



Lynden School District #504

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

Board Meeting

Minutes

10/02/2025

Lynden High School Library
1201 Bradley Rd., 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, and Hickman. Directors Martinez and Brar were 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 Owsley motioned to remove Policy 3230- Student Privacy and Searches from the agenda. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 3-0*

*Director Owsley made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 3-0*

3. Meeting Minutes

*Director Hickman motioned to approve the September 18, 2025 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.
Board Vote: 3-0*

4. Work Session- School Bond Town Hall

This time was an opportunity for citizens to engage in a facilitated work session with the board of directors regarding the bond measure that will be included on the November 4th ballot. Citizens were able to ask questions and provide input in relation to the bond proposal. Following the town hall meeting, citizens were invited to tour the LHS campus.



5. Consent Agenda

25/26 General Fund: \$804,022.68; warrants 173001-173081 dated September 30, 2025

25/26 ASB Fund: \$31,531.60; warrants 173082-173100 dated September 30, 2025

25/26 ACH- General Fund: \$1,701.78; warrants 252600027-252600037 dated September 30, 2025

25/26 ACH- ASB Fund: \$45.35; warrants 252600038-252600039 dated September 30, 2025

Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$2,299,696.50 dated September 30, 2025

Payroll Taxes Transfers in the amount of \$794,556.14 dated September 30, 2025

Payroll Vendor DRS Transfer in the amount of \$550,230.43 dated September 30, 2025

Payroll Vendor Warrants #172982-173000 in the amount of \$852,072.98 dated September 30, 2025

Personnel Recommendations dated October 2, 2025

Overnight Trip Request- FFA Dairy Judging, Indianapolis, Oct 27-31, 2025

Interlocal Agreement- Ferndale SD, TVI 25.26

College in the High School Agreement- WWU 25.26

Director Hickman motioned to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Director Owsley.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 3-0

6. Information from the Audience

A community member addressed the board regarding technology and the overwhelming needs of the students that we are serving.

A community member addressed the board regarding opportunities for students through the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

7. Reports

a. Superintendent

None

b. Teaching & Learning

School Improvement Plans

Administrators and staff from Lynden High School presented their 2025/2026 School Improvement Plan to the board. Their first goal is to increase engagement and learning for all students through the use of purposeful, structured, and accountable talk routines in all classrooms. Their second goal is for LHS to strengthen a culture of belonging, empowerment, and direction by increasing opportunities for students to engage in cultural celebration, leadership, and club participation, peer mentoring, and recognition systems.



Dr. Julie van Wijk shared the School Improvement Plan goals for Lynden Academy for 2025/2026.

- c. Finance and Operations

8. Policies

- a. *First Readings*

Policy 1111- Oath of Office

Moved to second reading.

- b. *Second Readings*

Policy 4311- School Safety and Security Services Program

Director Hickman motioned to add “(DRO, SRO)” in parenthesis after the words “A resource officer” under the Limitations section. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 3-0

Director Owsley motioned to replace the language under the immigration enforcement section which currently states “Neither will district security staff provide information pursuant to notification requests from federal immigration authorities for the purposes of civil immigration enforcement, except as required by law” to say “District security staff will cooperate with local, state and federal law enforcement to the extent required by relevant law.” Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 3-0

Director Owsley made a motion to approve updated Policy 4311- School Safety and Security Services Program as amended. Seconded by Director Hickman. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 3-0

Policy 6901- School Impact Fees

Director Hickman made a motion to approve updated Policy 6901- School Impact Fees. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 3-0

9. Board Committee Reports

Director Verburg shared about the WSSDA General Assembly that occurred on September 20, 2025. Directors Verburg and Hickman then shared next steps which will involve submitting a prioritized list of positions to WSSDA for consideration of their 2026 legislative priorities.



10. Information from Board Directors & Student Representatives

Student Board Representative Ashley Acton shared an update on the student mentorship program she has been working on. It has now evolved into a welcome program for new students who transfer to LHS anytime throughout the year. They currently have eight mentors ready to go.

Student Board Representative Sebastian Uribe shared that he is supporting and directly involved in a Highly Capable program at Lynden Middle School.

11. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, Director Verburg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:27pm.

Jim Verburg, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent