Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 28, 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, Brar, Ingham, and Sawka. Director Verburg was present via speaker phone. Student board representatives Ashley Acton and Sebastian Uribe were also present, along with Superintendent VanderYacht.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

   Motion to approve agenda.

   Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Nick Sawka

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

   Carried 5-0

3. **Meeting Minutes**

   Meeting Minutes- 05.14.26

   Motion to approve meeting minutes for May 14, 2026.

   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- 05.15.26

   Personnel Recommendation - 5.28.2026.pdf

Donations 05.28.26

Out of State/Overnight Trips

Motion to approve consent agenda.

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Khush Brar

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

Carried 5-0

5. Good News

Good News- 05.28.26

Superintendent VanderYacht expressed his thanks to Ashley Acton for her two years of service as a student board representative. This is Ashley's last meeting before she graduates.

6. Information from the Audience

- A community member addressed the board in support of Resolution #10-26.
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- A community member addressed the board regarding the district's cell phone policy.
- A community member addressed the board in support of Resolution #10-26.

7. Reports

Finance & Operations

Finance Report- April 2026

Ben Thomas presented the April 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 Middle School, Fisher Elementary, and Isom Elementary shared information on progress towards their school improvement plan goals which were presented in fall 2025.

Superintendent

CTE Annual Program Report

John Grubbs presented the Career and Technical Education Program's 4-year plan as required by Policy 2170. He was joined by John Slagle, Program Director of Technic Training Center.

8. Action Items

Approval of CTE 4-Year Plan

Motion to approve the CTE 4-Year Plan as presented.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

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

Carried 5-0

Motion to take a 5-minute break.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Khush Brar

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

Carried 5-0

Opportunity Council- Agreement for 2026/2027 ECEAP Program

Motion to approve the agreement with Opportunity Council for the early learning program in 2026/2027.

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Khush Brar

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

Carried 5-0

Resolution #10-26: Celebration of America's 250-Year Semiquincentennial

Motion to approve Resolution #10-26: Celebration of America's 250-Year Semiquincentennial.

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 amend language following "NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED" to say "the Lynden School District is dedicated to celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States by supporting the continued education of students on American history..."

Moved by: Jim Verburg; seconded by: Khush Brar

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

Carried 5-0

Motion to amend language in the second "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED" section to say "that the Lynden School District Board of Directors supports a commemoration of America's 250-year Semiquincentennial via a prominent display in the High School Gymnasium and/or elsewhere in district buildings to signify the District's commitment to the republic's founding ideals of acceptance, liberty, justice, and indivisible unity. The Lynden School District Board of Directors requests that the Superintendent work toward this goal soliciting input from student board representatives, board members, district staff and interested community members to achieve the best result to honor this important milestone."

Moved by: Jim Verburg; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

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

Carried 5-0

Motion to amend previous amendment to include "to be completed by the start of the next school year."

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Khush Brar

Yes: Khush Brar and Nick Sawka

No: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, and Danielle Ingham

Not Carried 2-3

Motion to amend "BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED" section to remove "veterans and military families, alongside the journeys of immigrants" and replace with "those".

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Khush Brar

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

Carried 5-0

Motion to remove last sentence of "BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED" section that begins with "By upholding and emphasizing...." (did not vote)

Moved by: Danny Martinez; seconded by: Khush Brar

Motion to modify the motion on the table to add "and for generations to come" after "youth" and delete last sentence in its entirety.

Moved by: Danny Martinez; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

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

Carried 5-0

Motion to approve Resolution #10-26 as amended.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

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

Carried 5-0

9. Policy

First Readings

Policy 2020- Course Design, Selection & Adoption of Instructional Materials

Moved to second reading.

Policy 3245- Students and Telecommunications Devices

Moved to second reading.

10. Board Committee Reports

Board Committee Reports- 05.28.26

Directors Sawka and Martinez shared a facilities committee update.

Director Brar shared a legislative committee update.

11. Adjourn

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

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President

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Superintendent