



LYNDEN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 24, 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 Directors Martinez, Verburg, Ingham, and Sawka. Director Brar was absent with prior notice.

Superintendent VanderYacht was also in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Nick Sawka

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

Carried 4-0

3. Meeting Minutes

[Meeting Minutes- September 10, 2026](#) 

Motion to approve September 10, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.

Moved by: Jim Verburg; seconded by: Danielle Ingham

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

Carried 4-0

4. Consent Agenda

[AP/Payroll- September 15, 2026](#) 

[Personnel Recommendations- September 24, 2026](#) 

Motion to approve consent agenda.

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Jim Verburg

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

Carried 4-0

5. Good News

[Good News- September 24, 2026](#) 

Superintendent VanderYacht shared good news happening throughout the district.

6. Information from the Audience

[Information from the Audience- September 24, 2026](#) 

None

7. Reports

Teaching & Learning

[Presentation- Early Learning/Preschool](#) 

Director of Student Services, Tim Metz, presented information about the district's Early Learning/Preschool program.

Finance & Operations

[Finance Report- July 2026](#) 

Superintendent VanderYacht reviewed the July 2026 finance report which included an executive summary, enrollment, budget status, revenue, and expenditures.

8. Action Items

[2025-2058 Strategic Plan and Areas of Focus for 2026/2027](#) 

Motion to approve the 2026/2027 Areas of Focus.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Jim Verburg

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

Carried 4-0

Motion to approve the five highest-priority legislative positions as recommended for submission to WSSDA. They are as follows:

- Enhanced Funding for Transitional Bilingual Education
- Funding Safe, Healthy, Contemporary School Buildings
- MSOC Funding
- Support for Special Education Programs
- Transition to Kindergarten

Moved by: Danny Martinez; seconded by: Jim Verburg

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

Carried 4-0

9. Policy

First Readings

[Policy 5280- Separation from Employment](#) 

Moved to second reading.

[Policy 5401- Sick Leave](#) 

Moved to second reading.

[Policy 5406- Leave Sharing](#) 

Moved to second reading.

[Policy 6530- Insurance](#) 

Moved to second reading.

Second Readings

[Policy 2230- Transition to Kindergarten](#) 

Motion to approve updated Policy 2230- Transition to Kindergarten.

Moved by: Jim Verburg; seconded by: Nick Sawka

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

Carried 4-0

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

Motion to approve updated Policy 3115- Student Experiencing Homeless: Enrollment Rights and Services.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Jim Verburg

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

Carried 4-0

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

Motion to approve updated Policy 3122- Enrollment.

Moved by: Jim Verburg; seconded by: Nick Sawka

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

Carried 4-0

[Policy 3246- Restraint and Isolation](#) 

Motion to approve updated Policy 3246- Restraint and Isolation.

Moved by: Nick Sawka; seconded by: Jim Verburg

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

Carried 4-0

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

Motion to approve updated Policy 3418- Response to Student Injury or Illness.

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Jim Verburg

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

Carried 4-0

[Policy 6910- Construction Financing](#)

Motion to approve updated Policy 6910- Construction Financing.

Moved by: Danielle Ingham; seconded by: Nick Sawka

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

Carried 4-0

10. Board Committee Reports

[Board Committee Reports- September 24, 2026](#)

Superintendent VanderYacht provided a Board Legislative Committee Report on Director Brar's behalf and shared about the WSSDA General Assembly held on September 19, 2026.

11. Adjourn

There being no further agenda items, Director Martinez adjourned the meeting at 7:26pm.

President

Superintendent