

Tolar Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 15, 2023

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023. The following members were present: Wendy Bonnell, Justin Deaver, Matt Imel, Rhonda Knight, and Josh Swaim.

Absent from the meeting was: Brooks Goodson and Dalton Nix

Meeting with the Board of Trustees were Travis Stilwell, Superintendent; Kristen Carey, Assistant Superintendent; Jason Lawson, High School Principal; Casey Hamilton, Junior High Principal; Christal Hollinger, Elementary Principal; Clint Gardner, Assistant Principal; Vicki Carr, Business Manager; Christine Murphy, Superintendent Secretary.

Others attending meeting: Diana Daniels

1. Invocation led by Justin Deaver
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by Justin Deaver at 6:30 p.m.
4. Public Comments:
None
5. Mr. Stilwell and Matt Imel recognized the Diamondback Rattler recipients, which included Christy Collie, Clint Gardner, Jill Griffith, Renee Hawthorne, and Brenda Walker.
6. Individual/Committee Reports
Christal Hollinger gave the Elementary report:
Upcoming Events: 5th grade end of year celebration, field day, move up day, clubs, camp learned-a-lot, talent show, awards.
Additional Updates: Great turnout for family picnic, STAAR complete, TBC summer camp partnership, BookMobile Hood County library will be available during the summer.

Casey Hamilton gave the Junior High report:
Upcoming Events: 7th grade bulb presentations, NWEA reading and math testing, 8th grade celebration, rattler pride awards, 8th grade clap out.
Additional Updates: STAAR complete, upcoming finals.

Clint Gardner gave the High School report:
Upcoming Events: State UIL, banquet/awards nights, senior CPR certification, senior week, senior Baccalaureate, graduation.
Additional Updates: FFA Entomology Team placed 2nd at national competition, STAAR/EOC exams complete, AWS welding certifications, Granbury Optimist club scholarships, state qualifiers in track, one student at state golf meet, baseball playoffs.

Kristen Carey gave the Instruction/Technology & Safety report:
 Trisha Bagby is the new Instructional Technology and Testing Coordinator.
 Safety audit has been submitted.
 Considering Parent Square as a new family engagement tool.

7. Motion by Josh Swaim, second by Rhonda Knight to approve Minutes from the April 17, 2023 Regular Meeting, May 1, 2023 special meeting, and the monthly financial statements/reports.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass - 5

Oppose - 0

8. Motion by Wendy Bonnell, second by Rhonda Knight to authorize the superintendent to approve or renew contracts with ESC Region XI for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass - 5

Oppose - 0

9. Motion by Josh Swaim, second by Matt Imel to authorize the superintendent to approve waivers as necessary on behalf of the district.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass - 5

Oppose - 0

10. Kristen Carey presented the District Improvement Plan.

11. The campus principals presented their respective Campus Improvement Plans.

12. Consideration and possible approval of 2022-2023 Budget Amendment #1 tabled.

13. Motion by Josh Swaim, second by Matt Imel to approve the contract with TASB for Property/Casualty/Vehicle Insurance.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass - 5

Oppose - 0

14. Superintendent's report

- a. High School gym update
Exterior wainscot blocks to be installed in near future.
- b. High School ag barn update
Demolition is complete. New construction to begin soon.
- c. Elementary Portable update
Dirt work has begun. Anticipating early June for the portable to arrive.

Executive/Closed Session

15. The Board will convene in closed session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

- a. Personnel, TX Gov't Code 551.074
- b. Contracts for Teachers / Coaches, TX Gov't Code 551.074

Board entered into executive session at 7:15 p.m.

Board reconvened to regular session at 8:03 p.m.

Open Session/Action

16. Motion by Josh Swaim, second by Wendy Bonnell to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass - 5

Oppose - 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.


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