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, July 20, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM in the High School Cafeteria, 225 Bluebonnet Road, La Vernia, TX 78121.

Attendance:

Eryn Pierdolla:	Absent
Ryan Doege:	Present
Drew Herley:	Present
Stewart Krisch:	Present
Jimmy McFadin:	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 Pledge of Allegiance. Masyn Morrow, La Vernia High School Senior and FFA Area VII 1st Vice President, led in the Invocation.

II. **Recognition**

(1) FFA State Qualifiers

Ms. Claire Golden, Ms. Erica McMurray, Ms. Aerin Schulze, Ms. Jesica Thornburgh, Mr. Michael Wallace - AG/FFA Sponsors

III. **Public Comment**

No one signed up to speak.

IV. **Board Member Welcome and Remarks**

Trustee Ryan Doege made the following remarks.

- Noted that the new school year is approximately two weeks away, with teachers returning at the end of the week of July 20, 2026, or early the following week.

- Highlighted student summer activities, ongoing construction projects, and the recent beam signing, expressing enthusiasm for the upcoming school year.

V. **Superintendent Remarks**

Dr. Hensley Cone

Dr. Cone made the following remarks.

- Extended condolences on behalf of the Administration on the passing of Trustee Eryn Pierdolla's mother.
- Provided a construction update, noting that recent heavy rains created delays with the back parking lot, but crews from AGCM, Bartlett, and the maintenance and operations team are working to provide a driveable surface before students return.
- Expressed appreciation for collaborative problem-solving among all construction teams and staff, and noted excitement about upcoming instructional planning and monitoring initiatives.
- Emphasized openness to follow-up questions and deeper discussion at the next meeting.

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 - Invoice #13531 ($93,813.25)

B. Bartlett Cocke - PA #22 ($2,695,529.00)

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Pending Bond Payments over $50,000. Stew 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, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(2) Pending Bond Proposal Requests over $50,000

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

A. PR #78 ($97,434.50) JH Instrument Storage ($75,000 - Instrument Storage Allowance/$37,867.50 OC)

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Pending Bond Proposal Requests over $50,000,00 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, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(3) Pending Bond Quotes over $50,000

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

A. Airgas Quote $67,697.03 - Miller Welders

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Pending Bond Quotes over $50,000.00 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, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

VIII. **Discussion and REPORT Items**

(1) Monthly Financial Report

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

(2) Policy 127 - First Reading

Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

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 June 22, 2026 Meeting

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the Consent Agenda 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, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(2) Approval of 2026-2027 Child Nutrition Meal Rates

Ms. Angela Rodriguez, Child Nutrition Director

Jeff Towns moved to approve the proposed meal prices for the 2026-2027 school year 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, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(3) Invoices over $50,000

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

- Because the District receives invoices on an ongoing basis, this item serves as a placeholder should any qualifying invoices be received prior to the meeting.
- If applicable, invoices requiring approval will be included in the Board book with a brief explanation and will be presented and discussed during the public Board meeting before action is taken.
- There were no invoices for approval.

(4) Approval of 2026-2027 Student Accident Insurance

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Ryan Doege moved to approve the purchase of Student Athletic Accident Insurance through the Brokerage Store for the 2026-2027 school year. 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, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(5) Consider and Approve Request for Qualifications for Insurance Consultant/Broker

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Stewart Krisch moved to approve McGriff, Marsh & McClennan Agency LLC as the District's Insurance Broker and Consultant to provide insurance consulting and brokerage services for La Vernia ISD. Jeff Towns seconded. This motion, made by Stewart Krisch and seconded by Jeff Towns, Passed.
Drew Herley: Nay, Ryan Doege: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(6) 4-H Eligibility

Ms. Margaret Bray, Executive Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Student Programs

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Texas A&M AgriLife 4H Club - Wilson and Guadalupe Counties as an extracurricular activity, 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, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(7) T-TESS Appraisers and Calendar

Ms. Shelley Keck, Executive Director of Human Resources

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the Texas Teacher Evaluation System (T-TESS) appraisers and the T-TESS appraisal calendar for the 2026-2027 school year 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, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(8) 2026-2027 LVISD Employee Handbook

Ms. Shelley Keck, Executive Director of Human Resources

Jeff Towns moved to approve the 2026-2027 Employee Handbook 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, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(9) 2026-2027 LVISD Academic Excellence Plan

Ms. Andrea Carter, Executive Director of Student Services

Jeff Towns moved to approve the 2026-2027 LVISD's Academic Excellence plan 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, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(10) 2026-2027 LVISD Elementary and Secondary Student Handbooks

Ms. Andrea Carter, Executive Director of Student Services

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the 2026-2027 LVISD Elementary and Secondary Student Handbooks as presented. Jeff Towns seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin and seconded by Jeff Towns, Passed.
Ryan Doege: Yea, Drew Herley: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(11) 2026-2027 LVISD Student Code of Conduct

Ms. Andrea Carter, Executive Director of Student Services

Ryan Doege moved to approve the 2026-2027 LVISD Student Code of Conduct 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, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(12) 2026-2027 LVISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct

Ms. Andrea Carter, Executive Director of Student Services

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the 2026-2027 LVISD Extracurricular Student Code of Conduct 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, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(13) Endorse a Candidate to the TASB Board of Directors

Mr. Shawn Strey, Board President

Ryan Doege moved to endorse the candidacy of Ginger Friesenhahn, nominated to fill a position on the TASB Board of Directors. 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, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

X. **Executive Session – 8:58PM**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072, 551.074

(1) Guardian Program Status Update

Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

(2) Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

(3) Personnel

Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

XI. **Open Session – 9:57PM**

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

(1) Consider and take possible action regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

- No action was taken.

XII. **Adjourn – 9:57PM**

Jimmy McFadin moved to adjourn the meeting. 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, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea