

## Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

### The Board of Trustees La Vernia Independent School District

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A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of La Vernia ISD was held Monday, April 20, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM in the High School Cafeteria, 225 Bluebonnet Road, La Vernia, TX 78121.

#### Attendance:

Drew Herley:	Absent
Ryan Doege:	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. Trustee Jimmy McFadin led in the Invocation.

#### **II. Recognition**

(1) Bus Driver of the Year

Mr. Brandon Mills, Director of Operations

Roger McNew has been selected by his peers as Bus Driver of the Year for the 2025-26 School Year.

(2) Athletic Trainers

Mr. Brian Null, Athletic Director and Ms. Leah Nickell, Athletic Trainer

(3) Varsity Girls Soccer

Ms. Season Caughlin, Head Girls Soccer Coach

(4) Varsity Boys Soccer

Mr. Manuel Amador, Head Boys Soccer Coach

#### **III. Public Comment**

No one signed up to speak.

#### **IV. Board Member Welcome and Remarks**

President Shawn Strey made the following remarks.

- Noted the upcoming graduation ceremonies and the many celebrations for student accomplishments over the next 45 days.
- Congratulated the students on reaching this milestone and preparing for the next journey in their lives.
- Shifted focus to the future, observing that the graduating class of 2039 would be enrolling in August 2026.
- Acknowledged the community's concern, particularly on social media, regarding a new planned development and the fear of losing the "small community" feel.
- Drew a parallel to past growth, noting that he felt the community changed years ago with the arrival of new neighborhoods, but it was not the end of the world. He reassured the community that La Vernia has managed growth before and will do so again.
- Emphasized that the district's quality is what attracts new residents, and the people who have moved to the area have been a positive addition.
- Commended past and present school employees, board members, and community members for their role in the school's success, which has been central to the town's thriving status.
- Urged the community not to worry about the next phase of growth, expressing confidence that the right people will be in place to manage it successfully.
- Recalled that the district grew by approximately 100 students per class between 2000 and 2015 and that the current growth is just another phase.

#### **V. Superintendent Remarks**

Dr. Cone made the following remarks.

- Followed up on the theme of growth, noting that the community's support for campus additions has created space for the incoming students.
- Reflected on the district's many positives, including recent student and teacher celebrations, such as the 48 teachers set to receive TIA funding.
- After attending meetings with other superintendents, he concluded that La Vernia ISD is in an excellent position with "great kids, great parents, a great community, and great teachers."
- He stressed the importance of being thankful and continuing to build a legacy that is even better than what they inherited.

#### **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 #13300 (\$83,836.35)

**Executive Summary:**

This invoice reflects a slight reduction attributable to vacation days taken by AGCM staff. The 17-hour workday reported by Mr. Nu'u has been verified; he began work early to oversee a scheduled concrete pour.

B. Bartlett Cocke - PA #18 (1,920,302.00)

C. FELPS - WO #6547 (\$77,297.51)

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, 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

(2) 2026-2027 Budget Update

Ms. Belinda Randl, Chief Financial Officer

(3) District Strategic Plan

Ms. Andrea Carter, Executive Director of Student Services

(4) Report of Trustees Training Hours

Mr. Shawn Strey, Board President

**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 March 23, 2026 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, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(2) 2026-2027 School Board Meeting Dates

Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

Ryan Doege moved to approve the LVISD 2026-2027 Board meeting dates as presented. Eryn Pierdolla seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Eryn Pierdolla, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(3) Interlocal Agreement for K-9 Narcotics Detection

Mr. Howard Wilen, Director of Safety and Security

Jeff Towns moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for K-9 Narcotics Detection and allow the Superintendent to finalize the details of the Interlocal Agreement. Ryan Doege seconded. This motion, made by Jeff Towns and seconded by Ryan Doege, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(4) 2026-2027 Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials

Ms. Dana Grubb, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Ryan Doege moved to approve and certify the Provision of Instructional Materials for 2026-2027. Jimmy McFadin seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Jimmy McFadin, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(5) Professional Learning Plans 2026-2027

Ms. Dana Grubb, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the Professional Learning Plan for 2026-2027 as presented. Jeff Towns seconded. This motion, made by Jimmy McFadin and seconded by Jeff Towns, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(6) SB 546 - 89th Legislature Bus Seat Belts

Mr. Brandon Mills, Director of Operations

**Executive Summary:**

La Vernia Independent School District (LVISD) currently has 14 buses that will require retrofitting in order to meet the compliance requirements of Senate Bill 546 by September 2029. A detailed cost estimate is provided in the attached quote.

Ryan Doege moved that the Board of Trustees direct the Superintendent to develop a fiscally responsible plan to retrofit district school buses to achieve compliance with SB546, to identify and pursue available grant funding opportunities, and to return to the Board with a recommendation once guidance is provided by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) regarding grant opportunities or other alternative funding sources beyond the use of fund balance. Jimmy McFadin seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Jimmy McFadin, Passed. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Jimmy McFadin, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

**X. Executive Session – 8:04PM**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.0821

(1) Non-Administrative Contracts

Dr. Cone, Superintendent

(2) Athletics Restructuring

Dr. Cone, Superintendent

(3) Transportation Coordinator

Dr. Cone, Superintendent

(4) Guardian Applications

Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

## **XI. Open Session – 9:20PM**

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

(1) Non-Administrative Contracts

Dr. Cone, Superintendent

Jimmy McFadin moved to approve the Non-Administrative Contracts 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, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(2) Athletics Restructuring

Dr. Cone, Superintendent

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Athletics Restructuring as presented in the closed session. Jeff Towns seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Jeff Towns, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

(3) Transportation Coordinator

Dr. Cone, Superintendent

Jimmy McFadin noted that he doesn't believe we are in a financial position, as a district, to be adding administrative personnel unless it's something that is required by the State because of student enrollment and those kinds of things. However, it's been shown that this position is not going to have an economic impact on the district.

Ryan Doege moved to approve the Transportation Coordinator as presented in closed session. Stewart Krisch seconded. This motion, made by Ryan Doege and seconded by Stewart Krisch, Passed.

Ryan Doege: Yea, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea

## **XII. Adjourn – 9:23PM**

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, Stewart Krisch: Yea, Jimmy McFadin: Yea, Eryn Pierdolla: Yea, Shawn Strey: Yea, Jeff Towns: Yea