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La Vega I.S.D. Board of Trustees Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 21, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge and Mildred Watkins

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT – Larry Carpenter and Brenda Rocha

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT – Dr. Sharon M. Shields, Dr. Shaunte' Scott, Jamie White, Sandra Lopez, Chief Kerry Blakemore, Betty Bentura, and Allison Vrana,

OTHERS PRESENT – Attorney Buchanan from McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen and Dr. Ebony Cousins, La Vega Elementary new principal.

CALLED TO ORDER – Board President Raymond Koon established a quorum and brought the board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY – The Pledges of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag were led by Dr. Shaunte' Scott, Superintendent for Personnel and Administration.

APPROVED LISTING OF AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. Myron Ridge moved to approve the listing of agenda items, and Mr. Henry C. Jennings seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the items, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, and Mildred Watkins

RECOGNITION ITEMS – None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

SPECIAL REPORTS – Board Members received the following special report(s).

Superintendent's Information to the Board – Dr. Sharon M. Shields, Superintendent, updated the Board Members on Student Enrollment, calendar events, other miscellaneous information.

Texas Strategic Leadership End of Year Performance Report - Dr. Shields, Superintendent, updated the Board Members with the overview of student goals and next year goals.

La Vega Pirates Education Foundation Annual Report – Mrs. Allison Vrana, Executive Director of La Vega Pirates Education Foundation, updated the Board Members with Annual Report for 2025-2026 school year.

Annual Delinquent Tax Collections Report - Mrs. White, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Attorney Buchanan from McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen, gave the Board Members a brief report on the collection efforts for the 2026 tax year.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Mrs. Mildred Watkins moved to approve the listing of agenda items, and Mr. Myron Ridge seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the items, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, and Mildred Watkins

- the minutes for the June 16, 2026 regular board meeting
- the Optional Flexible School Day Attendance Application
- the monthly tax collection recap and report
- the Budget amendments as presented
- the Food Service Management Company Renewal (FSMC)
- the changes in the Employee Handbook

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS - The following items were considered, discussed, and/or approved by the Board of Trustees.

Approved Monthly Budget Analysis Report – Mrs. Mildred Watkins moved to approve the monthly budget analysis report, and Mr. Myron Ridge seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the monthly budget analysis report, as presented, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, and Mildred Watkins

Approved Refunding Parameter Order of Debt Services - Mr. Randy Devorsky moved to approve the motion, and Mrs. Mildred Watkins seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved all matters incident and related report to the issuance and sale of "La Vega Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, and Mildred Watkins

Teacher and Professional Employee Contract Recommendations – Mrs. Mildred Watkins moved to approve the motion, and Mr. Henry C. Jennings seconded the motion. The Board Members unanimously approved the teacher and professional employee contract recommendations of Arash Abmoussi, Devina Derrick, Dion Foster, Sha'Tavion London, Patricia Maler, Sara Massey, Rebecca Mitcham, Arelene Nixon, Alexia Perry, Randy Woolf, Jr.

ADJOURNMENT - Mrs. Mildred Watkins moved to approve the motion, and Mr. Henry C. Jennings seconded the motion. The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:18p.m. on July 21, 2026.

CLOSED MEETING – none

Date of Board Approval

President, La Vega I.S.D. Board of Trustees

Secretary, La Vega I.S.D. Board of Trustees