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, June 22, 2026, 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, 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 Jimmy Mcfadin made the following remarks.

- Celebrated a "remarkable" year across academics and athletics, with several record-setting sports seasons.
- He praised district-wide program performance and highlighted progress on the new junior high facility and CTE building, crediting strong community support from the 2023 bond.
- He noted the short summer break, preparations underway for the new school year, and anticipates robust enrollment and continued momentum into the next year.

IV. **Superintendent Remarks**

Dr. Cone made the following remarks.

- Reflected on the 2025-2026 school year and simultaneous planning for 2026-2027, including July adoptions (e.g., handbooks).
- Emphasized the budget as a statement of district priorities, especially for staff and student support.
- Outlined fiscal pressures such as inflationary costs (diesel, electricity, instructional materials, insurance), safety needs, and raises without commensurate state funding increases.
- Stressed the importance of avoiding deficit spending to preserve financial health and noted the failed Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) increased strain, limiting flexibility to fund items like salary increases for non-TIA positions and long-term maintenance not fully covered by the bond.
- Praised 2023 bond projects and their impact, especially the replacement of deteriorated junior high spaces.
- He announced enhanced transparency and data reporting for 2026-2027, including:
  - Campus-level student data reports three times per year (BOY, MOY, EOY) with progress, demographics, class sizes, and curriculum details.
  - Departmental health reports (safety, maintenance, transportation, athletics, CTE) three times per year with metrics on enrollment, performance, and program indicators.
- Introduced the Bear Country Leadership Academy, a community leadership cohort designed to build understanding of district finance, curriculum, and operations. The program will involve approximately eight meetings over the year, led by district leaders, and will require participants to complete projects and a campus service project before being recognized by the Board. A student-focused component is also in development.

V. **PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed 2026-2027 Budget**

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

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. AG|CM - Inv #13468 ($84,885.44)

B. Bartlett Cocke - PA #20 ($2,582,916.00) Draft Not to Exceed

C. Bartlett Cocke - PA #21 ($914,534.00) Partial Retainage

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Pending Bond Payments over $50,000 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

(2) Pending Bond Proposal Requests

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

A. PR #24R2 - ($57,794.00) HS Administration Lobby

B. PR #46 - ($61,720.00) HS FF&E - HS Training Center

C. PR #80 - ($88,309.00) HS Training Center and HS Band Hall

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the Pending Bond Proposals 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

(3) Pending Bond Quotes over $50K

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

A. ~~Intech Quote #447160 ($73,419.00) Switches - Technology, Security and Access Control Upgrade (Central, Support, HS & JH)~~

This item is being pulled for approval - there will be one last review to include PA system.

B. Meteor Education Quote #Q-08609-1, Q-08715-1, Q-12071-2 ($952,033.48) Junior High FF&E

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the Pending Bond Quotes over $50,000 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

VIII. **Discussion and REPORT Items**

(1) Monthly Financial Report

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Monthly Financial Report Summary — No concerns.

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 May 18, 2026 Meeting

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. 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, Jeff Towns: Yea

(2) Juvenile Justice Alternative Program (JJAEP) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement 2026-2027

Mr. Howard Wilen, Director of Safety and Security

Jeff Towns moved to approve the JJAEP Interlocal Cooperation Agreement 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

(3) 2026-2027 Compensation Plan

Ms. Shelley Keck, Executive Director of Human Resources

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the 2026-2027 La Vernia ISD Compensation Plan as presented, including final compensation alignment between the Girls Athletic Director and Boys Athletic Director positions. 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

(4) 2026-2027 Budget Adoption

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Ryan Doege moved to adopt the Fiscal 2026-2027 budgets for Fund 199 - General Fund, Fund 599 - Debt Service, and Fund 240 - Food Service Fund 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

(5) Consider and Approve Budget Amendments for 2025-2026

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 end of the year budget amendments 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, Jeff Towns: Yea

(6) Invoices over $50,000

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Ryan Doege moved to approve the invoice to First Financial Bank for the Scoreboard in the amount of $57,298.25 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, Jeff Towns: Yea

(7) Donation over $50,000

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Ryan Doege moved to approve the acceptance of a $150,000 donation from CPS Energy to establish a scholarship fund for students pursuing trade or technical education after high school and authorize the administration to develop and administer the scholarship program. 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, Jeff Towns: Yea

(8) Consideration and Approval of Budgeted Expenditures by Vendor Exceeding $50,000

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Ryan Doege moved to approve the list of vendors with anticipated aggregate expenditures of $50,000 or more for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 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, Jeff Towns: Yea

(9) Discuss and take action on appointing Dawn Polasek Barnett, Wilson County Tax Assessor Collector

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve Dawn Polasek Barnett as the 2026 Tax Assessor-Collector and designated officer to calculate the "no-new revenue tax rate" for the La Vernia Independent School District. Eryn Pierdolla seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin 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

(10) Nominate a Delegate to TASB Delegate Assembly

Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

No action was taken.

X. **Adjourn – 8:00PM**

Jeff Towns moved to adjourn the meeting. Ryan Doege seconded. This motion, made by Jeff Towns 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