**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**

**The Board of Trustees**
**La Vernia Independent School District**

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A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of La Vernia ISD was held Monday, October 19, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM in the High School Cafeteria, 225 Bluebonnet Road, La Vernia, TX 78121.

Attendance:

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

I. **Call to Order, Quorum, Pledge, and Invocation – 6:32PM**

*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 6:32PM, declared a Quorum present and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **Recognition**

(1) Principal Appreciation Month

Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

III. **Public Comment**

- Emily Allred, Landry McQueen and Sage Meeks signed up to speak
    - FFA Agricultural Issues Forum presented by an FFA student group: Topic—Should major livestock shows impose stricter rules limiting professional involvement in junior livestock projects?

IV. **Board Member Welcome and Remarks**

President Shawn Strey made the following remarks.

- Election information:
    - Early voting started on 2026-10-19 and runs through 2026-10-30.
    - Early voting locations: Church of Christ; for Guadalupe County voters, New Berlin Community

Center.
    - Election Day is 2026-11-03. Encouragement for all to vote.

- Recognitions:
    - Principals: Appreciation for leadership contributing to LVISD's success.
    - Team Tennis: District champions; undefeated in district; bi-district win. Congratulations to Coach Recker and players.
    - Cross Country: District meet was held in Floresville the previous week; girls advanced to regionals. Jamie Bice was named girls district champion; regional meet on 2026-10-26 at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Shout-out to Coach Caughlin.
    - Marching Band: Straight 1s at region, qualifying for area; area contest on 2026-10-31 at Calallen. Congratulations to Mr. Atkins, directors, and students.

V. **Superintendent Remarks**

Dr. Cone made the following remarks.

- District calendar and events:
    - Four pages of upcoming events on campus webpages, categorized by district/campus and athletics/fine arts; frequently updated (example: "Fields of Faith" added for Friday).

- Attendance and enrollment data (2026-09-21 to 2026-10-26 snapshot):
    - District attendance 96.03% (prior year 95.7% during same period).
    - Year-to-date attendance 96.38%, up from last year; continued outreach with seniors.
    - Enrollment: 3,525 (no net change since last report); campus shifts: High School -4, Intermediate +1, Primary +3.
    - Program enrollment since last report: Title I up (paperwork processing), ESL up, GT slightly down (mobility-related), Special Education no change. Large swings could drive staffing/budget adjustments.

- Revenue and finance flow:
    - October is the first large property tax collection month; monitoring due to removal of early payment deductions. Expect clarity by the second week of November; some payments may shift to November/December. Limited impact anticipated on operating funds/bank balances (earning interest), but monitoring continues.
    - Foundation School Program payments: Large payment this month; typically no payments December-March; resume April-August with settle-up.
    - ASF payment example: $193,920 received this month; total expected around $2 million by year-end, timing uncertain.
    - Commitment to replace projections with actuals in monthly updates; transparency to enable timely belt-tightening if needed.

VI. **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

VII. **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. A3 Communications (3Sixty) - PA #03R ($97,883.97)

B. AG|CM - Invoice #13728 ($92,097.75)

C. Airgas - Invoice #9175798765 ($67,842.73)

D. Bartlett Cocke - PA #25 - ($2,855,952.00)

Ryan Doege 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. Drew Herley seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Drew Herley, Passed.
Ryan Doege: Yea, Drew Herley: Yea, Stewart Krisch: 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 #92 ($90,722.00) Tennis Court Lighting

Jeff Towns moved that the Board approve the bond proposal request for PR #92, tennis court lighting, in the amount of $90,722.00. Ryan Doege seconded. This motion, made by Jeff Towns and seconded by Ryan Doege, Passed.
Ryan Doege: Yea, Drew Herley: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

VIII. **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. La Vernia Primary School - Kelsi Powers

B. La Vernia Intermediate School - Amber Freeman

C. La Vernia Junior High School - Bryan Caughlin

D. La Vernia High School - Brandi Hanselka

IX. **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 September 28, 2026 Meeting

B. Minutes of the October 5, 2026 Meeting

Jeff Towns moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ryan Doege seconded. This motion, made by Jeff Towns and seconded by Ryan Doege, Passed.
Ryan Doege: Yea, Drew Herley: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(2) ESL Program Overview and Waiver Submission Approval

Ms. Linsay Humphrey, Bilingual Curriculum Specialist

Ryan Doege moved to approve the submission of the ESL Program Waiver to TEA for 2026-2027 as presented. Eryn Pierdolla seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Eryn Pierdolla, Passed.
Ryan Doege: Yea, Drew Herley: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

X. **Executive Session – 9:09PM**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.074

(1) Personnel

- At 9:08PM the Board moved into Executive Session.

XI. **Open Session – 9:41PM**

Reconvene in Open Session, and consider and take possible action on closed session agenda items:

- The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 9:41PM
- No action was taken on the items discussed during the Executive Session.

XII. **Adjourn – 9:42PM**

- The meeting was officially adjourned at 9:42PM.

Ryan Doege moved to adjourn the meeting. Stewart Krisch seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Stewart Krisch, Passed.
Ryan Doege: Yea, Drew Herley: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea