



LYNDEN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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January 14, 2021
School Board Meeting
Minutes
via Zoom/Phone Conference
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:01 P.M. Board Directors in attendance were Steve Jilk, Brian Johnson, Kelli Kettels, and David Vis. Director, CJ Costanti was absent and excused. Student Director, Riley Anderson was present.

2. Good News

- *Fisher Elementary staff raised over \$450 to donate to Lynden families being served through Family Community Services.*
- *A Bernice Vossbeck teacher, is proud of how resilient her students have been upon returning to the classroom. She has a classroom full of discussion, laughter and learning and happy children who are growing academically and socially. It's a joy to come to school for her and her students and appreciates the administration for all the behind the scenes discussions and planning that has happened to be able to teach in-person.*
- *A Bernice Vossbeck teacher would like to recognize the "VanDodd" team of Melissa VanDalen and Joelle Dodd. Melissa and Joelle have been incredible supports and drivers of running our intervention groups for reading and math as well as training our para-educators to run intervention groups. Their work is making a tremendous difference in closing gaps and filling holes in our students' learning.*
- *A Bernice Vossbeck kindergarten teacher, shared the good news that her class is using their 1 to 1 laptops as a resource to learn to read with the Lexia program. Some students are already at Level 4!*

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- December 10, 2020

Brian Johnson motioned to approve the meeting minutes seconded by Kelli Kettels. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. Consent Agenda

- 2020-21 General Fund \$396,219.67 Warrants 158985 - 159107 dated December 18, 2020
- 2020-21 Capital Projects \$17,677.91 Warrants 159108 – 159113 dated December 18, 2020
- 2020-21 ASB Fund \$2,131.52 Warrants 159114 – 159126 dated December 18, 2020
- 2020-21 Transportation Fund \$72,076.79 Warrants 159127 - 159127

- 2020-21 ACH General Fund \$1,451.78 Warrants 202100038 – 202100054 dated December 18, 2020
- 2020-21 ACH ASB Fund \$483.87 Warrants 202100055 - 202100058 dated December 18, 2020

Brian Johnson motioned to approve the consent agenda seconded by Kelli Kettels. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. Information from the Audience

Jim Frey and School Board President, Steve Jilk, addressed comments of concern of possible spread of the COVID-19 virus between students and staff as grades 6-12 return to in-person learning.

6. Reports

Superintendent

- **Update on Guidelines for Schools**

Jim Frey reported recent conversations with the Whatcom County Health Department (WCHD) regarding the appropriateness of grades 6-12 returning to in-person learning. Jim provided a recap of WCHD guidelines related to case rates, hospital capacity, and that schools are not contributing to increased community rates. Tim Metz, Director of Student Services provided a brief update on vaccination distribution designated by the state and Center for Disease Control (CDC). Tim has been talking with local entities to possibly organize and host a vaccine clinic when we are able to move forward with employee vaccinations. Jim and Steve Jilk thanked Tim for his continued input and information related to any cases within our schools. Jim spoke of emails received from the public about Lynden Education Association's (LEA) work with administration regarding getting kids back in school. Jim read a portion of the COVID-19 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the LEA stating the effort and support LEA is putting forth to get kids in school. The Board of Directors thanked families and staff for being flexible with changes and appreciates the partnerships formed in the community during these times.

Teaching and Learning

Finance

- **Financial Update - November**

The Board reviewed information on the budget for November containing a summary of financial status, enrollment general fund comparative, and revenues and budgeting. The Board discussed how enrollment during COVID-19 will affect future budget funding.

7. Board Workshop

- **School Improvement Plan (SIP) Discussion**

Jim Frey provided an outline of the purpose, definitions, and guiding questions to prepare for upcoming SIP presentations. Jim stated that SIP presentations will look different this year and principals will focus on the impact that COVID-19 has had on learning. This will include strategies to identify the needs, address transitions between schools, student assessments interventions and supports that may be necessary to recover and close gaps in learning. The Board suggested to move the SIP presentations to a June board meeting to allow more time to focus on these factors.

- **2021 Legislative Priorities**

The Board reviewed documents from WASA and WSSDA. The Board discussed the importance of legislative priorities and how to best communicate these needs with elected officials.

- **2021-2024 Strategic Priorities**

Jim Frey provided a draft version of the Lynden School District Strategic Priorities for 2021-2024. The draft version highlights areas of focus, indicators, and strategies and includes foundational beliefs and core commitments. The updated version will include a focus on Safe and Supportive Learning Environment; College and Career Ready Graduates; Family and Community Partnerships; and Equity in Education and Diversity.

8. Action Items

9. Policy

10. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Jim Frey
Superintendent

Steve Jilk
President

LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lynden, WA
Personnel Recommendations
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New Hire, Certificated Personnel

Name	Location	Position	FTE	Effective	Comments
Engels, Kristen	Isom/LMS	SLP	.50	1.4.21	Replaces Northrop
Robertson, Marissa	Pre School	SLP	1.0	1.4.21	Replaces Rogers
Oostra, Erica	Isom	5 th Grade Teacher	1.0	1.19 – 6.16.21	Replaces Crabtree

Change in Assignment, Certificated Personnel

Name	Location	Position	FTE	Effective	Comments
Northrop, Erin	Pre School	SLP	1.0	1.4.21	Replaces VanAuker

New Hire, Classified Personnel

Name	Location	Position	Hrs.	Effective	Comments

Change in Assignment, Classified Personnel

Name	Location	Position	Hrs.	Effective	Comments

Leave of Absence, Certificated Personnel

Name	Location	Position	FTE	Effective	Comments
Hoch, Nathan	Fisher	Teacher	1.0	1.4.21 – 3.26.21	Paternity Leave of Absence
Rogers, Jane	Pre School	SLP	1.0	12.18.20 - 6.16.21	Medical Leave of Absence
Webb, Louise	Isom	SLP	1.0	1.13.21 – 3.1.21	Medical Leave of Absence
Alison, Janelle	Isom	Teacher	1.0	12.1.20 – 1.22.21	Medical Leave of Absence
Lindstrom, Katherine	Isom	Teacher	1.0	1.4.21 – 4.23.21	Unpaid Leave of Absence
Swanson, Theresa	LA	Teacher	1.0	1.28 – 6.16.21	Maternity Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence, Classified Personnel

Name	Location	Position	Hrs.	Effective	Comments
Williams, Jamie	BVE	Para Ed	3.5	1.7.21 – 6.16.21	Personal Leave of Absence
Perez, Cynthia	BVE	Computer Tech	7.0	12.8.20 – 1.05.21	Unpaid Leave of Absence
Gobbato, Shannon	LMS	Para Ed	6.0	11.2 – 12.18.20	Unpaid Leave of Absence
Hawkins, Patricia	BVE	Para Ed	6.0	1.4 – 1.29.21	Medical Leave of Absence

Resignations/Retirements/Terminations, Certificated Personnel

Name	Location	Position	FTE	Effective	Comments

Resignations/Retirement/Terminations/Classified Personnel

Name	Location	Position	Hrs.	Effective	Comments
Gallegos, Santos	LHS	Campus Security	7.25	1.4.21	Resignation

Supplemental Assignments

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Comments

Supplemental Resignations

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Comments
Gallegos, Santos	LHS	Wrestling Coach	1.4.21	Resignation

Employment with the district is subject to acceptable outcome of a criminal history records check and the requirements of RCW 28A.400)