



LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

Board Meeting Minutes

07/17/2025

Lynden School District Boardroom
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 was also in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Director Hickman made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

3. Meeting Minutes

Director Owsley motioned to approve the June 12, 2025 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

Director Owsley motioned to approve the June 21, 2025 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 4-0. Martinez abstained.

4. Consent Agenda

24/25 General Fund: \$471,111.53; warrants 172230-172330 dated June 16, 2025.

24/25 Capital Projects Fund: \$140,279.14; warrants 172331-172334 dated June 16, 2025.

24/25 ASB Fund: \$35,418.06; warrants 172335-172356 dated June 16, 2025.

24/25 ACH- General Fund: \$5,178.79; warrants 242500329-242500355 dated June 16, 2025.

24/25 ACH- ASB Fund: \$1,011.58; warrants 242500356-242500367 dated June 16, 2025.

24/25 General Fund: \$302,387.04; warrants 172378-172443 dated June 30, 2025.

24/25 ASB Fund: \$23,205.35; warrants 172444-172454 dated June 30, 2025.

24/25 ACH- General Fund: \$2,439.18; warrants 242500368-242500384 dated June 30, 2025.

24/25 ACH- ASB Fund: \$853.91; warrants 242500385-242500387 dated June 30, 2025.



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Payroll Warrant #172357 in the amount of \$0 (deceased employee) dated June 30, 2025.

Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of \$2,338,770.42 dated June 30, 2025.

Payroll Taxes Transfers in the amount of \$796,991.94 dated June 30, 2025.

Payroll Vendor DRS Transfer in the amount of \$560,963.23 dated June 30, 2025.

Payroll Vendor #172358-172377 in the amount of \$777,181.64 dated June 30, 2025.

Personnel Recommendations dated July 17, 2025.

Interlocal Agreement- Bellingham Technical College, Running Start 2025/2026.

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 citizen addressed the board regarding federal budget cuts and suggested the board hold a town hall meeting.

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A community member addressed in support of a Performing Arts Center being included in a new high school as part of the upcoming bond.

6. Board Workshop

Superintendent VanderYacht provided a historical summary of the work that has taken place related to capital facilities over the past three years- specifically related to the bond measures. He also shared recent steps the district has taken to lessen the impact of taxpayers such as refinancing the current bond, pursuing impact fees from the City of Lynden and Whatcom County, pursuing energy efficiency grants for HVAC system at Bernice Vossbeck Elementary, and the allocation of general funds to complete major maintenance projects. Most recently, the Community Solutions Committee was formed and shared their recommendation to the board in June of 2025 which was to focus on a high-school only bond measure.

7. Action Item

Resolution #10-25: General Obligation Bonds

Director Martinez motioned to approve Resolution #10-25: General Obligation Bonds. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0.



8. Reports

a. Superintendent

Annual Policy Reports

Superintendent VanderYacht shared information related to the following policies as required annually:

Policy 4218- Language Access

Policy 6801- Capital Assets

Policy 6500- Risk Management

b. Finance and Operations

June 2025 Finance Report

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

9. Policy

a. First Readings

Policy 3122- Excused & Unexcused Absences

Moved to second reading.

b. Second Readings

Policy 2230- Transition to Kindergarten

Director Hickman motioned to approve updated Policy 2230- Transition to Kindergarten. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 5-0.

10. Action Items

Interlocal Agreement- CWU, College in the High School 2025/2026

Director Martinez motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Central Washington University for College in the High School courses for 2025-2026. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

Agreement for Interdistrict Cooperative Educational Services- Northwest Career & Technical Academy 2025/2026

Director Brar motioned to approve the Interdistrict Cooperative agreement with Northwest Career & Technical Academy for 2025-2026. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0



Interscholastic Activities 2025/2026

Director Owsley motioned to approve the interscholastic activities for the 2025/2026 school year. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

11. Information from Board Directors

Director Hickman thanked two audience members for their support of the board and the students of the district through their statement earlier in the evening.

Director Hickman also shared a quick update about the upcoming General Assembly in September and said that she will not be able to be in attendance. Director Verburg will attend as the other member of the board's legislative committee.

Director Martinez expressed his appreciation that we are partnered with the Inspire Development Centers.

Director Owsley shared how impressed he was with the thorough pre-trip inspection the bus driver conducted when he rode a bus route last month.

Director Verburg added that he was impressed that the transportation department's reaction to the acknowledgment letter was that they can do even better.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business, Director Verburg motioned to adjourn at 9:04pm.

Jim Verburg, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent