



LYNDEN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:30 PM

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

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

Meeting called to order by President Verburg at 6:30pm. Board of Directors in attendance were Directors Verburg, Martinez, Brar, and Sawka. Superintendent VanderYacht and Student Board Representatives Sebastian Uribe & Ashley Acton were also in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Danny Martinez

Seconded by: Khush Brar

Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, and Nick Sawka

Carried 4-0

3. Good News

Superintendent VanderYacht shared Good News happening in the district.

3.1 [Good News](#) 

4. Meeting Minutes- January 22, 2026

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Motion to approve January 22, 2026 meeting minutes.

Moved by: Nick Sawka

Seconded by: Khush Brar

Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, and Nick Sawka

Carried 4-0

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 [AP/Payroll- January 30, 2026](#) 

5.2 [Personnel Recommendations- February 19, 2026](#) 

5.3 [Interlocal Agreement- Bellingham SD, Title 1](#) 

5.4 [Resolution #01-26: Food Services, Meal Balances as of June 30, 2025](#) 

Motion to approve consent agenda.

Moved by: Khush Brar

Seconded by: Nick Sawka

Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, and Nick Sawka

Carried 4-0

6. Information from the Audience

- A community member addressed the board in support of the resolutions being considered tonight, specifically the levy resolution.

7. Information from Board Directors & Student Representatives

- Director Sawka shared about his teaching & learning committee orientation. He also shared about the threat assessment training he attended today at the district office.

- Director Brar shared her thanks to former directors Ken Owsley & Tonya Hickman. She also congratulated girls sports including flag football, volleyball, and basketball. A few more girls teams will be competing in state tournaments over the next few weeks.
- Director Martinez shared about Inspire Development Center being installed on the Isom property. Superintendent VanderYacht added that Inspire is not part of the Lynden School District. This is a federally funded program for migrant families during summer harvest.
- Student Board Rep. Ashley Acton shared about her visit to Olympia with Sebastian and Supt. VanderYacht on January 29 for Legislative Day on the Hill. Student Board Rep. Sebastian Uribe added that Superintendent VanderYacht's former student was able to give them a behind the scenes tour. They were also able to meet with two local legislators.
- Director Verburg shared that he is proud of all of the great things happening in the district.

8. Reports

8.1 Finance & Operations Report

Director of Food Services, Narlene VanBeek, presented information to the board about the district's food services program.

Director of Finance & Operations, Ben Thomas, presented the January 2026 finance report which included an executive summary, enrollment, budget status, revenue and expenditures, and year-end projections.

8.2 Teaching & Learning Report-

Dr. Julie van Wijk presented information to the board about the social studies curriculum that is being recommended by the Instructional Materials Committee for adoption by the Board for Lynden Middle School.

9. Action Item

- ### **9.1 Adoption of Lynden Middle School Social Studies Curriculum**
- Motion to adopt social studies curriculum as recommended by the Instructional Materials Committee:

Grade 6- World History Great Civilizations published by National Geographic.

Grade 7- History Alive! The Medieval World and Beyond published by Teachers' Curriculum Institute.

Grade 8- U.S. History American Stories: Beginning to 1877 published by National Geographic.

Moved by: Nick Sawka

Seconded by: Khush Brar

Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, and Nick Sawka

Carried 4-0

10. Board Workshop- Capital Facilities

Superintendent VanderYacht and the Board's Facilities Committee, Directors Martinez and Sawka, facilitated discussion regarding the district's facility needs and how to address them through a capital levy.

11. Action Items

11.1 [Resolution #03-26: Facilities, Safety & Technology Levy](#)

Motion to approve Resolution #03-26: Facilities, Safety & Technology Levy

Moved by: Nick Sawka

Seconded by: Khush Brar

Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, and Nick Sawka

Carried 4-0

11.2 [Resolution #02-26: Authorization of 180-Day Waiver](#)

Motion to approve Resolution #02-26: Authorization of 180-Day Waiver.

Moved by: Khush Brar

Seconded by: Nick Sawka

Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, and Nick Sawka

Carried 4-0

11.3 [Resolution #04-26: Fully Fund Public Education and Support 2026 Legislative Measures Enhancing Fiscal Stability and Operational Efficiency](#) 

Motion to approve Resolution #04-26: Fully Fund Public Education and Support 2026 Legislative Measures Enhancing Fiscal Stability and Operational Efficiency.

Moved by: Danny Martinez

Seconded by: Nick Sawka

Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, and Nick Sawka

Carried 4-0

11.4 [Resolution #05-26: Amendment to MOU with WCLS](#) 

Motion to approve Resolution #05-26: Amendment to MOU with WCLS.

Moved by: Khush Brar

Seconded by: Nick Sawka

Yes: Jim Verburg, Khush Brar, and Nick Sawka

Abstain: Danny Martinez

Carried 3-0

12. Policy

First Readings

12.1 [Policy 1005- Key Functions of the Board](#) 

Motion to approve updated Policy 1005.

Moved by: Nick Sawka

Seconded by: Khush Brar

Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, and Nick Sawka

Carried 4-0

12.2 [Policy 1111- Oath of Office](#) 

Moved to second reading.

Second Readings

12.3 [Policy 6220- Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements](#) 

Motion to approve updated Policy 6220- Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements.

Moved by: Danny Martinez

Seconded by: Nick Sawka

Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, and Nick Sawka

Carried 4-0

12.4 [Policy 6910- Construction Financing](#) 

Motion to approve updated Policy 6910- Construction Financing.

Moved by: Khush Brar

Seconded by: Danny Martinez

Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, and Nick Sawka

Carried 4-0

12.5 [Policy 6955- Maintenance of Facilities Records](#) 

Motion to approve updated Policy 6955- Maintenance of Facilities Records.

Moved by: Nick Sawka
Seconded by: Khush Brar

Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, and
Nick Sawka

Carried 4-0

13. [Board Committee Reports](#) 

Director Brar provided a legislative update.

14. Adjourn into Executive Session

14.1 **[Executive Session- February 19, 2026](#)** 

At 10:00pm, President Verburg announced that the Board would be moving into executive session until 10:20pm to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease, as public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price, and to discuss negotiations related to a potential agreement. He further stated that no action would be taken by the board during or after executive session.

At 10:20pm, Director Verburg announced that executive session would be extended until 10:30pm.

15. Reopen Regular Meeting

At 10:30pm, President Verburg adjourned executive session and reopened the regular meeting.

16. Adjourn Regular Meeting

There being no further business, President Verburg adjourned the meeting at 10:30pm.

President

Superintendent