



LYNDEN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tradition + Pride + Excellence

April 22, 2021

School Board Meeting

Minutes

In-Person 516 Main Street and
via Zoom/Phone Conference

7:00 P.M.

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

Meeting called to order at 7:0 P.M. Board Directors in attendance were Steve Jilk, CJ Costanti and David Vis. Board of Directors absent and excused were Brian Johnson and Kelli Kettels. Student Director, Riley Anderson was absent and excused.

2. Good News

- Lynden Academy Teacher, Peter Binskin, won Praise 106.5's Gold Star teacher award!
- At the middle school, their support classes for students are showing great gains after comparing trimester 1 final grades to trimester 2. 20% of our students are engaged in on campus support on their "at home" days. After the completion of 2nd trimester, they have seen these students gain an average increase in GPA of 1.1 points out of a 4.0 system. Great job students, thank you, staff!
- FFA is getting teams ready for district and state contests and the NW Washington Fair. Layla Todd finished 1st with her Dairy Production Placement for District 1 and now goes to state FFA for judging.
- FBLA has lots of new members this year and they had to really think outside of the box to get their presentations prepared and delivered in a format that was completely new to all of them. They did it and
- Fisher wrapped up Reading Month with an amazing 117, 000 minutes of reading. That more than 81 days of straight reading if you read 24 hours a day. The top 2 winners each won a bike from the Ferndale/Lynden Masons. We had such a great time celebrating with trivia contests, book cover design contests, reading contests and a Character dress up day. now they will be preparing to do it again at the state level.
- BVE has 9 teachers trained in LTRS for phonemic awareness. The strategies learned and implemented have been transformational in teaching students to read and closing the achievement/reading gaps.
- 4th grade classes at BVE teamed up in the computer lab to create Power Point Presentations. The students used their new learnings from a 2 month, in depth study of Lewis and Clark's Expedition across the U.S. to create a slide show presentation about the journey! Each of the 10-15 slides had to contain a graphic and text. The students blew staff out of the water with their creativity, technical skills, and ability to synthesize the information that they learned. The best part was that they were so excited to share what they had created with their peers! Bravo to the 4th graders at BVE!

School Board President, Steve Jilk, requested to amend the Agenda to include an Executive Session. The Board of Directors agreed to amend the Agenda.

CJ Costanti motioned to approve the amended Agenda, David Vis seconded Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- March 25, 2021
- March 30, 2021

CJ Costanti motioned to approve the meeting minutes seconded by David Vis motion carried by voice vote.

4. Consent Agenda

- 2020-21 General Fund \$542,122.86 Warrants 159765 - 159847 dated April 15, 2021
- 2020-21 ASB Fund \$1,493.63 Warrants 159848 – 159852 dated April 15, 2021
- 2020-21 ACH General Fund \$2,627.71 Warrants 202100149 - 202100169 dated April 15, 2021
- 2020-21 ACH ASB Fund \$272.44 Warrants 202100170 - 202100173 dated April 15, 2021
- Personnel Action Items 4.22.21

CJ Costanti motioned to approve the consent agenda seconded by David Vis. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. Information from the Audience

- *Hailey Marti addressed the School Board of Directors regarding reopening of school protocols*
- *Doris Smith addressed the School Board of Directors regarding future choices in curriculum.*

6. Public Hearing

Capital Projects Extension

No comments were made during the public hearing.

7. Adjourn Public Hearing

Public Hearing Adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

8. Reports

Superintendent

- **Enrollment Boundary Adjustments**

David VanderYacht, Assistant Superintendent, spoke how over time our enrollment at our elementary schools have become unbalanced. David provided a summary of ways to potentially adjust boundaries to reduce enrollment at Isom Elementary and Bernice Vossbeck Elementary.

Teaching and Learning

- **Re-Opening/Recovery Planning**

Elizabeth Hamming shared plans for the 2021-2022 school year that will help identify student needs and address gaps that are evident in student learning. Elizabeth and principals will continue to work together and share updates as they get ready to re-open in the fall. Elizabeth shared how we will share re-opening plans with OSPI in academics and wellbeing tools.

Finance

- **Budget Update - March**

The Board reviewed information on the budget for March containing a summary of financial status, enrollment, general fund comparative, and revenues and expenditures.

9. Board Workshop

- **Strategic Priorities**

The Board reviewed an updated draft of the 2021-2024 Strategic Priorities and discussed as we move forward to next year to put a plan in place to identify steps of implementation aligned with the strategic priorities to ensure all students feel a sense of belonging, equity, closing achievement gaps, and preparing for life beyond high school.

