



# LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Lynden School District #504

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

### Board Meeting

#### Minutes

11/06/2025

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 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 Brar motioned to move 'Information from Board Directors and Student Representatives' to follow public comment. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 4-0*

*Director Owsley motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 4-0*

### 3. Meeting Minutes

*Director Brar motioned to approve the October 16, 2025 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Verburg. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 4-0*

*Director Brar motioned to approve the October 18, 2025 special meeting minutes. Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Board Vote: 4-0*

### 4. Consent Agenda

*25/26 General Fund: \$345,255.31; warrants 173101-173199 dated October 15, 2025.*

*25/26 Capital Projects Fund: \$152,898.82; warrants 173200-173200 dated October 15, 2025.*

*25/26 ASB Fund: \$52,728.67; warrants 173201-173221 dated October 15, 2025.*

*25/26 ACH-General Fund: \$3,188.60; warrants 252600040-252600059 dated October 15, 2025.*

*25/26 ACH- ASB Fund: \$28.08; warrants 252600060-252600060 dated October 15, 2025.*

*25/26 General Fund: \$441,334.58; warrants 173241-173322 dated October 31, 2025.*

*25/26 Capital Projects Fund: \$65,078.90; warrants 173323-173324 dated October 31, 2025.*



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25/26 ASB Fund: \$11,171.35; warrants 173325-173338 dated October 31, 2025.  
25/26 ACH-General Fund: \$1,813.17; warrants 252600061-252600075 dated October 31, 2025.  
25/26 ACH-ASB Fund: \$727.27; warrants 252600076-252600082 dated October 31, 2025.  
Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$2,500,685.99 dated October 31, 2025.  
Payroll Taxes Transfers in the amount of \$859,592.00 dated October 31, 2025.  
Payroll Vendor DRS Transfer in the amount of \$562,412.93 dated October 31, 2025.  
Payroll Vendor Warrants 173222-173240 in the amount of \$856,005.03 dated October 31, 2025.  
Personnel Recommendations dated November 6, 2025

Director Owsley motioned to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Director Martinez.  
Motion carried by voice vote.  
Board Vote: 4-0

### 5. Information from the Audience

*\*\* Director Brar exited the meeting during public comment.*

*A community member addressed the board in opposition to Resolution #14-25.*

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*A community member addressed the board in support of Resolution #14-25.*

*A community member addressed the board regarding the crosswalks and traffic at Vossbeck Elementary.*

*A community member addressed the board regarding Veterans Day.*

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*A community member thanked the board for their work on the bond and expressed her concern over the board's focus on initiatives with everything going on in the world.*

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### 6. Information from Board Directors & Student Representatives

*\*\*Director Brar rejoined the meeting.*

*Director Martinez shared that he is discouraged by current social media energy about the initiatives and encouraged a focus on the needs of schools.*

*Director Owsley shared an email received by the board related to Resolution #14-25. He also clarified that the issue was started by OSPI, not the board. He shared that in response to staff and student concerns, they felt the need to take action. He concluded that he is in support of Resolution #14-25.*



*Director Owsley then shared his thanks and gratitude for having served on the board, as this will be his final meeting.*

*Director Verburg shared his disappointment that the bond did not pass on the November 4<sup>th</sup> election, and thanked Superintendent VanderYacht for his work in communicating accurate information. He concluded that he is in support of Resolution #14-25.*

*Director Brar expressed her support of Resolution #14-25 and reasons why.*

*Director Martinez encouraged the board to be open to other perspectives even if they are from other districts.*

*Student Board Representative Sebastian Uribe shared that LHS is transitioning from fall sports to winter sports.*

*Student Board Representative Ashley Acton shared that seniors had a meeting about caps & gowns yesterday. She then shared about her experience starting a Turning Point USA club at LHS and clarified that the club is separate from her work on the school board, and that it is not a school-led club. She then expressed her thanks to attendees who stayed to listen to the board and students speak afterward public comment.*

## **7. Reports**

### Superintendent

*Superintendent VanderYacht provided an update on capital facilities. He shared that election results indicate that the bond did not pass with a 48.1% approval as of tonight. He also shared voter turnout which was approximately 8,000 out of 16,000. He thanked the board and community planning groups for their work in addressing facility needs. He recommended that the board's facilities committee be finalized in January and an action plan be developed at that time.*

*He then shared an update on the district's pursuit of impact fees with the city.*

### Teaching & Learning

*Fisher Elementary administrators, Christie Long and Lisa Perigo, presented their 2025/2026 School Improvement Plan to the board. Their first goal is to enhance student engagement and learning for all students with particular focus on multilingual learners by implementing purposeful, strategic, and reflective structured discourse routines in every classroom. Their second goal is to implement multi-tiered systems of support to ensure every student receives the right level of academic, behavioral, and social-emotional support at the right time to ensure high levels of learning for all.*

*Lynden Middle School Administrators, Vince Riccobene and Cyndi Selcho, presented their 2025/2026 School Improvement Plans to the board. Their first goal is for staff to increase classroom discussion/structured talk opportunities for all students. Their second goal is to implement a systematic Tier 2 support process for behavior and attendance by launching a Check & Connect program to identify, monitor and support students in need.*



#### Finance & Operations

*Director of Finance & Operations Ben Thomas provided a financial report for the 2024/2025 year- end. He also shared a brief monthly finance report through September 30, 2025 which included an executive summary, enrollment, budget status, and revenue & expenditures.*

#### **8. Action Items**

##### Approval of School Improvement Plans

*Director Martinez motioned to approve all school improvement plans as presented during the October 2, October 16, and November 6 meetings. Those include Lynden Academy, Fisher Elementary, Isom Elementary, Bernice Vossbeck Elementary, Lynden Middle School, and Lynden High School. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.*

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

##### Resolution #14-25: Support of Washington State Initiatives IL 26-638 (Protecting Fairness in Girls Sports) and IL 26-001 (Strengthening Communication Between Parents and Schools)

*Director Brar motioned to approve Resolution #14-25. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.*

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

#### **9. Board Workshop**

*The board discussed the development of Board-Superintendent Operating Principles as a guiding document for their work. An initial draft of the 2025/2026 Board Operating Principles was provided as a starting point for review and discussion. A redlined version of Policy 1620- Board/Superintendent Relations was also provided as part of the discussion.*

*Directors were asked to provide input by the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

#### **10. Policy**

##### First Readings

- *Policy 1210- Annual Organizational Meeting  
Moved to second reading.*
- *Policy 2170- Career and Technical Education  
Moved to second reading.*
- *Policy 3230- Searches of Students and Student Privacy  
Moved to second reading.*

##### Second Readings



- *Policy 1630- Evaluation of Superintendent*

*Director Martinez motioned to approve updated policy 1630- Evaluation of Superintendent. Seconded by Director Owsley.*

*Director Martinez motioned to strike the last sentence of the revised version. Seconded by Director Owsley.*

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

*Director Martinez motioned to approve Policy 1630- Evaluation of Superintendent as amended. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.*

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

- *Policy 1810- Annual Governance Goals and Objectives*

*Director Brar motioned to retire Policy 1810- Annual Governance Goals and Objectives. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.*

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

- *Policy 1820- Board Self-Assessment*

*Director Brar motioned to approve updated Policy 1820- Board Self-Assessment. Seconded by Director Owsley.*

*Director Owsley motioned to replace 'research-based' with 'generally accepted.' Seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried by voice vote.*

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

*Director Martinez motioned to approve Policy 1820- Board Self-Assessment as amended. Seconded by Director Owsley. Motion carried by voice vote.*

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

- *Policy 3425- Accommodating Students with Adrenal Insufficiency*

*Director Owsley motioned to adopt new Policy 3425- Accommodating Students with Adrenal Insufficiency. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote.*

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

## **10. Adjourn Meeting**

*There being no further business, Director Verburg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:01pm.*

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Jim Verburg, President

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David VanderYacht, Superintendent