



LYNDEN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 10, 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

Director Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Directors in attendance were Martinez, Verburg, Ingham, and Sawka. Director Brar was absent with prior notice.

Superintendent VanderYacht and Student Board Representatives Sebastian Uribe and Brendon Mrak were also in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

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

Carried 4-0

3. Meeting Minutes

[Meeting Minutes- August 6, 2026](#) 

Motion to approve August 6, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Jim Verburg

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

Carried 4-0

4. Consent Agenda

[AP/Payroll- July 31, 2026](#) 

[AP/Payroll- August 14, 2026](#) 

[AP/Payroll- August 31, 2026](#) 

[Personnel Recommendations- September 10, 2026](#) 

[Donations- September 10, 2026](#) 

[Out of Endorsements- 2026/2027](#) 

[Interlocal Agreement, TVI- Blaine 2026/2027](#) 

[Interlocal Agreement, TVI- Ferndale 2026/2027](#) 

[Interlocal Agreement, TVI- Meridian 2026/2027](#) 

[Interlocal Agreement, TVI- Mt. Baker 2026/2027](#) 

[Interlocal Agreement, TVI- Nooksack 2026/2027](#) 

[Interlocal Agreement, CT- Nooksack 2026/2027](#) 

[Interlocal Agreement, Audiologist- Ferndale 2026/2027](#) 

Motion to approve consent agenda.

Moved by: Jim Verburg; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

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

Carried 4-0

5. Good News

[Good News- September 10, 2026](#) 

Superintendent VanderYacht shared good news happening throughout the district.

6. Student Board Representative Update

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

Superintendent VanderYacht welcomed and introduced Brendon Mrak as a new student board representative for the 2026/2027 school year. He also welcomed back Sebastian Uribe, who will be serving his second term as a student board representative.

Sebastian Uribe then shared an update with the board on the implementation of Policy 3245- Student & Telecommunication Devices at Lynden High School.

7. Information from the Audience

- A community member addressed the board about staffing needs and LEA bargaining.
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8. Board Workshop

[2025-2028 Strategic Plan and Areas of Focus for 2026/2027](#) 

Superintendent VanderYacht and Director Martinez facilitated a board workshop on the district's Areas of Focus for 2026/2027 related to the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan.

9. Reports

Teaching & Learning

[Highly Capable Program- 2026/2027](#) 

The board reviewed information provided about the operation of the Highly Capable Program for 2026/2027 as required by Policy 2190.

10. Action Items

[Approval of the Operation of the Highly Capable Program 2026/2027](#) 

Motion to approve the operation of the Highly Capable Program for 2026/2027.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Jim Verburg

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

Carried 4-0

[Approval of Discipline Appeal Council- 2026/2027](#) 

Motion to approve the Discipline Appeal Council for 2026/2027.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Jim Verburg

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

Carried 4-0

[Approval of Dairy Bids- 2026/2027](#) 

Motion to approve the dairy bid submitted by Dairy Valley Distributing for 2026/2027.

Moved by: Jim Verburg; seconded by: Nick Sawka

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

Carried 4-0

[WSSDA General Assembly Positions](#) 

Motion to vote 'DO PASS' on Position A32- Simple Majority for Bonds.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Danny Martinez

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

Carried 4-0

Motion to vote 'DO PASS' on Position 32- Simple Majority for Bonds.
Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Jim Verburg
Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 4-0

Motion to 'ABSTAIN' on Position 52- Federal DREAM Act.
Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Jim Verburg
Yes: Jim Verburg, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham
No: Danny Martinez

Carried 3-1

Motion to 'ABSTAIN' on Position 55- Inclusive Schools.
Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Danny Martinez
Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 4-0

Motion to vote 'DO NOT PASS' on Position 57- Technology, Development and Learning
Moved by: Jim Verburg; seconded by: Danielle Ingham
Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 4-0

Motion to add Position 51- Attract, Recruit and Retain Diverse School Board Directors to the agenda for discussion and vote.
Moved by: Danny Martinez; seconded by: Danielle Ingham
Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 4-0

Motion to vote 'DO NOT PASS' for Position 51- Attract, Recruit and Retain Diverse School Board Directors.
Moved by: Danny Martinez; seconded by: Jim Verburg
Yes: Danny Martinez
No: Jim Verburg, Nick Sawka and Danielle Ingham

Not Carried 1-3

Motion to take a 5-minute break.
Moved by: Danny Martinez; seconded by: Jim Verburg
Yes: Jim Verburg, Danny Martinez, Nick Sawka, and Danielle Ingham

Carried 4-0

11. Policy

First Readings

[Policy 2230- Transition to Kindergarten Program](#) 

Moved to second reading.

[Policy 3115- Students Experiencing Homelessness: Enrollment Rights and Services](#) 

Moved to second reading.

[Policy 3122- Excused and Unexcused Absences](#) 

Moved to second reading.

[Policy 3246- Restraint and Isolation](#) 

Moved to second reading.

[Policy 3418- Response to Student Injury or Illness](#) 

Moved to second reading.

[Policy 6910- Construction Financing](#) 

Moved to second reading.

Second Readings

[Policy 2022- Electronic Resources and Internet Safety](#) 

Motion to approve updated Policy 2022- Electronic Resources and Internet Safety.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

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

Carried 4-0

[Policy 2100- Educational Opportunities for Students with a Parent in the Military](#) 

Motion to approve updated Policy 2100- Educational Opportunities for Students with a Parent in the Military.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

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

Carried 4-0

[Policy 2161- Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students](#) 

Motion to approve updated Policy 2161- Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students.

Moved by: Jim Verburg; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

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

Carried 4-0

[Policy 3120- Enrollment](#)

Motion to approve updated policy 3120- Enrollment.

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Jim Verburg

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

Carried 4-0

[Policy 3124- Removal/Release of Students During School Hours](#)

Motion to approved updated Policy 3124- Removal/Release of Students During School Hours.

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Nick Sawka

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

Carried 4-0

[Policy 4020- Confidential Communications](#)

Motion to retire Policy 4020- Confidential Communications.

Moved by: Jim Verburg; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

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

Carried 4-0

[Policy 6020- System of Funds and Accounts](#)

Motion to approve updated Policy 6020- System of Accounts.

Moved by: Jim Verburg; seconded by: Nick Sawka

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

Carried 4-0

12. Adjourn

There being no further business, Director Martinez adjourned the meeting at 9:21pm.

President

Superintendent