



LYNDEN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lynden School District #504

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

Board Meeting

Minutes

10/16/2025

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, and Brar. Director Martinez was present via speaker phone. Director Hickman 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 Owsley made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 4-0

3. Meeting Minutes

Director Owsley motioned to approve the October 2, 2025 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 4-0

4. Consent Agenda

Personnel Recommendations dated October 16, 2025

PO # 8002500000- Schetky Northwest Sales, \$116,979.61

Interlocal Agreement- Nooksack SD, Community Transitions 25.26

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

Board Vote: 4-0



5. Information from the Audience

A community member addressed the board regarding building community and encouraged a weekly newsletter.

A community member addressed the board regarding illiteracy, an essay contest in celebration of America's 250th anniversary, and shared about a meeting next week scheduled at Bellevue City Hall aimed at helping start a club.

6. Reports

a. Superintendent

WIAA Amendment Proposal

Superintendent VanderYacht provided an update on the status of work within WIAA's amendment proposal process.

Declaratory Judgement

Superintendent VanderYacht provided an update on timelines related to decision on whether to proceed with declaratory judgement and potential board involvement related to this item.

Impact Fees/SEPA Mitigation

Superintendent VanderYacht provided an update on efforts to pursue mitigation for the impact of new residential development on current over-capacity schools.

b. Teaching & Learning

School Improvement Plans

Bernice Vossbeck Elementary Principal Rex Fraser presented their 2025/2026 School Improvement Plan to the board. Their first goal is for 100% of teachers to successfully integrate the Self-Regulated Strategy Development (SRSD) writing approach. Their second goal is for 70% of multilingual learners to be in the high growth and/or high proficiency category in reading and 60% in math as measured by the STAR Growth Report.

Isom Elementary Principal, Tim Doering, presented their 2025/2026 School Improvement Plan to the board. Their first goal is to implement the practice of Think-Pair-Share with consistency and accuracy schoolwide and for multilingual students to improve their average score on the Speaking and Language Development Rubric from 10.4 to 15.0 by June 2026. Their second goal is to develop and implement systems that promote authentic two-way communication between families and the school, enabling families to share their perspectives, experiences, and ideas for improving student learning and belonging. Isom's goal is to increase the number of family survey responses from 78 to



150 by June 2026.

c. Finance and Operations

Director of Finance & Operations, Ben Thomas, provided a financial update through August 31, 2025 which included a status on 24/25 year-end.

7. Board Workshop

Directors were provided the updated WSSDA positions catalog prior to tonight's meeting and were asked to submit individually ranked lists of top ten priorities. Those lists were combined to make a master list for review during tonight's board workshop. The board reviewed the master list and discussed potential reranking for submission to WSSDA.

8. Action Items

Director Martinez motioned to replace Student Access to Supports, Activities and Services with Transition to Kindergarten. Seconded by Director Owsley.

Board Vote: 4-0

Director Owsley motioned to approve the amended top ten legislative priorities for submission to WSSDA as noted below. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Vote: 4-0

- *Career & Technical Education Funding*
- *Enhanced Funding for Transitional Bilingual Education*
- *Artificial Intelligence Technology*
- *Getting to School Safely*
- *Literacy*
- *Capital Construction Grant Programs*
- *Full Funding of Basic Education*
- *Multilingual Learners*
- *Transition to Kindergarten*
- *Support for Special Education Programs*

9. Policies

a. *First Readings*

Policy 1630- Evaluation of Superintendent

Moved to second reading.

Policy 1810- Annual Governance Goals and Objectives

Moved to second reading.



Policy 1820- Board Self-Assessment

Moved to second reading.

Policy 3425- Accommodating Students with Adrenal Insufficiency

Moved to second reading.

b. Second Readings

Policy 1111- Oath of Office

Director Owsley made a motion to approve updated Policy 1111- Oath of Office.

Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion not carried.

Advisory Vote: 2-0; Board Vote: 0-4

c. Third Readings

Policy 3230- Student Privacy and Searches

Director Owsley motioned to approve updated Policy 3230- Student Privacy and Searches. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion not carried.

Advisory Vote: 0-2; Board Vote: 0-4

10. Information from Board Directors & Student Representatives

Student Board Directors shared about homecoming activities and an increase in school spirit.

Director Brar asked the student representatives about the status of creating a Turning Point USA student group at Lynden High School.

Director Brar inquired about whether the WIAA board could table the amendment proposals during their coalition.

Director Owsley shared about his attendance at the first Saturday high school tour that he attended in relation to the bond. Superintendent VanderYacht added that at the second Saturday tour there were 5 community members in attendance as well as a reporter.

11. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, Director Verburg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm.

Jim Verburg, President

David VanderYacht, Superintendent