



Lynden School District #504

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Board Meeting

Minutes

09/18/2025

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, Owsley, Brar, and Martinez. Director Hickman was present via telephone. Superintendent David VanderYacht and Student Board Representatives Ashley Acton and Sebastian Uribe were also in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

*Director Verburg made a motion to remove Resolution #13-25 from action items. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 3-2. Brar and Hickman opposed.*

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

3. Meeting Minutes

*Director Owsley motioned to approve the meeting minutes for August 4, 2025. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 3-0. Martinez and Brar abstained.*

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

4. Consent Agenda



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Director Martinez motioned to take a 5-minute recess. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

6. Reports

- a. Superintendent

None

- b. Teaching & Learning

None

- c. Finance and Operations

July 2025 Finance Report

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

7. Action Items

SEIU Contract Ratification

Director Hickman motioned to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Lynden Service Employees International Union (SEIU) for the period of September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2027. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Disciplinary Appeal Council 25/26

Director Owsley motioned to approve the Disciplinary Appeal Council 2025/2026. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

***Student Board Rep, Ashley Acton exited the meeting.*

Approval of Owner's Representative

Director Hickman motioned to approve STV as the district's owner's representative for capital facility project support associated with Resolution #10-25: General Obligation Bonds. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

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



Open Letter to Community- Nov. 4 Bond

Director Owsley made a motion to approve the open letter to the community regarding the Nov. 4 bond. Seconded by Director Verburg.

Director Brar made a motion to strike "We also pay the same property taxes as residents of this community." Seconded by Director Martinez. Director Brar withdrew her motion.

Director Owsley moved to amend the letter by substituting an updated version, which was entered into the record. Director Martinez seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Director Brar motioned to strike "We also pay property taxes as residents of this community." Director Martinez seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Board: 1-0; Board Vote: 3-2. Verburg and Owsley opposed.

Director Martinez motioned to strike all em-dashes and replace them with hyphens or commas as appropriate. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 0-0. Uribe abstained. Board Vote: 3-1. Owsley opposed. Hickman did not place a vote due to technology challenges.

Director Brar motioned to strike "We conclude this is a fair process so that renters within the community also share in the costs associated with public school facilities." Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 0-0. Uribe abstained. Board Vote: 3-2. Hickman and Owsley opposed.

Director Verburg motioned to amend last sentence in the section titled 'How is Debt Repayment Structured' to "If the owner of an apartment unit valued at \$175,000 were to choose to pass the cost down to renters, it could result in an increase of \$16.50/month." Director Hickman seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 0-1. Uribe opposed. Board Vote: 3-2. Owsley & Hickman opposed.

Student Board Rep, Sebastian Uribe exited the meeting.

Director Owsley motioned to amend the bullet point titled 'Host an Informational Session' to say "Schedule Superintendent VanderYacht and/or board members to attend your club meeting, special gathering, or simply a one-on-one opportunity." Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

Director Owsley motioned to approve the open letter to the community regarding the Nov. 4 bond as amended. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0



8. Policies

a. First Readings

Policy 4311- School Safety and Security Services Program

Moved to second reading.

Policy 6901- School Impact Fees

Moved to second reading.

b. Second Readings

Policy 1310- Policy Adoption, Manuals and Administrative Procedures

Director Martinez made a motion to not approve updated Policy 1310- Policy Adoption, Manuals, and Administrative Procedures. Seconded by Director Hickman. Director Martinez withdrew his motion.

Director Owsley motioned to consider the policy as amended for approval. Seconded by Director Hickman. Director Owsley withdrew his motion.

Director Owsley motioned to approve the policy as amended. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion not carried.

Board Vote: 0-5

Policy 2020- Course Design, Selection, and Adoption of Instructional Materials

Director Martinez made a motion to approve updated Policy 2020- Course Design, Selection, and Adoption of Instructional Materials. Seconded by Director Hickman.

Director Brar motioned to postpone Policy 2020 indefinitely. No second. Motion not carried.

Original motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 4-1. Brar opposed.

Policy 2420- Grading and Progress Reports

Director Brar made a motion to approve updated Policy 2420- Grading and Progress Reports. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0



Policy 3143- Notification and Dissemination of Student Offenses and Notifications of Threats of Violence or Harm

Director Hickman made a motion to approve updated Policy 3143- Notification and Dissemination of Student Offenses and Notifications of Threats of Violence or Harm. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

Policy 3210- Nondiscrimination

Director Owsley made a motion to approve updated Policy 3210- Nondiscrimination. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

Policy 3230- Student Privacy and Searches

Director Brar made a motion to approve updated Policy 3230- Student Privacy and Searches. Seconded by Director Hickman.

Director Owsley made a motion to postpone this agenda item until the next meeting. Director Hickman seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 4-0. Martinez abstained.

Policy 3241- Student Discipline

Director Brar made a motion to approve updated Policy 3241- Student Discipline. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

Policy 4260- Use of School Facilities

Director Hickman made a motion to approve updated Policy 4260- Use of School Facilities. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

Policy 5010- Nondiscrimination

Director Martinez made a motion to approve updated Policy 5010- Nondiscrimination. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0

Policy 5260- Personnel Records

Director Brar made a motion to approve updated 5260- Personnel Records. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 5-0



9. Information from Board Members & Student Representatives

Director Hickman shared that her and Director Verburg discussed talking points in preparation for the General Assembly.

Director Hickman thanked the board for their comments at the beginning of the meeting and for listening to our community members respectfully during public comment.

Director Brar shared that she submitted her candidacy for WSSDA board of directors.

10. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, Director Verburg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:21pm.

Jim Verburg, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent