

## 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, May 19, 2025, 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, declared a quorum present and led in the Invocation.

#### **II. Recognition**

(1) Joel "Joey" Goode - Years of Service as a Member of the La Vernia ISD Board of Trustees

Mr. Shawn Strey, Board President

(2) Leadership Impact Award

Mr. Bryan McCaughlin, Junior High Principal

Celeste Nored - Junior High School

(3) High School Special Olympic Athletes

Ms. Morgan Land, Special Olympic Sponsor

(4) Theatre Arts - One Act Play

Mr. Matthew Scharff, Theatre Arts Teacher

(5) Band - Soloists and Ensembles

Mr. Patrick Atkins, Band Director

(6) Band - Winterguard

Mr. Patrick Atkins, Band Director  
(7) Tennis Team  
Ms. Rachael Goddard, Assistant Tennis Coach  
(8) Golf Team  
Mr. Kevin Schier, Head Tennis Coach

### **III. Public Comment**

Tommy Terry signed up to speak.

### **IV. Board Member Welcome and Remarks**

President Shawn Strey made the following remarks.

- Expressed gratitude to staff and parents for contributing to a successful school year, both academically and in extracurricular activities.
- Special thanks were extended to staff for:
  - Ensuring student safety on campus and during transportation.
  - Providing meals and healthcare to students.
- Staffing and Student Data:
  - Approximately 450 to 500 employees serve about 3,500 students.
- Congratulations and best wishes were offered to graduating seniors, who will be leaving La Verna in a few weeks.

### **V. Superintendent Remarks**

Dr. Hensley Cone's made the following remarks.

- Highlighted the community's support and the district's success.
- The Texas legislative session concludes on May 26th.
  - The superintendent has provided Board members with bill comparisons in the recent Friday report.
  - School finance is currently uncertain, with significant differences between Senate and House bills.
    - The district is hoping for a compromise that best meets La Verna's needs.
  - Teacher Compensation:
    - Teachers deserve raises due to increased inflation.
    - The state is responsible for funding, which is allocated on a per-student basis.
    - All districts, including La Verna, are facing deficit budgets, making adjustments to the basic allotment necessary.
  - The superintendent will continue to update the Board as new information becomes available.
    - Legislative budget board and other organizations provide frequent updates on the potential impact of proposed bills.
    - Financial projections for La Verna cannot be finalized until legislative outcomes are known.
  - Timeline:
    - The session officially ends on May 26th, but practical legislative activity may conclude earlier (possibly as early as Wednesday of that week).
    - There is a possibility of a special session, as occurred last year.

- Open Questions:
  - Whether the governor will call a special session to address school funding, as previously promised, remains uncertain.

## **VI. Discussion and REPORT Items**

(1) Child Nutrition Update: Transitioning away from National School Lunch Program at High School

Ms. Angela Rodriguez, Child Nutrition Director

(2) Bond 2023 Monthly Update

Ms. Catherine Blackler, Senior Project Manager, AG|CM and Mr. Christian Cortes, Senior Project Manager, Bartlett Cocke

## **VII. Discussion and ACTION Items**

(1) Pending Bond Payments

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

A. AG|CM - \$81,431.00

B. Bartlett Cocke - \$1,802,369.00

C. Terracon - \$6,610.00

D. Terracon - \$400.00

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the pending bond payments as presented. Ryan Doege seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin and seconded by Ryan Doege, 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

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

A. LVISD: PR 12 (RCO 17) - \$97,326.00

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Pending Bond Proposal Request 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

(3) Bond Contracts/PO's

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

A. South Texas Propane Proposal - \$ 140,019.42

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Bond Contracts/PO's for South Texas Propane - propane demolition and reinstall in the amount not to exceed \$140,019.42. 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

B. Woodson Construction/Dana E. Woodson (Storage Units) - \$7,800.00

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the Dana E. Woodson - Invoice #161258 - in the amount of \$7,800 for the 3 (three) storage units. Ryan Doege seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin and seconded by Ryan Doege, Passed.

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

## **VIII. Discussion and REPORT Items**

### **(1) Monthly Financial Report**

## **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 April 21, 2025 Meeting

B. Minutes of the May 12, 2025 Meeting

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

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

### **(2) Interlocal Agreement for K-9 Narcotics Detection**

Mr. Cliff Hill, Director of Safety & Security

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for K-9 Narcotics Detection and allow the Superintendent to finalize the details of the Interlocal Agreement. 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

### **(3) Reorganization of Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) and Diagnostician Services for the 2025-2026 School Year**

Ms. Johanna Hagen, Director of Special Education

Ryan Doege moved to approve reorganization of Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) and Diagnostician Services for the 2025-2026 School Year. Eryn Pierdolla seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Eryn Pierdolla, Passed.

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

### **(4) Reorganization of Autism Services for the 2025-2026 School Year**

Ms. Johanna Hagen, Director of Special Education

Jeff Towns moved to approve the reorganization of Autism Services for the 2025-2026 School Year. Jimmy McFadin seconded. This motion, made by Jeff Towns and seconded by Jimmy McFadin, Passed. Ryan Doege: Yea, Drew Herley: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

#### **X. Executive Session – 8:42PM**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074

##### **(1) Personnel**

Mr. Paul Goetzke, Executive Director of Human Resources

##### **A. General Personnel**

Mr. Paul Goetzke, Executive Director of Human Resources

##### **B. Administrative Contracts**

Mr. Paul Goetzke, Executive Director of Human Resources

#### **XI. Open Session – 9:48PM**

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

##### **(1) Personnel**

##### **A. Administrative Contracts**

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Administrative Contracts for the 2025-2026 school year 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

#### **XII. Adjourn – 9:49PM**

Ryan Doege moved to adjourn the meeting. 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