

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 18, 2025, beginning at 6:30 PM in the High School Cafeteria, 225 Bluebonnet Road, La Vernia, TX 78121.

Attendance:

Jeff Towns:	Absent
Ryan Doege:	Present
Drew Herley:	Present
Stewart Krisch:	Present
Jimmy McFadin:	Present
Eryn Pierdolla:	Present
Shawn Strey:	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. Trustee Jimmy McFadin led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Comment

No one signed up to speak.

III. Board Member Welcome and Remarks

Trustee Eryn Pierdolla made the following remarks.

- Welcome, everybody. As we kick off this new school year, I want to celebrate the incredible people who make our district shine. That is our hardworking staff, the dedicated families, and our amazing students.
- We are truly fortunate to be part of such a vibrant and supportive community that really pulls together to ensure our students' success. Yes, the start of the year has been a little crazy with traffic challenges and all, but I'm confident, with the teamwork of our city partners, our transportation department, our school leaders, we're going to keep making progress in the right direction.
- There's an extra buzz about everything right now, with football going on, cross-country meets, volleyball matches. There's so much more going on than athletic programs, but it's all kicking off to a great start.

- These events are a great opportunity to celebrate the talent, the dedication in our school, and they have a very unique way of bringing our community together. So let's make this year a great one filled with achievement, with fun, excitement, and pride for our whole entire community.

IV. Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Hensley Cone made the following remarks.

- I want to take a moment to reflect on our journey over the past two weeks.
- I'm thrilled to say that we're ready for the new year. We've successfully welcomed our students back to school, ensured they arrived safely, received nourishing meals, and we've returned them home in good spirits. I've always heard that if you get them here safely, feed them, get them home safely, that's a good start to setting the routine and getting through the first couple of days.
- As you may all have noticed, there's a lot of construction in full swing right now which has added some challenges. We also have a lot of new bus drivers taking on new routes and, each and every day, as new kids have gotten on the buses, their routes have adjusted a little bit over time. They seem to be making their routes safely, but they are getting quicker and quicker.
- I can also say that our high school kids, oh goodness, the number of breakfasts and the number of lunches that are being served are through the roof. We might not be perfect, but through the roof compared to the last couple of years. You walk in here at lunchtime, and you talk to those ladies when they have the doors open a few minutes before the kids come in, they're beaming with pride at what they're serving the kids. Their demeanor as a group of cafeteria ladies on this campus has just astronomically changed overnight because they take pride in the kids loving the food that they're serving them. That's working out really well.
- I just want to say thank you to everybody. We've had a good start to the year, and we look forward to having a great year, as Eryn said. So thank you all.

V. Discussion and REPORT Items

(1) Bond 2023 Monthly Update

Mr. Alexander Ragland, Assistant Project Manager, Bartlett Cocke

VI. 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 (\$112,117.75) 07.2025 BR

B. Bartlett Cocke (\$3,352,032) BR

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Pending Payments as presented. Jimmy McFadin seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Jimmy McFadin, Passed.

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

(2) Pending Bond Proposal Requests

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

A. ASI#11 - Primary School Natural Gas - \$77,213.00

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the Pending Bond Proposal requests 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

VII. Discussion and REPORT Items

(1) Monthly Financial Report

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

(2) First Reading - Emergency Operation Protocols

Mr. Cliff Hill, Director of Safety & Security

VIII. 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 21, 2025 Meeting

B. Minutes of the July 28, 2025 Meeting

C. Minutes of the August 4, 2025 Meeting

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

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

(2) Invoices over \$50,000

A. CTE Van

Ryan Doege moved to approve the purchase of the CTE van 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, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea

(3) Approval of Property and Casualty Insurance for the 2025-26 School Year

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Ryan Doege moved to approve the 2025-26 Property Casualty Coverage 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

(4) 2025-26 Public Hearing on Tax Rate

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

No action was taken.

(5) Consideration and Possible Action to Adopt the 2025 Tax Rate

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Ryan Doege moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.0519, which is effectively a -.69% percent increase in the tax rate. Drew Herley seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Drew Herley, Passed.

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

(6) Consideration and possible action to approve an Order of Election for a Voter Approval Tax Ratification Election (VATRE) to be held on November 4, 2025.

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Ryan Doege moved to approve the order of Election for a VATRE as presented and he further moved to authorize the Administration to take all steps necessary to ensure that such an election is conducted in accordance with law. Jimmy McFadin seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Jimmy McFadin, Passed.

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

(7) LVISD Fentanyl Awareness Curriculum

Ms. Alysha Evans, Health Services Coordinator

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Fentanyl Awareness Curriculum as presented. Jimmy McFadin seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Jimmy McFadin, Passed.

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

(8) Final Reading of Policy 125

Dr. Helen Whisenhunt, Chief Instructional Officer

Ryan Doege moved to approve Policy 125 as presented. Drew Herley seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Drew Herley, Passed.

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

IX. Adjourn – 7:45PM

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve to adjourn the meeting. Drew Herley seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin and seconded by Drew Herley, Passed.

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