

**Notice of Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
October 20, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on October 20, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM, in the Administration Building, 400 East Loop 340, Waco, TX 76705.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. For more information about public comment, see Policy BED. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

- I. Board Goals -- Board President
- II. Roll Call, Establishment of Quorum, and Call to Order -- Board President
- III. Opening Ceremony -- Board President
- IV. Consider Listing of Agenda Items -- Board President
- V. Recognition Items -- Board President and Dr. Sharon M. Shields
 - A. Mandated Dates -- Dr. Sharon M. Shields
 - B. La Vega ISD Child Nutrition Department - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Pear-fection Award -- Mrs. Jamie White
- VI. Public Participation -- Board President and Dr. Sharon M. Shields
- VII. Special Reports -- Dr. Sharon M. Shields
 - A. Superintendent's Report -- Dr. Sharon M. Shields
 - 1. Student Enrollment Update -- Dr. Sharon M. Shields
 - 2. Calendar of Events -- Dr. Sharon M. Shields
 - 3. Principals Fall Report -- Dr. Sharon M. Shields
 - 4. Construction Updates -- Mr. Todd Gooden
- VIII. Consider Consent Agenda Items -- Board President
 - A. Minutes for Meetings Held -- Ms. Betty Bentura
 - B. Resolution to Declare a Good Cause Report -- Dr. Sharon M. Shields
 - C. Consider Band Equipment Purchase -- Mrs. Jamie White
 - D. Consider Monthly Tax Collection Recap and Report -- Mrs. Jamie White
 - E. Consider Budget Amendments -- Mrs. Jamie White
 - F. Consider Quarterly Investment Report -- Mrs. Jamie White
- IX. Action and Discussion Items -- Board President
 - A. Consider Monthly Budget Analysis Report -- Mrs. Jamie White
 - B. Consider Teacher and Professional Employee Contract Recommendations -- Dr. Shaunte' Scott
 - C. Consider Bid for Bleachers -- Mr. Todd Gooden
- X. Closed Meeting -- Board President
- XI. Adjournment -- Board President

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas

Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See TASB Policy BEC(LEGAL)]

For the Board of Trustees

La Vega Independent School District

House Bill 3 Board Goals 2024-2029

The percentage of 3rd grade students scoring meets grade level standard or above on the STAAR math assessment will increase from 25% in June of 2024 to 58% by June 2029.

The percentage of 3rd grade students scoring meets grade level standard or above on the STAAR RLA assessment will increase from 38% in June of 2024 to 55% by June 2029.

The percentage of students that meet the criteria for CCMR will increase from 68% in August 2024 to 90% by August 2029.

ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM, AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at _____ m.

Board of Trustees Members Present: _____

Board of Trustees Members Absent: _____

School Personnel Present: _____

Others Present: _____

BOARD PRESIDENT:

THE OPENING CEREMONY CONSISTING OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND TO THE TEXAS FLAG WILL BE PROVIDED BY:

(NAME, TITLE, POSITION, LVISD CAMPUS/DEPT.)



PLEDGE TO UNITED STATES FLAG. I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



PLEDGE TO TEXAS FLAG: "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

APPROVE LISTING OF AGENDA ITEMS

Presented for:

Board action ☒ Report/Review Only ☐

Supporting documents:

None ☐ Attached ☒ Provided Later ☐

Contact Person:

Dr. Sharon M. Shields and Board President

Background Information:

Board Members are asked to review the listing of agenda items.

Fiscal Implication:

N/A

Administrative Recommendation:

N/A

Motion:

Second:

For:

Against

Abstain:

RECOGNITION ITEMS

Presented for:

Board action ☐ Report/Review Only ☒ Consent Agenda Item ☐

Supporting documents:

None ☒ Attached ☐ Provided Later ☐

Contact Person:

Board President

Background Information:

This portion of the board meeting is reserved to recognize students, staff, and Board Members for exemplary accomplishments beyond the District Level.

Fiscal Implication:

N/A

Administrative Recommendation:

N/A

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SPECIAL REPORTS

Presented for:

Board action ☐ Report/Review Only ☒

Supporting documents:

None ☐ Attached ☒ Provided Later ☐

Contact Person:

N/A

Background Information:

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Fiscal Implication:

N/A

Administrative Recommendation:

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Superintendent's Report

1. Recognition of State Mandated Dates
2. Student Enrollment Report
3. Calendar Events
4. Construction Update

Presented for:

Board action ☐ Report/Review Only ☒

Supporting documents:

None ☐ Attached ☐ Provided Later ☒

Contact Person:

Dr. Sharon M. Shields

Background Information:

This portion of the board meeting is reserved to update the Board of Trustees on calendar and miscellaneous items.

Fiscal Implication:

N/A

Administrative Recommendation:

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Presented for:

Board action ☒ Report/Review Only ☒

Supporting documents:

None ☐ Attached ☒ Provided Later ☐

Contact Person:

N/A

Background Information:

The consent agenda shall include items of a routine and/or recurring nature grouped together under one action item. For each item listed as part of a consent agenda, the Board shall be furnished with background material. All such items shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration. The remaining items shall be adopted under a single motion and vote.

Fiscal Implication:

N/A

Administrative Recommendation:

N/A

Motion:

Second:

For:

Against

Abstain:

Approve Minutes for Meeting(s) Held

Presented for:

Board action ☒ Report/Review Only ☐

Supporting documents:

None ☐ Attached ☒ Provided Later ☐

Contact Person:

Ms. **Betty Bentura**

Background Information:

The Board shall prepare and retain minutes or make a tape recording of each of its open meetings. The minutes shall state the subject matter of each deliberation and shall indicate each vote, order, decision, or other action taken by the Board. The minutes or tapes are public records and shall be made available for public inspection and copying on request to the Superintendent or designee.

Fiscal Implication:

None.

Administrative Recommendation:

Board review and approval.

Motion:

Second:

For:

Against:

Abstain:



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Office of the Superintendent

La Vega I.S.D. Board of Trustees Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 15, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT – None

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT – Dr. Sharon M. Shields, Todd Gooden, Jamie White, Dr. Shaunte' Scott, Allison Vrana, Chief Kerry Blakemore, and Betty Bentura

OTHERS PRESENT – La Vega ISD high school students Giovanni Lopez and Adum Patel.

CALLED TO ORDER – Board President Raymond Koon established a quorum and brought the board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY – The Pledges of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag were led by La Vega High School students Giovanni Lopez and Adum Patel.

APPROVED LISTING OF AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. Myron Ridge moved to approve the listing of agenda items, and Mrs. Brenda Rocha seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the items, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha and Mildred Watkins.

RECOGNITION ITEMS – La Vega ISD Police Officer Ivan Salas Life Saving Award, La Vega High School students Giovanni Lopez and Aum Patel achievement in receiving the Governors Scient and Technology Champions Academy Scholarship at Southern Methodist University, and the following State Mandatory Dates were recognized:

September: Hydrocephalus Awareness Month

September 11th: Minute of Silence to Commemorate September 11, 2001

September 15th: Texas First Responders Day

September 15–19: Celebrate Freedom Week

September 17th : Constitution Day

September 26th: American Indian Heritage Day

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

SPECIAL REPORTS – Board Members received the following special report(s).

Superintendent's Information to the Board - Dr. Sharon M. Shields, updated the Board Members on upcoming calendar items, student enrollment and Mr. Todd Gooden updated the Board with the construction sites at La Vega ISD.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Mr. Myron Ridge moved to approve the listing of

of Consent Agenda Items, and Mrs. Mildred Watkins seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the items, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha and Mildred Watkins.

- The minutes for the August 25, 2026, regular board meeting
- Monthly Tax Collection Report
- The Senate Bill 12 Certification
- The Budget Amendments as presented
- 2026 Texas Education Human Resources Day
- La Vega ISD designation of 2026 “nonbusiness” days of schools
- The class size reports

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS - The following items were considered, discussed, and/or approved by the Board of Trustees.

Approved the Monthly Budget Analysis Report – Mr. Randy Devoarsky made the motion, and mr. Myron Ridge seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the monthly budget analysis report as presented, with all members voting in favor of the motion: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins.

Teacher and Professional Employee Contract Recommendations – Mrs. Brenda Rocha made the motion, and Rev. Larry Carpenter seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the following contracts, Blake Mills, La Vega Elementary Teacher and Matthew Ordonez, PE Teacher at La Vega Intermediate School H.P. Miles Campus.

Approved Superintendent’s Contract Extension, Salary, and Benefits – Motioned by Mr. Randy Devorsky and seconded by Mr. Henry C. Jennings, the board unanimously voted to go into closed session to discuss Superintendent's contract extension, salary, and benefits, with all members voting in favor of the moiton: Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Kon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha, and Mildred Watkins.

CLOSED MEETING – A closed session of the Board of Trustees was declared at 7:02 p.m. on September 15, 2026, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to perform the Superintendent’s evaluation and discussion of the Superintendent’s contract extension, salary, and benefits. The closed meeting ended at 7:59 p.m. on September 15, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT - Mrs. Mildred Watkins made the motion, and Mr. Randy Devorsky seconded the motion. Board members Rev. Larry Carpenter, Randy Devorsky, Henry C. Jennings, Raymond Koon, Myron Ridge, Brenda Rocha and Mildred Watkins unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. on September 15, 2026

Date of Board Approval

President, La Vega I.S.D. Board of Trustees

Secretary, La Vega I.S.D. Board of Trustees

Monthly Tax Collection Recap and Report

Presented for:

Board action ☒ Report/Review Only ☐

Supporting documents:

None ☐ Attached ☒ Provided Later ☐

Contact Person:

Mrs. Jamie White

Background Information:

The District contracts with the McLennan County Tax Office for the collection of the current and delinquent taxes and penalty and interest on those taxes. As part of this service, the Tax Office supplies the District with a monthly cumulative summary of taxes and penalty and interest collected. Attached the Board will find the monthly tax collection recap and report prepared by the Business Office. This report has been reconciled with the summary report received from the tax office.

Fiscal Implication:

N/A

Administrative Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve the Monthly Tax Collection Recap and Report as submitted.

Motion:

Second:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Consider Budget Amendments

Presented for:

Board action ☒ Report/Review Only ☐

Supporting documents:

None ☐ Attached ☒ Provide Later ☐

Contact Person:

Mrs. Jamie White

Background Information:

Section 2.10.6 of the Financial Accountability System Resource Guide, version 14.0, dated January 2010, states that budget amendments are mandated by the state for budgeted funds reallocated from one function level, and state and/or federal project to another. These budget changes are usually the result of unexpected levels of expenditures in certain categories and must be amended in the budget for legal compliance.

All budget amendments are required to be adopted by the last day of the fiscal year. All necessary budget amendments must be formally adopted by the school board and recorded in the board minutes.

Fiscal Implication:

Budget amendments are moving from one function to another.

Administrative Recommendation:

Approve the budget amendments as presented.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

For: _____

Against: _____

Abstain: _____

Quarterly Investment Report

Presented for:

Board action ☒ Report/Review Only ☐

Supporting documents:

None ☐ Attached ☒ Provided Later ☐

Contact Person:

Mrs. Jamie White

Background Information:

The Business Office prepares an investment report on a quarterly basis for the Board's review and approval. Attached is the report for the current quarter's investments.

Fiscal Implication:

None

Administrative Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve the Quarterly Investment Report.

Motion:

Second:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presented for:

Board action ☒ Report/Review Only ☐

Supporting documents:

None ☐ Attached ☒ Provided Later ☐

Contact Person:

N/A

Background Information:

The following items are included for board discussion and possible action.

Fiscal Implication:

N/A

Administrative Recommendation:

N/A

[illegible]

Monthly Budget Analysis Report

Presented for:

Board action ☒ Report/Review Only ☐

Supporting documents:

None ☐ Attached ☒ Provided Later ☐

Contact Person:

Mrs. Jamie White

Background Information:

The District compiles and reports revenue and expenditure data for all funds on a monthly basis. The attached monthly budget analysis reports compare year-to-date revenue and expenditures to the same period from last fiscal year. Monthly budget analysis reports are presented for the General Operating Fund; Child Nutrition Fund; and, Debt Service Fund. The August reports are unaudited and preliminary. There are entries that will need to be made that will adjust these numbers, ie. receivables, payables.

Fiscal Implication:

N/A

Administrative Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve the Monthly Budget Analysis Reports as submitted.

Motion:

Second:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Consider Teacher and Professional Employee Contract Recommendations

Presented for:

Board action ☒ Report/Review Only ☐

Supporting documents:

None ☐ Attached ☒ Provided Later ☐

Contact Person:

Dr. Shaunte' Scott

Background Information:

The Board of Trustees of any independent school district may employ by contract a superintendent, a principal or principals, teachers, or other executive officers for a term not to exceed the maximum specified in this section. In those independent school districts with a scholastic population of fewer than 5,000, the term of such contracts shall not exceed three years. The personnel department, campus principals, and management teams interview and check references on each applicant who makes application to become a member of the staff of the La Vega Independent School District.

Fiscal Implication:

Personnel salaries are a budgeted item.

Administrative Recommendation:

Board approval of the contract recommendations as presented.

Motion:

Second:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

CLOSED MEETING

Presented for:

Board action ☐ Report/Review Only ☒

Supporting documents:

None ☒ Attached ☐ Provided Later ☒

Contact Person:

Board President

Background Information:

The Board may enter into a closed meeting after the following requirements have been met:

1. A quorum of the Board has first been convened in open meeting for which notice has been given.
2. The presiding officer has publicly announced in open meeting that a closed meeting will be held.
3. The presiding officer has identified the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act or other applicable statutes that authorize the holding of such closed meeting.

Fiscal Implication:

N/A

Administrative Recommendation:

N/A

A closed meeting was declared:

_____ Beginning Time

_____ Date

_____ Sections of the Texas Government Code

_____ Ending Time

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: _____

Second: _____

For: _____

Against: _____

Abstain: _____

Date and Time: _____