

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, October 20, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM in the La Vernia High School - 500 Building Conference Room, 225 Bluebonnet Road, La Vernia, TX 78121.

Attendance:

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

I. Call to Order, Quorum, Pledge, and Invocation – 5:00PM

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 5:00PM, declared a quorum present, led in the Pledge of Allegiance and led in the Invocation.

II. Recognition

(1) Principal Appreciation Month

Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

III. Public Comment

No one signed up to speak.

IV. Board Member Welcome and Remarks

President Shawn Strey made the following remarks.

- I'd like to take the time to once again recognize the Principals of our campuses for what they do for our students and our staff. We appreciate all that they do for La Vernia and for the community.
- The school is a direct reflection on our community, and we have this growth because of the school, and we

have the growth in the school because of the good people that do the job here at La Vernia.

- I want to give a shout-out to some teams that are doing well. The tennis team had a great season. They won two rounds in the playoffs, won the district title, and lost a close third-round match to Fredericksburg. There are some cross-country kids running in the regional tomorrow down in Corpus. The volleyball team, I believe, has already won district with two games to go because of our lead. The football team is in a really good place right now.
- We're looking for good things to happen in La Vernia in the next 45 days with many things still going on. Hopefully, at the next board meeting we'll have more good news to share thanks to the people who make that possible. It's the students, it's the teachers, it's the coaches, it's the parents at home.
- I just want to say thanks to everybody for making this the place that it is.

V. Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Hensley Cone made the following remarks.

- We're going to keep it to an hour. It's going to be short.
- There are a lot of people from the outside world who don't realize that within schools there's a microclimate; the mood, how tired we are and how cheerful we are, does this throughout the year, right?
- We're getting to one of those times where people are usually tired, and they're done. The year has set in, they were all happy, and then it goes back down. It's not that way around here.
- I've seen some happy people that are pushing past that, and maybe they'll make it all the way to Thanksgiving and Christmas and never have that dip down in tiredness and cheerfulness. But that is the case. That exists.
- We've got great people, and they're pushing through, and they're doing great things with their kids. Even when they're tired, they smile, and they're happy, and they do great things. It's a great place to work.

VI. Discussion and ACTION Items

(1) Personnel Recommendations: Approval of New Hires

Mr. Paul Goetzke, Executive Director of Human Resources

A. Director of Safety and Security

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the hire of Howard Wilen as the Director of Safety and Security as presented. Ryan Doege seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin and seconded by Ryan Doege, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea

B. Executive Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Student Programs

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve Margaret Bray as the Executive Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Student Programs. Eryn Pierdolla seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin and seconded by Eryn Pierdolla, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea

VII. Discussion and REPORT Items

(1) Bond 2023 Monthly Update

Mr. Christian Cortes, Senior Project Manager 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

B. Bartlett Cocke

Ryan Doege moved to approve the invoices over \$50,000 as presented. (AGCM - \$86,194.35 and Bartlett Cocke - \$3,149,146.00). Jimmy McFadin seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Jimmy McFadin, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea

(2) Pending Bond Proposal Requests

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

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Proposal Requests as presented. (PR #28 HS Front Sidewalk - \$181,835.00 and PR #36 JH Sewer - \$67,569.89) Jimmy McFadin seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Jimmy McFadin, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea

IX. Discussion and REPORT Items

(1) Monthly Financial Report

September 2025 Recap

Revenue:

State Revenue: We received a \$5M Foundation Payment for the 2025-26 fiscal year, which is customary for our District.

Expenditures:

Insurance policies were paid, you will see an increase in the 64xx object code and function 51 due to the timing of this expense.

(2) Discussion and review of the FY 2024–25 audit report, including discussion of a prior period adjustment related to FY 2023–24

Mr. Karl Goering, CPA - Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates

(3) Appointment of IPM Coordinator (Integrated Pest Management)

Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

IPM Coordinator (Integrated Pest Management) – Rory Haecker

TAC Rule 7.201 (2) Each school district superintendent shall appoint an IPM Coordinator(s) to implement

the school district's IPM Program. Not later than 90 days after the superintendent designates or replaces an IPM Coordinator(s), the school district must report to the Texas Department of Agriculture the newly appointed coordinator's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and the effective date of appointment. A school district that appoints more than one IPM Coordinator shall designate a Responsible IPM Coordinator who will have overall responsibility for the IPM program and provide oversight of subordinate IPM Coordinators regarding IPM program decisions.

For additional information, please refer to the Legal and Local Policy **CLB — Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment Management: Maintenance.**

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 September 22, 2025 Meeting

B. Minutes of the October 13, 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, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea

(2) Invoices over \$50,000

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

There were no invoices over \$50,000 to report.

(3) 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 2025-2026 as presented. Jimmy McFadin seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Jimmy McFadin, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea

(4) Wilson County Appraisal District - Appointment of Board of Directors for the Years 2026 & 2027

Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

Jimmy McFadin moved to appoint Anna Virdell for Director on the Wilson County Appraisal District for the Years 2026 & 2027. Ryan Doege seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin and seconded by Ryan Doege, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea

XI. Adjourn – 6:13PM

Ryan Doege moved to adjourn the meeting. Eryn Pierdolla seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Eryn Pierdolla, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea