



# LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Tradition + Pride + Excellence*

September 9, 2021

School Board Meeting

**Minutes**

8750 Line Rd., Lynden, WA

or

Via Phone Conference

**7:00 P.M.**

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

*Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M. Board Directors in attendance were Steve Jilk, CJ Costanti, Kelli Kettles and David Vis. Board Director, Brian Johson, was absent and excused.*

## **2. Oath of Office – Student Director, Grace Potter**

*Steve Jilk, Board President, administered the Oath of Office to Lynden High School student, Grace Potter. Grace will serve with the Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 school year.*

## **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- August 12, 2021

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

## **4. Consent Agenda**

- 2021-22 General Fund \$114,316.59 Warrants 161438 - 161446 dated August 16, 2021
- 2020-21 General Fund \$168,614.67 Warrants 161447 through 161505 dated August 16, 2021
- 2020-21 Capital Projects \$9,357.95 Warrants 161506 through 161507 dated August 16, 2021
- 2020-21 ASB Fund \$350.00 Warrants 161508 through 161508 dated August 16, 2021
- 2020-21 ACH General Fund \$189.71 Warrants 202100304 through 20210035 dated August 16, 2021
- 2021-22 General Fund \$654,729.73 Warrants 161544 through 161609 dated August 31, 2021
- 2020-21 Capital Projects \$511,057.89 Warrants 161610 through 161610 dated August 31, 2021
- 2020-21 ASB Fund \$3,634.34 Warrants 161611 through 161615 dated August 31, 2021
- 2020-21 ACH General Fund \$311.20 Warrants 202100306 through 202100307 dated August 31, 2021
- Payroll Direct Deposits \$1,667,548.48 dated August 31, 2021
- Payroll Taxes Transfers \$551,158.41 dated August 31, 2021
- Payroll Vendor DRS Transfer \$545,754.10 dated August 31, 2021
- Payroll Vendor Warrants \$581,871.39 Warrants 161509 through 161523 dated August 31, 2021
- Personnel Action Items 9.9.21
- Donations 9.9.21

*David Vis motioned to approve the consent agenda seconded by Kelli Kettels. Motion carried by voice vote.*

## 5. Information from the Audience

*Topics of discussion from the audience included: Need for more mask breaks; Want medical and religious exemptions accepted for all; Concerns of teaching Critical Race Theory (CRT); Overreach of teacher ideology asking students to use pronouns to identify themselves; Ask that the Board of Directors resign if they follow Governor Inslee's mandates; Board must fight against mandates and against CRT; Teachers should not be promoting vaccinations; Thanks to the Board for upholding state law and the mandates; Mission for schools is to educate; Reminder of literacy struggles for children; No locker use at LMS is unacceptable due to COVID; Lunch time at LMS is too short; Need of common sense when or when not to wear masks; Students treated like prisoners during mask breaks; Unfair to ask volunteers to vaccinate; Board followed constitution swearing in student director, not following constitution for others rights; Blatant disrespect from school board to respond to those who have written them; People will stand against the school board if they do not stand with their cause, vote school board out if they do not stand with them; Parent choices are being taken away; Need to show examples how to stand up for kids; Mask guidance from DOH is ineffective in wildfire smoke situations and COVID situations; People need to have a choice, board needs to make changes; Need to hear from lawyers that we can't go against Governor Inslee on parent choices; School board needs to answer to themselves on their choices; Standards of education are low; Masks are hard for children to learn; Issues with wearing masks on bus; Concern of BTO mentors not being able to volunteer; Student with special needs not given exemption on mask mandate.*

The Board agreed to move the topic – *Governors Order and Washington DOH Direction* up in the agenda.

## 6. Governors Order and Washington DOH Direction

*Steve Jilk read a statement comprised by the Board of Directors addressing the different views from the community on the mandates placed upon schools. The Board thanked the community for their input and for the hard work from the students, teachers, and parents to manage the requirements. The Board believes it is their responsibility to provide a healthy and safe learning environment for all students and to ensure that they are being responsible stewards of the resources provided to operate a financially healthy school system.*

*After the statement was read Director Kettels requested to draft a letter with Interim Superintendent, Mike Stromme, to Governor Inslee on behalf of the Board of Directors.*

*David Vis motioned to accept the statement seconded by CJ Costanti. Motion carried 3 to 1 voice vote.*

## 7. Reports

### Superintendent

- Enrollment

*Mike Stromme provided enrollment data for the current 2021-2022 school year comparative to previous years based on head count and FTE attendance.*

### Teaching and Learning

None at this meeting

### Finance

None at this meeting

## 7 Action Items

- **Interlocal Agreement – Multilingual Language Learner (MLL) – formerly ELL**

*David VanderYacht, Assistant Superintendent, provided information to the Board about the Agreement for these services.*

*CJ Costanti motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement seconded by Kelli Kettels. Motion carried by voice vote.*

- **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Four-Year Program Plan**

*Kent Victor, CTE Advisor, provided the Board with information about the CTE four-year plan for approval.*

*David Vis motioned to approve the CTE Plan seconded by CJ Costanti. Motion carried by voice vote.*

## 8. Policy – First Readings

*Policy #1822 – Training and Development for Board Members*

*Kelli Kettels requested a second reading on Policy #1822.*

*Policy #2108 – Learning Assistance Program*

*David Vis motioned to approve Policy #2108 seconded by CJ Costanti. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Policy #5011 – Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited*

*David Vis motioned to approve Policy #5011 seconded by CJ Costanti. Motion carried by voice vote.*

## 10. Adjourn Meeting

*Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.*

## 11. Executive Session (30 minutes)

*The Board was informed of negotiations with Service Employees International Union (SEIU).*