- **Superintendent Transition**

Steve Jilk, Board President, and CJ Costanti, Board Director, provided information on their recent meetings with principals and district administration, and Northwest Leadership Associates. Jim Frey shared a draft timeline of the superintendent transition and the engagement with Northwest Leadership Association to recruit for an interim superintendent and then a permanent superintendent.

9. Action Items

- **Resolution No. 03-21 – Emergency Waiver of High School Graduation Credits**

The Board reviewed this procedure that prevents students from being impacted by unforeseen disruptions to coursework and assessments.

CJ Costanti motioned to approve Resolution No. 03-21 seconded by David Vis. Motion carried by voice vote.

- **Resolution No. 04-21 – Capital Projects Fund Extension**

The Board reviewed the required budget extension for levy projects.

CJ Costanti motioned to approve Resolution No. 04-21 seconded by David Vis. Motion carried by voice vote.

- **Resolution No. 05-21 – Establish Custodial Fund**

The Board reviewed the need to establish a custodial fund for a private purpose funds grant.

David Vis motioned to approve Resolution No. 05-21 seconded by CJ Costanti. Motion carried by voice vote.

- **Resolution No. 06-21 – Establish Imprest Checking Account**

The Board reviewed the need for an imprest checking account for Family Community Services.

David Vis motioned to approve Resolution No. 06-21 seconded CJ Costanti. Motion carried by voice vote.

10. Policy

11. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

12. Executive Session (30 minutes)

The Board discussed negotiation schedules and the process for superintendent search.

13. Adjourn Executive Session

Executive Session adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Jim Frey
Superintendent

Steve Jilk
President

LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lynden, WA
Personnel Recommendations
April 8, 2021
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New Hire, Certificated Personnel

Name	Location	Position	FTE	Effective	Comments

Change in Assignment, Certificated Personnel

Name	Location	Position	FTE	Effective	Comments
Ohligschlager, Amy	LMS	PE/Health Teacher	1.0	21.22 SY	.30 FTE added continuing
Baer, Ashley	Lynden Academy	Teacher	.60	21.22 SY	.30 FTE added continuing

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
Verhaaren, Ashley	Fisher	Teacher	1.0	4.12 – 6.16.21	Maternity Leave
VanderGriend, Alivia	BVE	Teacher	1.0	5.17 – 5.28.21	Unpaid leave of absence
VanBeek, Shelli	Fisher	Teacher	.40	21.222 SY	Unpaid leave of absence

Leave of Absence, Classified Personnel

Name	Location	Position	Hrs.	Effective	Comments

Resignations/Retirements/Terminations, Certificated Personnel

Name	Location	Position	FTE	Effective	Comments
Lee, Shirley	BVE	PE Teacher	.70	6.16.21	Retirement
Rogers, Jane	PS & LA	SLP	1.0	6.16.21	Retirement
Stevenson, Melissa	LMS	Sped Teacher	1.0	6.16.21	Resignation
Norman, Jarid	LMS	Teacher	1.0	4.1.21	On LOA, now resigning
Frey, James	District	Superintendent	1.0	6.30.21	Resignation

Resignations/Retirement/Terminations/Classified Personnel

Name	Location	Position	Hrs.	Effective	Comments
Oostra, Erica	Isom	Para Ed	6.0	6.16.21	Resignation
Varner, Elijah	LHS	Para Ed	6.0	6.16.21	Resignation
Gibb, Stephen	LHS	Para Ed	6.0	6.16.21	Retirement
Sandland, Michelle	Isom	Para Ed	6.0	4.21.21	Resignation
Parker, Judy	LMS	Noon Supv	1.5	6.16.21	Retirement
Swendt, Donna	Fisher	Office Personnel	8.0	6.23.21	Resignation

Supplemental Assignments

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Comments
Paoli, Megan	LHS	Asst Coach Fastpitch	3.22.21	Replaces Kleindell
Zoerink, Amber	LHS	Girls Asst Tennis Coach	3.22 – 5.7.21	Temporary replacement for Dickson/Eschbach
McKee, Travis	LHS	Girls Asst Tennis Coach	3.22 – 5.7.21	Leave replacement for Denniston
Newcomb, Timothy	LHS	Athletic Assistant	3.22 – 5.7.21	Girls Tennis
Varner, Elijah	LHS	Athletic Assistant	3.22 – 5.7.21	Track and Field
Polinder, Katie	LHS	Athletic Assistant	3.22 – 5.7.21	Girls Golf

Supplemental Resignations

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Comments
Eschbach, Isabelle	LHS	Asst Coach Girls Tennis	11.18.20	Resignation

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