

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting - Public Hearing

The Board of Trustees La Vernia Independent School District

A Regular Board Meeting - Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of La Vernia ISD was held Monday, September 28, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM in the High School Cafeteria, 225 Bluebonnet Road, La Vernia, TX 78121.

Attendance:

Ryan Doege:	Absent
Drew Herley:	Absent
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, declared a quorum present, led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and led in the Invocation.

II. Public Comment

No one signed up to speak.

III. Board Member Welcome and Remarks

Trustee Stewart Krisch made the following remarks.

- Expressed appreciation for the community's small-town spirit and praised the well-rounded education provided by teachers and staff.
- Highlighted homecoming week activities, a successful fundraiser obstacle course, and strong engagement from coaches, teachers, parents, and students.

IV. Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Cone made the following remarks.

- Dr. Cone introduced monthly campus activity calendars for the board's reference, organized into two categories: District and campus events, and Athletic and fine arts events.
- He emphasized the routine monitoring of several key metrics:
 - **Enrollment:** The district is up by 14 students since the last month.
 - Primary: +8
 - Intermediate: +3
 - Junior High: +2
 - High School: +1
 - **Program Enrollment:** Corrections are being made as student records are processed. Examples include Special Education increasing from 561 to 604, with similar adjustments in GT, ESL, and Title I programs.
 - **Attendance:** There is a specific focus on improving senior attendance, which is currently below desired levels. Ongoing strategies are in place to encourage seniors' daily attendance.
- Dr. Cone noted plans to connect enrollment and attendance trends to their financial impacts in upcoming reports.
- He invited the board to provide input on any additional metrics or report enhancements they would like to see.

V. PUBLIC HEARING: Senate Bill 12 Compliance Certification

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT: Senate Bill 12 Compliance Certification

- No public comments were made.

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

VIII. Discussion and ACTION Items

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

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer and Ms. Catherine Blackler, Senior Project Manager, AG|CM

A. AG|CM - Invoice #13679 (\$78,805.50)

B. Arch Div 8 - Invoice #882231 (\$53,177.00)

C. Bartlett Cocke - PA#24 (\$2,602,901.00)

D. 3Sixty Integrated - PA #02 (\$161,532.67)

E. Meteor - Invoice #6460 (\$157,419.93)

F. Meteor - Invoice #6490 (\$76,841.13) Partial Inv

Jeff Towns moved that the Board approve the bond-related invoices exceeding the district's \$50,000 local approval threshold, as presented, and authorize payment from the appropriate bond funds.

Jimmy McFadin seconded. This motion, made by Jeff Towns and seconded by Jimmy McFadin, Passed.

Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

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

Ms. Catherine Blackler, Senior Project Manager, AG|CM

A. Bartlett Cocke - PR 79 (RCO 115) (\$63,822.00)

Jimmy McFadin moved that the Board approve the bond proposal request for PR#79, the gas line connection from the HS 400 to the HS Library, 100, 200, and 300, in the amount of \$63,822.00. Stewart Krisch seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin and seconded by Stewart Krisch, Passed.

Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

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

Ms. Catherine Blackler, Senior Project Manager, AG|CM

A. 3Sixty - 10741 (RCO03) (\$60,515.19)

B. Intech - Quote #448662 (\$62,870.00)

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the pending quotes over \$50k as presented. Stewart Krisch seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin and seconded by Stewart Krisch, Passed.

Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

IX. Discussion and REPORT Items

(1) Monthly Financial Report

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

(2) LVISD Excellence Plan: Progress & Updates

Ms. Andrea Carter, Executive Director of Student Services

A. Career & Technology

B. Transportation

C. Health & Counseling

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 August 17, 2026 Board Meeting

B. Approval of Board Policy Update 127

Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

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

Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(2) City of La Vernia Drainage Project

Morgen Gore, SW Engineers

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the City of La Vernia Drainage Project as presented, but allowing the

Superintendent to negotiate to enter into the final agreement upon consultation with the Board Facilities Sub-Committee. Jeff Towns seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin and seconded by Jeff Towns, Passed.

Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(3) Board Consideration/Approval of Procurement of Library Books

Ms. Dana Grubb, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Jeff Towns moved to approve the proposed list of new library materials as presented. Eryn Pierdolla seconded. This motion, made by Jeff Towns and seconded by Eryn Pierdolla, Passed.

Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(4) Approval of Senate Bill 12 Compliance Certification

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Jimmy McFadin moved that the Board approve the District's compliance with Senate Bill 12 requirements and authorize the Superintendent to certify to the Texas Education Agency that La Vernia ISD is in compliance with Texas Education Code Sections 11.005 and 28.0022, including the implementation of all required policies, procedures, employee notifications, and related compliance measures. Stewart Krisch seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin and seconded by Stewart Krisch, Passed.

Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

XI. Adjourn – 8:57PM

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

Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea