



LYNDEN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 26, 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. Directors in attendance were Directors Verburg, Martinez, Brar, and Sawka. Superintendent VanderYacht and Student Board Representatives Ashley Acton and Sebastian Uribe were also in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Danny Martinez

Seconded by: Nick Sawka

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

Carried 4-0

3. Good News

[Good News- February 26, 2026](#) 

Superintendent VanderYacht shared Good News happening in the District.

4. Meeting Minutes

4.1 [Special Meeting Minutes- February 19, 2026](#) 

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 19, 2026.

Moved by: Nick Sawka

Seconded by: Danny Martinez

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

Carried 4-0

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 [AP/Payroll- February 13, 2026](#) 

5.2 [Personnel Recommendations- February 26, 2026](#) 

5.3 [Overnight Trip Requests](#) 

5.4 [Approval of Levy Committees](#) 

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Moved by: Nick Sawka

Seconded by: Khush Brar

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

Carried 4-0

6. Information from the Audience

None

7. Board Workshop

[Key Performance Indicators: Early Literacy Readiness & 9th Grade Success](#) 

This was the first in a series of workshops to be held over the next several board meetings in preparation for the board retreat scheduled for April 18, 2026. Each workshop will focus on two key performance indicators. Tonight, Superintendent VanderYacht provided information on Early

Literacy Readiness and 9th Grade Success.

8. Information from Board Directors & Student Representatives

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

- Director Verburg shared that he attended Prince of Egypt and it was an amazing production all around- costumes, set, music, orchestra, and singing were all exceptional.
- Director Brar asked Director Martinez about his work on the cell phone policy.
- Student Board Representative Ashley Acton shared that TPUSA is coordinating a food drive and will be dropping off food to Project Hope on March 17th. They would love some community participation.

9. Reports

Superintendent

[Enrollment Mobility](#)

Superintendent VanderYacht shared information on recent enrollment mobility.

10. Action Items

10.1 [Resolution #06-26: WIAA Membership Renewal](#)

Motion to approve Resolution #06-26: WIAA Membership Renewal.

Moved by: Danny Martinez

Seconded by: Khush Brar

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

Carried 4-0

10.2 [Election of Board WIAA Representative](#)

Director Brar will continue as the WIAA Representative. Since

there is no published end date to her term, no vote was taken.

11. Policy

Second Readings

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

Motion to approve updated Policy 1111- Oath of Office.

Moved by: Nick Sawka

Seconded by: Khush Brar

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

Carried 4-0

12. Board Committee Reports

[Board Committee Reports- 02.26.26](#) 

- Director Brar provided a legislative committee update.
- Directors Brar & Sawka provided a teaching & learning committee update.

13. Adjourn into Executive Session

[Executive Session- February 26, 2026](#) 

At 8:30pm, Director Verburg announced that the Board would be moving into executive session until 9:00pm to review the qualifications of candidates to be appointed to elective office. He further stated that no action would be taken by the Board during or after executive session.

At 9:00pm, Director Verburg announced that executive session would be extended until 9:20pm.

14. Call Regular Meeting Back to Order

At 9:20pm, Director Verburg adjourned executive session and reopened the regular meeting.

15. Adjourn Regular Meeting

There being no further agenda items, Director Verburg adjourned the regular meeting at 9:20pm.

President

Superintendent