Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 14, 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 Verburg. Directors in attendance were Verburg, Martinez, Brar, Ingham, and Sawka.

   Superintendent VanderYacht was also in attendance.

   Student Board Representatives Ashley Acton and Sebastian Uribe were also in attendance.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

   Motion to add Resolution #10-26 : A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Lynden School District No. 504 to Celebrate America's 250-Year Semiquincentennial to the Board Workshop after cell phone policy.

   Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Khush Brar

   Yes: Khush Brar, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

   No: Jim Verburg and Danny Martinez

   Carried 3-2

   Motion to approve agenda as amended.

   Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Khush Brar

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

   Carried 5-0

3. **Meeting Minutes**

   Meeting Minutes- 04.23.26

   Motion to approve the April 23, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.

   Moved by: Danny Martinez; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

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

Carried 5-0

4. Consent Agenda

AP/Payroll- 04.30.26

Personnel Recommendations- 05.14.26

Donations- 05.14.26

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
Moved by: Khush Brar; seconded by: Nick Sawka
Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 5-0

5. Masonic Lodge Educator of the Year- 2025/2026

Masonic Lodge Educator of the Year- 2025/2026

Superintendent VanderYacht honored Kristen Bock as the 2025/2026 Educator of the Year.

6. Good News

Good News- May 14, 2026

Superintendent VanderYacht shared good news happening throughout the district.

7. Information from the Audience

- A community member addressed the board regarding the cell phone policy discussion and his support of the Alternative Learning Program.
- A community member addressed the board regarding the failure of the capital levy.

8. Information from Board Directors & Student Representatives

Information from Board Directors & Student Reps 05.14.26

- Director Verburg shared that after the failure of the capital levy, he and Superintendent VanderYacht met to discuss possible next steps as we still have urgent facility needs, specifically related to safety & security. He added that the board's facilities committee will be meeting to discuss this as well. Superintendent VanderYacht added that the board's finance committee will also be involved with these discussions.
- Director Sawka added that he agrees about the urgency of safety & security facility needs.
- Director Martinez thanked the audience members who spoke about cell phones and the capital levy failure. He added that the renewal of the EP&O levy will be crucial and require the board's attention.
- Director Brar shared that she submitted the board's approved proposals as approved at the last meeting and provided the outcome of those. She added that

she would like to revisit the weighted voting for state board elections. She then shared about WSSDA's new pilot program which allows boards to submit feedback before WSSDA publishes final model policies and procedures. She shared about upcoming hearings for House Bill 1296 and nondiscrimination. She also shared that WSSDA put out a call for presenters at their Annual Conference in Spokane.

- Sebastian Uribe shared that ASB elections are complete and prom was a success. State testing and AP testing are currently underway. FBLA attended state competition and FFA students are currently at state competition.
- Ashley Acton shared that FFA held their annual plant sale and it was very successful. She also shared that senior season is in full swing and excitement is building as we approach graduation on June 5th.

9. Board Committee Assignments

Appointments to Board Committees- 05.14.26

President Verburg announced his appointment of Director Ingham to replace Director Martinez on the board's finance committee.

10. Reports

Finance & Operations

Finance Report- March 2026

Superintendent VanderYacht presented the March 2026 finance report which included an executive summary, enrollment, budget status, revenue & expenditures, and year-end projection.

Teaching & Learning

School Improvement Plan Progress Updates

Administrators from Lynden Academy, Bernice Vossbeck Elementary, and Lynden High School shared information on progress towards their school improvement plan goals which were presented in fall 2025.

11. Board Workshop

District Cell Phone Policy

Superintendent VanderYacht and Lynden High School administrators facilitated discussion about the district's cell phone policy.

Director Sawka motioned to take a 5- minute recess. Seconded by Director Brar. Motion carried by voice vote. 5-0

Resolution #10-26: Celebration of America's Semiquincentennial

The Board then continued with a second board workshop and discussed Resolution #10-26.

12. Action Items

Approval of Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) Program

Motion to approve the Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) Program.
Moved by: Khush Brar; seconded by: Danny Martinez
Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 5-0

Resolution 09-26: Lot Line Adjustment- City of Lynden, Isom Elementary

Motion to approve Resolution #09-26: Lot Line Adjustment, City of Lynden, Isom Elementary
Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Danny Martinez
Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 5-0

13. Policy

Second Readings

Policy 1240- Committees

Motion to approve updated Policy 1240- Committees.
Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Khush Brar
Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 5-0

Policy 1620- Board-Superintendent Relations

Motion to approve updated Policy 1620- Board Superintendent Relations.
Moved by: Khush Brar; seconded by: Danielle Ingham
Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 5-0

Policy 5401- Sick Leave

Motion to approve updated Policy 5401- Sick Leave.
Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Khush Brar
Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Khush Brar, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 5-0

14. Adjourn into Executive Session

Executive Session- 05.14.26

At 10:06pm Director Verburg announced that the board would be moving into executive session until 10:30pm to discuss the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110.

At 10:30pm, Director Verburg announced that executive session would be extended until 10:45pm.

15. Call Regular Meeting Back to Order

Director Verburg called the regular meeting back to order at 10:45pm.

16. Adjourn

There being no further agenda items, Director Verburg adjourned the meeting at 10:45pm.

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President

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Superintendent