

Legislative Committee: *Directors Hickman & Verburg provided an update regarding the 2025 legislative session.*

12. Executive Session

At 8:39pm, Director Verburg announced that the board would be moving into executive session until 9:30pm to discuss litigation or potential litigation with legal counsel and to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110.

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13. Call Regular Meeting Back to Order

Director Verburg called the regular meeting back to order at 10:30pm.

14. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further agenda items, Director Verburg adjourned the meeting at 10:30pm.

Jim Verburg, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent