



LYNDEN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 11, 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 Director Verburg at 6:30pm. Directors in attendance were Verburg, Martinez, Brar, Ingham, and Sawka.

Student Board Representative Sebastian Uribe and Superintendent VanderYacht were also in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda.

Moved by: Danny Martinez; seconded by: Khush Brar

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

Carried 5-0

3. Meeting Minutes

[Meeting Minutes- May 28, 2026](#) 

Motion to approve May 28, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.

Moved by: Khush Brar; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

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

Carried 5-0

4. Consent Agenda

[AP/Payroll- May 29, 2026](#) 

[Personnel Recommendations- June 11, 2026](#) 

[Donation- Be The One](#) 

[Resolution #11-26: Surplus Personal Property](#) 

[Whatcom County Behavioral Health Services 26/27](#) 

[NWESD Contract- Threat Assessment 26/27](#) 

Motion to approve consent agenda.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

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

Carried 5-0

5. Good News

[Good News- June 11, 2026](#) 

Superintendent VanderYacht shared good news happening throughout the district.

6. Information from the Audience

- A community member addressed the Board regarding Policy 3245.
- A community member thanked the district staff for another successful year. He also thanked Jim Verburg for his leadership as board president over the last 18 months.
- A community member shared with the board about a recent article in Cascadia Daily where they interviewed graduates around the county.
- A community member addressed the board regarding the district's public recording of meetings.

7. Board Workshop

[2026/2027 Budget](#) 

Superintendent VanderYacht and Director of Finance, Ben Thomas, facilitated discussion regarding the 2026/2027 budget.

8. Reports

Superintendent

[2026/2027 Student Board Representative Selection](#) 

Superintendent VanderYacht announced his selection for the student board representative position vacated by Ashley Acton. Brendon Mrak will join Sebastian Uribe for the 2026/2027 school year.

[Annual Report- Discrimination-Free Workplace - 2025/2026](#) 

Director of Human Resources & Staff Development, Michelle Nilsen, provided information for the Board's review regarding progress towards implementation of Policy 5010- Discrimination-Free Workplace as required by that policy.

[Annual Policy Reports](#)

Michelle Nilsen and Tim Metz provided information on the following policies for the 2025/2026 school year as required by those policies:

- Policy 3246- Restraint, Isolation & Other Uses of Reasonable Force
- Policy 3205- Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited
- Policy 5011- Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited

9. Action Items

[Resolution #12-26- Authorization for the Purchase of Equipment](#)

Motion to approve Resolution #12-26: Authorization for the Purchase of Equipment.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Khush Brar

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

Carried 5-0

Motion to take 5-minute break.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Khush Brar

Yes: Jim Verburg, Khush Brar, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

No: Danny Martinez

Carried 4-1

10. Policy

First Readings

[Policy 5000- Recruitment, Selection, and Evaluation of Staff](#)

Moved to second reading.

[Policy 5011- Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited](#)

Moved to second reading.

[Policy 5403- Emergency and Discretionary Leaves](#)

Moved to second reading.

[Policy 5404- Family and Medical Leave](#)

Moved to second reading.

Second Readings

[Policy 2020- Course Design, Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials](#)

Motion to approve updated Policy 2020.

Moved by: Khush Brar; seconded by: Nick Sawka

Motion to strike the word "inclusive" from Section V in the first paragraph.

Moved by: Khush Brar; seconded by: Nick Sawka

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

Carried 5-0

Motion to approve updated Policy 2020 as amended.

Moved by: Danny Martinez; seconded by: Nick Sawka

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

Carried 5-0

[Policy 3245- Students and Telecommunication Devices](#) 

Moved to 3rd reading.

11. Reorganization of the Board

[Reorganization of the Board- June 11, 2026](#) 

Director Verburg has stepped down from his role as president/chair. As a result, the board needs to elect a new president to serve the remainder of his term which concludes in December 2026. Director Verburg called for nominations.

Director Ingham nominated Director Martinez to serve as president. Seconded by Director Verburg. Director Martinez accepted the nomination.

Director Sawka nominated Director Brar to serve as president. Seconded by Director Brar. Director Brar accepted the nomination.

Roll Call Vote:

- Sawka- Brar
- Ingham- Martinez
- Brar- Brar
- Martinez- Martinez
- Verburg- Martinez

Director Martinez will service as board president through December 2026.

Director Martinez was serving as vice president, and his appointment to president now leaves that roll open. Director Martinez called for nominations for vice president to serve the remainder of his term through December 2026.

Director Sawka nominated Director Brar to serve as vice president. Seconded by Director Brar. She accepted the nomination.

Director Verburg nominated himself to serve as vice president. Seconded by Director Ingham. Director Verburg accepted the nomination.

Roll Call Vote:

- Sawka- Brar
- Ingham- Verburg
- Brar- Brar
- Martinez- Verburg
- Verburg- Verburg

Director Verburg will serve as vice president through December 2026.

12. Adjourn

There being no further agenda items, Director Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:31pm.

President

Superintendent