



LYNDEN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM

District Office Board Room, 516 Main Street, Lynden, WA 98264

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

6:30pm

2. Oath of Office

6:33pm

2.1 [Director No. 5- Nick Sawka](#) 

3. Approval of Agenda

6:38pm

4. Meeting Minutes

6:40pm

4.1 [Meeting Minutes- November 6, 2025](#) 

5. Annual Organizational Meeting

6:42pm

5.1 [Election of President, Vice President, and Legislative Representative](#) 

6. Good News

6:52pm

- Elementary schools held the Final Mile of their marathon club on November 21st at Lynden High School, capping off a complete marathon run over the course of fall. The Final Mile event brought together students from all three elementary schools to complete the last mile of the marathon and celebrate together.
- Congratulations to all fall sports athletes on a successful season.
 - Senior Sloan Dickson won the 2A state individual title in cross country.
 - Girls Volleyball took home the 2A State Championship title.
 - Football was the sixth seed in the 2A state tournament and made it to the quarter finals before a hard loss to East Valley.
 - Girls swim had a successful season and had two relay teams compete at the state championship.
 - Girls soccer had a dramatic run through districts to advance to a District crossover.
 - Boys tennis had a successful season as well and send three singles players and three doubles teams to the district tournament.
- Lynden High School students Caiden Hawkes, Mallorie Hutchins, and Carter Vrieling were recently honored by the Mt. Baker Rotary Club for their academic achievements.
- Elementary schools held their fall parent-teacher conferences just before the Thanksgiving holiday. This was a great opportunity to connect with families about their student's progress, celebrate achievements, and strengthen the partnership between families and educators.
- Schools hosted their own Veterans Day assemblies last month. Students and staff came together to show gratitude and reflect on the importance of service to our community. The meaningful events highlighted veterans within the school community and connected students to veterans in a powerful way.
- Lynden Academy recently welcomed Michael Lienau, Mount St. Helens expert and award-winning filmmaker. Students enjoyed the incredible story of Mount St. Helens and the science behind volcanic eruptions. Michael's firsthand experiences and powerful storytelling brought geology to life and sparked curiosity in LA's students.
- The first week of December, Fisher Elementary 4th graders had the opportunity to participate in an exciting educational program called Wheat Week! A trained Wheat Week educator brought fun, interactive science lessons into the classrooms to teach students about systems, soil, water, wheat DNA, and energy. Each day the classes were able to participate in one-hour science lessons and students were even able to build terrariums in order to grow their own wheat! This opportunity is a program provided by the Franklin Conservation District.
- Local businesses and community members demonstrated exceptional generosity this Thanksgiving, contributing more than 170 food baskets, gift cards, and prepared meals for Lynden families. Their support helped ensure

that every family seeking assistance could enjoy a meaningful holiday. Our Family Community Services staff also played a key role, coordinating donations and delivering meals to families without transportation or facing emergencies. We are deeply grateful for the partnership between our community and FCS team, whose combined efforts continue to strengthen and uplift our students and families.

- Bernice Vossbeck is lucky to have a core group of retired educators who stay connected with our classrooms as volunteers and regular substitutes. We are grateful for Jim Taubenheim for his energy as a consistent volunteer in his grandchildren's classes and the continued service of Karen Branham and Jan Cornelsen as solid substitutes.
- Lynden Middle School's Highly Capable Program Coordinator, Lynne Barrios, hosted a Family Trivia Night on December 4th. Students and families from 5th-8th grade battled through a host of challenging topics while enjoying treats and pizza. Thanks to Lynne for her leadership and vision in the fun-filled event.
- Over 100 Lynden High School students transformed LHS into a magical winter holiday wonderland! The group stayed after school and well into the evening to create a festive holiday atmosphere for all to enjoy!

7. Consent Agenda

6:57pm

- 7.1 [AP/Payroll- November 14, 2025](#) 
- 7.2 [AP/Payroll- November 26, 2025](#) 
- 7.3 [Personnel Recommendations- December 11, 2025](#) 
- 7.4 [Out of Endorsements- 2025/2026](#) 
- 7.5 [Overnight Field Trip Request](#) 

8. Information from the Audience

7:00pm

Those wishing to address the Board must sign up on the sheet provided. Individuals may address the Board on agenda items as well as non-agenda items. We request that you state your name and city of residence. Tonight's agenda items that may result in action being taken by the board include:


- Resolution #15-25: Facilities, Safety and Technology Levy
- Approval of For and Against Committees
- Approval of 2025/2026 Board-Superintendent Operating Principles

Speakers will be recognized by the Board president at the time they are to speak. Each speaker has a maximum of three minutes. It is important for community

members to feel welcome and safe during the meeting. Board members listen and learn from public comment, but generally will not respond. Topics raised during public comment may receive a follow up from a board member or the superintendent at a later date as appropriate. The school board does not take public comments on issues related to personnel or individually named staff members. The presiding officer of the board reserves the right to terminate an individual's statement when the allotted time has passed and may interrupt a speaker to require the same standard of civility as the board imposes on itself as specified in Board Policy 1400.

9. Information from Board Directors & Student Board Reps

7:15pm

- 9.1 [Information from Board Directors & Student Representatives](#) 

10. Reports

7:30pm

Superintendent

Teaching & Learning

- 10.1 [CEL 5D Framework/Teacher Evaluations](#) 

Finance & Operations

- 10.2 [Finance Report- October 2025](#) 

11. Board Workshop

8:10pm

- 11.1 [Board-Superintendent Operating Principles 2025/2026](#) 
- 11.2 [Resolution #15-25: Facilities, Safety and Technology Levy](#) 

12. Public Comment

8:40pm

- 12.1 [Public Comment](#) 

13. Action Items

8:55pm

13.1 [Resolution #15-25: Facilities, Safety and Technology Levy](#) 

13.2 [Approval of For and Against Committees](#) 

14. Policy

8:58pm

First Readings

14.1 [Policy 1620- Board-Superintendent Relations](#) 

Second Readings

14.2 [Policy 1210- Annual Organization Meeting](#) 

14.3 [Policy 2170- Career and Technical Education](#) 

14.4 [Policy 3230- Searches of Students and Student Privacy](#) 

15. Action Item

9:20pm

15.1 [Approval of Board-Superintendent Operating Principles for 2025/2026](#) 

16. Adjourn

9:25pm

Times noted on agenda are for guidance only.