



LYNDEN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 23, 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 at 6:30pm by Director Martinez. Directors in attendance were Martinez, Ingham, and Sawka. Directors Verburg & Brar were absent with prior notice.

Superintendent VanderYacht was also in attendance.

Student Board Representatives Ashley Acton and Sebastian Uribe were both absent with prior notice.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

Yes: Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 3-0

3. Good News

[Good News- 04.23.26](#)

Superintendent VanderYacht shared good news happening throughout the district.

4. Meeting Minutes

[Meeting Minutes- 04.09.26](#)

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for April 9, 2026.

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Nick Sawka

Yes: Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 3-0

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 [AP/Payroll- 04.15.26](#) 

5.2 [Personnel Recommendations- 04.23.26](#) 

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Nick Sawka

Yes: Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 3-0

6. Information from the Audience

- A community member addressed the Board regarding the proposed WSSDA amendments and retirements.
- A community member addressed the Board regarding cell phone usage by students.

7. Information from Board Directors & Student Representatives

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

- Director Sawka shared that he has finished researching cursive and will forward information in May.
- Director Ingham shared that there is a parent-led 8th grade graduation celebration being planned.

8. Action Items

[WSSDA Positions- Proposed Amendments and Retirements](#) 

Motion to approve proposed amendment to WSSDA position titled 'Artificial Intelligence Technology'.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Danny Martinez

Yes: Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 3-0

Motion to approve proposed amendment to WSSDA position titled 'Attract, Recruit, and Retain Diverse Staff'.

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Danny Martinez

Yes: Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 3-0

Motion to approve proposed amendment to WSSDA position titled 'Reduce Barrier to Post-Secondary Education'.

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Nick Sawka

Yes: Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 3-0

Motion to approve proposed amendment to WSSDA position titled 'Removing Barriers to Innovation in Public Schools'.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Danny Martinez

Yes: Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 3-0

Motion to approve proposed amendment to WSSDA position titled 'Student Access to Supports, Activities, and Services'.

Moved by: Danny Martinez; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

Yes: Nick Sawka and Danielle Ingham

No: Danny Martinez

Carried 2-1

Motion to approve proposed amendment to WSSDA position titled 'Transition to Kindergarten'

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Danny Martinez

Yes: Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 3-0

Motion to approve proposed retirement of WSSDA position titled 'Attract, Recruit, and Retain Diverse School Board Directors'.

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Danny Martinez

Yes: Nick Sawka and Danielle Ingham

No: Danny Martinez

Carried 2-1

Motion to approve proposed retirement of WSSDA position titled 'Climate Impact Mitigation Assistance'.

Moved by: Danny Martinez;

No second. Motion not carried. 0-0

Motion to revisit proposed retirement of WSSDA position titled 'Climate Impact Mitigation Assistance'.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Danny Martinez

Yes: Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 3-0

Motion to approve proposed retirement of WSSDA position titled 'Climate Impact Assistance'.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

Yes: Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 3-0

Motion to approve proposed retirement of WSSDA position titled 'Equity-Based Education System'.

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Danny Martinez

Yes: Nick Sawka

No: Danny Martinez and Danielle Ingham

Not Carried 1-2

Motion to disapprove proposed retirement of WSSDA position titled 'Multilingual Learners'.

Moved by: Danny Martinez; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

Yes: Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 3-0

Motion to approve proposed retirement of WSSDA position titled 'Support for School-Based Health Centers'.

Moved by: Nick Sawka

No second. Motion not carried. 0-0

Motion to disapprove proposed retirement of WSSDA position titled 'Supporting Immunization Requirement Process'.

Moved by: Danny Martinez; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

Yes: Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 3-0

Motion to revisit proposed retirement of WSSDA position titled 'Attract Recruit, and Retain Diverse School Board Directors'.

Moved by: Danny Martinez; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

Yes: Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 3-0

Motion to disapprove proposed retirement of WSSDA position titled 'Attract, Recruit, and Retain Diverse School Board Directors'.

Moved by: Danny Martinez; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

Yes: Danny Martinez and Danielle Ingham

Abstain: Nick Sawka

Motion carried. 2-0

9. Policy

First Readings

[Policy 1240- Committees](#) 

Moved to second reading.

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

Moved to second reading

[Policy 5401- Sick Leave](#) 

Moved to second reading

10. Adjourn

There being no further agenda items, Director Martinez adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

President

Superintendent