## 12. Adjourn Executive Session

*Executive Session adjourned at 9:55 P.M.*

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**Mike Stromme**  
**Interim Superintendent**

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**Steve Jilk**  
**President**

**LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Lynden, WA**  
**Personnel Recommendations**  
**September 9, 2021**

**New Hire, Certificated Personnel**

Name	Location	Position	FTE	Effective	Comments
Tomaszewski, Corinne	Fisher	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher	1.0	21.22 SY	Replaces Polinder
Brouwer, Shelby	LMS	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	1.0	8.30 – 12.17.21	Leave replacement for Farlow
Petersen, David	BVE	PE/Music Teacher	.80	21.22 SY	
Cardwell, McKenna	Fisher	K Teacher	.40	21.22 SY Only	Leave replacement for VanBeek
Vargas, Kelly	Fisher	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher	1.0	21.22 SY	
MacLean, Amanda	LMS	ELA/SS Teacher	1.0	8.30 – 12.17.21	Leave replacement for Welch

**Change in Assignment, Certificated Personnel**

Name	Location	Position	FTE	Effective	Comments
Hersom, Kacey	Fisher	PE/Music Teacher	.80	21.22 SY	Increase .20 FTE

**New Hire, Classified Personnel**

Name	Location	Position	Hrs.	Effective	Comments
Bowman, Shawna	Isom	Computer Tech	7.0	21.22 SY	Replaces Anderson
Cleverly, Carey	Transp	Bus Driver	TBD	21.22 SY	Replaces Lutts
Lyon, Annette	Transp	Bus Driver	TBD	21.22 SY	Replaces Stevenson
Robinson, Jeffrey	Transp	Bus Driver	TBD	21.22 SY	Replaces Horat
Kleindel, Mason	BVE	Noon Supv	3.5	21.22 SY	Replaces Burgin
Adams, Alicia	BVE	Noon Supv	3.5	21.22 SY	
Hanson, Tara	Pre Sch	Para Educator	4.7	21.22 SY	
Mason, Isaiah	LHS	Para Educator	6.0	21.22 SY	
Adam, Peter	Transp	Bus Driver	TBD	21.22 SY	
Bogaard, Laura	Fisher	Para Ed	6.0	21.22 SY	Replaces Allison
Segaar, Kristen	Fisher	Para Ed	6.0	21.22 SY	Replaces Roddy
Nelson, Tracy	LHS	Para Ed	6.0	21.22 SY	Replaces Vis
Putich, Rachel	Fisher	Para Ed	6.0	21.22 SY	Replaces Richardson
Tyler, Jill	Fisher	Noon Supv	3.50	21.22 SY	
Coffey, Andrea	CT	Para Ed	6.0	21.22 SY	Replaces Crass
Huebschwerlen, Sarah	LHS	Para Ed	6.0	21.22 SY	
Cunningham, Samantha	LMS	Para Ed	6.0	21.22 SY	Replaces Nydam
Bredeson, Martha	LMS	Para Ed	6.0	21.22 SY	Replaces Helgath
Putich, Daniel	LMS	Noon Supv	1.5	21.22 SY	Replaces Parker
Bosman, Jodi	Fisher	Para Ed	6.0	21.22 SY	Replaces Stitt
Spidell, Amber	District	COVID 19 Support	6.0	21.22 SY Only	New Position
Black, Brandyn	District	COVID 19 Support	7.0	21.22 SY Only	New Position

**Change in Assignment, Classified Personnel**

Name	Location	Position	Hrs.	Effective	Comments

**Leave of Absence, Certificated Personnel**

Name	Location	Position	FTE	Effective	Comments
Verhaaren, Ashley	District	TVI Teacher	.80	21.22 SY Only	.20 Personal Leave of Absence

**Leave of Absence, Classified Personnel**

Name	Location	Position	Hrs.	Effective	Comments
Cooper, Elizabeth	LMS	Para Ed	7.0	9.1 – 12.3.21	Unpaid medical leave
Gallegos, Gidget	Pre School	Para Ed	4.7	9.1 – 12.17.21	Unpaid medical leave
Carrillo Alvarez, Marlen	LMS	Office Personnel	6.0	9.1 – 10.22.21	Unpaid maternity leave

**Resignations/Retirements/Terminations, Certificated Personnel**

Name	Location	Position	FTE	Effective	Comments

**Resignations/Retirement/Terminations/Classified Personnel**

Name	Location	Position	Hrs.	Effective	Comments
Lafantasie, Kristin	LHS	Computer Tech	7.0	8.5.21	Resignation
Burgin, Kimberly	BVE	Noon Supv	2.75	8.9.21	Resignation
Brooks, Richard	LHS	Para Ed	6.75	8.13.21	Resignation
Black, Karole	Pre School	Para Ed	2.37	8.31.21	Resignation

**Supplemental Assignments**

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Comments
Smiley, Nicole	LHS	Girls Assistant Soccer Coach	8.23.21	Shared position with Holt
Dykstra, Jennifer	LMS	Fastpitch	8.30.21	Athletic Assistant
Shagren, Cauy	LHS	Asst Football Coach	8.30.21	Replaces Swendt
Hernandez, Anna	LMS	Cross Country	8.30.21	Athletic Assistant
Newcomb, Timothy	LHS	Tennis	8.23.21	Athletic Assistant

**Supplemental Resignations**

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Comments
Baldwin, Brent	LMS	Girls Basketball Asst coach	8.9.21	Resignation
Wittenberg, Jordan	LMS	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football Coach	8.23.21	Resignation
Gallegos, Sally	LHS	Wrestling Coach	8.27.21	Resignation
Gallegos, Elena	LHS/LMS	Wrestling Coach	8.27.21	Resignation

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