



Lynden School District #504

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Board Meeting

Minutes

09/04/2025

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 of Directors in attendance were Directors Verburg, Brar, Martinez and Hickman. Director Owsley was absent with prior notice. Superintendent David VanderYacht and Student Board Representatives Ashley Acton and Sebastian Uribe were also in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Welcome & Introduction of Student Board Representatives

Superintendent VanderYacht welcomed Sebastian Uribe as our new student board representative for the 25/26 school year. He also welcomed back Ashley Acton, who is serving her second year as a student board representative.

4. Meeting Minutes

*Director Martinez motioned to postpone the meeting minutes for August 4, 2025 until the next meeting. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 4-0*

*Director Brar motioned to approve the August 7, 2025 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 4-0.*



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5. Consent Agenda

24/25 Capital Projects Fund: \$224,251.97; warrants 172670-172670 dated August 6, 2025
25/26 General Fund: \$84,929.01; warrants 172671-172694 dated August 15, 2025
25/26 ASB Fund: \$59.64; warrants 172695-172696 dated August 15, 2025
24/25 General Fund: \$121,439.27; warrants 172697-172746 dated August 15, 2025
24/25 ASB Fund: \$83.17; warrants 172747-172747 dated August 15, 2025
24/25 General Fund: \$2,119.25; warrants 242500421-242500424 dated August 15, 2025
25/26 General Fund: \$152,468.37; warrants 172767-172798 dated August 29, 2025
25/26 ASB Fund: \$6,728.20; warrants 172799-172801 dated August 29, 2025
24/25 General Fund: \$91,782.69; warrants 172802-172848 dated August 29, 2025
24/25 ASB Fund: \$7,309.47; warrants 172849-172855 dated August 29, 2025
24/25 ACH- General Fund: \$399.11; warrants 242500425-242500427 dated August 29, 2025
24/25 ACH- ASB Fund: \$484.15; warrants 242500428-242500432 dated August 29, 2025
Personnel Recommendations dated September 4, 2025
Interlocal- Teacher of Visually Impaired 25/26, Blaine School District
Interlocal- Teacher of Visually Impaired 25/26, Meridian School District
Interlocal- Teacher of Visually Impaired 25/26, Mount Baker School District
Interlocal- Teacher of Visually Impaired 25/26, Nooksack School District
Interlocal- Physical Therapist 25/26, Meridian School District
Whatcom County Behavioral Health Service 25/26
Donation- Be The One

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

Board Vote: 4-0

6. Information from the Audience

A community member addressed the board to request they host a town hall meeting about funding for education.

7. Reports

a. Superintendent

Safety & Security Task Force Update

Superintendent VanderYacht shared an update with the board on activities resulting from the recommendations made by the Safety & Security Task Force in June of 2024.



Impact Fees

Superintendent VanderYacht provided an update on the activities related to Resolution #03-25: Adoption of Capital Facilities Plan and Authorization to Request School Impact Fees.

b. Teaching & Learning

Highly Capable Program

Lynne Barrios, Highly Capable Coordinator, shared information with the board on the district's highly capable program. Her report included the number of students to be served during the 25/26 school year, the district's plans to identify and place students, and an overview of the service model.

c. Finance and Operations

None

Ashley Acton exited the meeting temporarily.

Director Martinez made a motion to move action items before Policies on the agenda. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

8. Action Items

Strategic Plan 2025-2028

Director Hickman motioned to approve the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Highly Capable Program Approval

Director Martinez motioned to approve the Highly Capable Program for 2025/2026. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

9. Policies

a. First Readings

*Policy 1310- Policy Adoption, Manuals and Administrative Procedures
Moved to second reading.*

*Policy 2020- Course Design, Selection, and Adoption of Instructional Materials
Moved to second reading.*



*Policy 2420- Grading and Progress Reports
Moved to second reading.*

*Policy 3143- Notification and Dissemination of Student Offenses and Notifications of
Threats of Violence or Harm
Moved to second reading.*

*Policy 3210- Nondiscrimination
Moved to second reading.*

*Policy 3230- Student Privacy and Searches
Moved to second reading.*

*Policy 3241- Student Discipline
Moved to second reading.*

*Policy 4260- Use of School Facilities
Moved to second reading.*

*Policy 5010- Nondiscrimination
Moved to second reading.*

*Policy 5260- Personnel Records
Moved to second reading.*

- b. Second Readings
None*

10. Board Committee Reports

Director Hickman shared about vacancies for the upcoming WSSDA elections.

The board's legislative committee, Directors Verburg and Hickman, shared the process and timeline for individual director feedback in preparation for the WSSDA General Assembly scheduled for September 20, 2025.



11. Information from Board Members & Student Representatives

Director Brar shared some ideas on providing information to the community that would show improvement in academic scores at the middle school and Fisher Elementary since we passed a bond in 2015 and have new buildings for those two locations.

Student Board Representatives, Sebastian Uribe and Ashley Acton, shared about the start of the school year.

Ashley Acton shared about her initial plans for the mentorship program this year.

Director Martinez noted that the new track at LHS looks great and confirmed whether we can now use it to host events.

Ashley Acton shared that the first football game of the season is tomorrow. It is a home game against Ferndale.

Director Brar asked whether they can expect a policy update due to SB 5462.

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12. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, Director Verburg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm

Jim Verburg, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent