

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, March 23, 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, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jody Odom, Head Wrestling Coach and FCA Sponsor, led in the Invocation.

II. Recognition

(1) Western Art Winners/VASE/Scholastic Art/Battle of Flowers

Ms. Jenean Mills, Fine Arts Coordinator

~~(2) Athletic Trainers~~

~~Mr. Brian Null, Athletic Director~~

(3) Swimming

Ms. Danielle Coleman, Coordinator of Girls Athletics

(4) Wrestling Team

Mr. Jody Odom, Head Wrestling Coach

(5) Varsity Girls Basketball Team

Mr. David Hill, Head Girls Basketball Coach

(6) Varsity Boys Basketball Team

Mr. John Ince, Head Boys Basketball Coach

III. Public Comment

Jana Presley signed up to speak.

IV. Board Member Welcome and Remarks

Trustee Stewart Krisch made the following remarks.

- Commended the district's student-athletes for their accomplishments and highlighted the importance of their conduct on and off the field.
- He noted the numerous "academic all-state" and "academic all-district" honors, emphasizing that academic success is as crucial as athletic achievement.
- He also praised the students' artwork, concluding that student success reflects the hard work of everyone in the district.

V. Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Hensley Cone made the following remarks.

- Announced the upcoming "Bear Country Leadership Academy" for the 2026-2027 school year.
- The academy will educate a select group of 20–25 community and business leaders on district operations, finances, challenges, and goals through six to eight sessions.
- The program aims to create informed advocates and potential future leaders for the district, culminating in a capstone service project.

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 #13240 (\$87,062.00)

B. Architectural Div 8 - Invoice #878893 (\$172,568.17)

C. Bartlett Cocke - PA #17 (\$1,635,050.00)

~~D. FELPS - WO #6547 (\$100,272.10)~~

The administration requested to table a payment to FELPS for \$100,272.10. It was determined that a portion of the cost was for future infrastructure upgrades not directly related to the district's project. The district is negotiating for a fairer cost.

Ryan Doege moved to approve Items A, B and C. 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 #53 - Intermediate, Primary - RCO #79 (\$64,975.00)

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve PR #53, which is Intermediate and Primary campus sidewalks in the amount of \$64,975.00. 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. Invoices over \$50,000~~

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

IX. Discussion and REPORT Items

(1) Monthly Financial Report

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

Executive Summary:

General Fund (199): A notable increase in Function 71 expenditures reflects the scheduled loan payment to Performance Services. No other significant increases in expenditures or revenues have been identified at this time.

Debt Service(599): The scheduled debt service payment was due in February and has been paid accordingly.

(2) Financial Update: 2025–2026 Budget Status and 2026–2027 Budget Development

Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

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 February 16, 2026 Meeting

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Consent Agenda 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) Proposed Junior High and High School Dismissal Time for the 2026-2027 School Year

Ms. Brandi Hanselka, High School Principal and Mr. Bryan Caughlin, Junior High Principal

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Proposed Junior High and High School Dismissal Time for the 2026-2027 School Year 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

(3) Approve Recommended E-Rate Provider

Mr. Alex Ramirez, Director of Technology

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Erate Project 2026-2027- Upgrade of Network Infrastructure, Access Points at new additions to Junior High and High School, Vendor Selection, payment 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

(4) Board Consideration/Approval of Procurement of Library Books

Ms. Dana Grubb, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the proposed list of new library materials 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

(5) Policies Update - Second Reading

Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

A. Policy 126 Update

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Policy 126 Update 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

B. CCGA (Local) - Ad Valorem Taxes: Exemptions and Payments

Ryan Doege moved to **remove the discount section of CCGA (Local) Policy** as discussed. 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

~~(6) Interlocal Agreement and Drainage Easement — City of La Vernia~~

There was no Interlocal Agreement and Drainage Easement - City of La Vernia to be presented.

XI. Executive Session – 8:00PM

(1) Personnel

A. Administrative Contracts for 2026-2027

B. Transportation Coordinator

C. Custodial Supervisor

XII. Open Session – 9:02PM

(1) Personnel

A. Administrative Contracts for 2026-2027

B. Transportation Coordinator

C. Custodial Supervisor

Ryan Doege moved to approve Item XII A, B, and C as discussed in closed session. 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

XIII. Adjourn – 9:03PM

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