

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees La Vernia Independent School District

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of La Vernia ISD was held Monday, August 17, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM in the High School Cafeteria, 225 Bluebonnet Road, La Vernia, TX 78121.

Attendance:

Ryan Doege:	Present
Drew Herley:	Present
Stewart Krisch:	Present
Jimmy McFadin:	Present
Eryn Pierdolla:	Present
Shawn Strey:	Present
Jeff Towns:	Present

I. Call to Order, Quorum, Pledge, and Invocation – 6:30PM

As Stated on the Notice of Regular Meeting, the Board may convene into Closed Session at any time they deem necessary, under any applicable provision of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, including the provision permitting closed session consultation with legal counsel.

The Board President may elect to address any items listed on the Agenda in any sequence.

President Shawn Strey called the meeting to order at 6:30PM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. La Vernia High School Senior, Adelyn Scull, led in the Invocation.

II. Recognition

(1) National Debate UIL State Qualifiers

Mr. Noah Recker, UIL Coordinator

(2) State UIL Qualifiers

Mr. Noah Recker, UIL Coordinator

(3) FCCLA

Ms. Katie Scull, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, FCCLA Sponsor

III. Public Comment

No one signed up to speak.

IV. Board Member Welcome and Remarks

Trustee Dr. Eryn Pierdolla made the following comments.

- Wished students, staff, and families a successful school year.
- She acknowledged the ongoing construction and expressed excitement for the new facilities.
- She also emotionally thanked the district staff and community for their support following the recent passing of her mother.

V. Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Cone made the following remarks.

- Reported that student enrollment stood at 3,512, slightly above the budgeted 3,500.
- He noted shifts in enrollment across different campuses, with the high school seeing an increase of 72 students.
- Dr. Cone explained that numbers for special populations, such as Special Education and ESL, are currently lower than last year's final count but are expected to grow as student identification and testing processes are completed throughout the year.
- He also stated the district would be closely monitoring attendance, which is a key factor in state funding.

VI. 2026-27 Public Hearing on Tax Rate

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

The tax rate hearing was advertised in the Wilson County Newspaper on June 10, 2026. The public hearing was held on June 22, 2026. It was noted that the Board would adopt the tax rate after receiving certified values on July 25, 2026. The tax rate used to adopt the budget on June 22, 2026, is \$1.0519.

VII. Discussion and REPORT Items

(1) Bond 2023 Monthly Construction Update

Mr. Christian Cortes, Senior Project Manager, Bartlett Cocke and Mr. Alexander Ragland, Assistant Project Manager, Bartlett Cocke

(2) Discuss Utilization of Bond Savings for Adjacent Project Priorities.

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer and Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

VIII. Discussion and ACTION Items

(1) Pending Bond Payments over \$50,000

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer and Mr. Michael Rogers, Assistant Construction Manager, AG|CM

Reviewed with the Facilities Subcommittee on August 10, 2026. Ryan Doege and Jeff Towns were present, with Shawn Strey attending in place of Jimmy McFadin, who was unable to attend due to a work commitment.

A. AG|CM - Inv 13593 (\$104,076.25)

B. Bartlett Cocke - PA 23 R2 (\$3,305,846.00)

C. 3Sixty Integrated - PA 01 (\$250,800.00) Cameras

Ryan Doege moved to approve the bond payments over \$50,000 as presented. Stewart Krisch

seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Stewart Krisch, Passed.
Ryan Doege: Yea, Drew Herley: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla:
Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(2) ~~Pending Bond Proposal Requests over \$50,000~~

Mr. Michael Rogers, Assistant Construction Manager, AG|CM

- No pending bond proposal requests over \$50,000 presented.

(3) ~~Pending Bond Quotes over \$50,000~~

Mr. Michael Rogers, Assistant Construction Manager, AG|CM

- No pending bond quotes over \$50,000 presented.

IX. Discussion and REPORT Items

(1) Monthly Financial Report

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

(2) Policy 127 - Second Reading

Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

(3) Safety Audit

Mr. Howard Wilen, Director of Safety and Security

(4) La Vernia ISD Emergency Operations Plan 2026-2027

Mr. Howard Wilen, Director of Safety and Security

X. Discussion and ACTION Items

(1) Consent Agenda: Items to be approved in one all encompassing motion. If discussion is desired on a particular item, it will be removed from the consent agenda

A. Minutes of the July 20, 2026 Meeting

B. Minutes of the August 3, 2026 Meeting

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Jeff Towns seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Jeff Towns, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Drew Herley: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla:
Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(2) ~~Invoices over \$50,000~~

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Because the District receives invoices on an ongoing basis, this item serves as a placeholder should any qualifying invoices be received prior to the meeting.

If applicable, invoices requiring approval will be included in the Board book with a brief explanation and will be presented and discussed during the public Board meeting before action is taken.

- No invoices over \$50,000 presented.

(3) Approval of Property and Casualty Insurance for the 2026-27 School Year

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed with the Finance Subcommittee on August 10, 2026. Ryan Doege was in attendance. Stewart Kirsch was unable to attend. Shawn Strey attended in place of Jimmy McFadin, who was unable to attend due to a work commitment.

Jeff Towns moved to approve the property and casualty insurance as presented with option 2, not to exceed \$558,884 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Stewart Kirsch seconded. This motion, made by Jeff Towns and seconded by Stewart Kirsch, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Drew Herley: Yea, Stewart Kirsch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(4) Consideration and Possible Action to Adopt the 2026 Tax Rate

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Jimmy McFadin moved that the Board of Trustees approve and adopt the 2026 total tax rate of \$1.0519 per \$100 of taxable valuation, consisting of: \$0.6669 for Maintenance and Operations (M&O); and \$0.3850 for Interest and Sinking (I&S). The total tax rate of \$1.0519 is the same as the District's current tax rate. Ryan Doege seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin and seconded by Ryan Doege, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Drew Herley: Yea, Stewart Kirsch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(5) La Vernia ISD Resolution Authorizing Defeasance

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer and Mr. Eduardo Lopez, Senior Financial Analyst, Specialized Public Finance, Inc.

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the defeasance resolution as presented. Jeff Towns seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin and seconded by Jeff Towns, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Drew Herley: Yea, Stewart Kirsch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(6) Consider and Approve an Additional Teaching Unit at Intermediate

Ms. Shelley Keck, Executive Director of Human Resources

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the addition of a 3rd grade teaching unit at the Intermediate campus to stay within the TEA ratios of 22:1. Drew Herley seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin and seconded by Drew Herley, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Drew Herley: Yea, Stewart Kirsch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

XI. Adjourn – 8:28PM

Jeff Towns moved to adjourn the meeting. Drew Herley seconded. This motion, made by Jeff Towns and seconded by Drew Herley, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Drew Herley: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea