

**Tolar Independent School District**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes of Public Hearing and Regular Meeting**  
**March 1, 2023**

The Board of Trustees met in a public hearing followed by a regular meeting on March 1, 2023. The following members were present: Wendy Bonnell, Justin Deaver, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, and Josh Swaim.

Absent from the meeting was: Brooks Goodson and Matt Imel

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; Jeremy Mullins, Athletic Director.

Others attending meeting: Karen Clark, Rich Bold, Brandon Higgins

**Public Hearing**

1. Invocation led by Justin Deaver.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by Dalton Nix at 6:31 p.m.
4. Kristen Carey presented the 2021-2022 Texas Academic Performance Report.
5. Questions and comments from public hearing.  
None
6. Adjourn to regular meeting at 6:40.

**Regular Board Meeting**

7. Comments from visitors:  
None
8. Mr. Stilwell and Josh Swaim recognized the Diamondback Rattler recipients, which included Laura Chiles, Lance LeFevre, Nikki Serna, Gail Stephens, Amber Terrell, and Alyssa VanZandt.
9. Individual/Committee Reports  
Christal Hollinger gave the Elementary report:  
Upcoming Events: Family night, TELPAS, data meetings, Spring break.  
Additional Updates: Parent night was a big success, celebrating student success.  
  
Casey Hamilton gave the Junior High report:  
Upcoming Events: Rattler Relays, benchmark testing, cheer tryouts, club day.  
Additional Updates: STAAR prep.

Clint Gardner gave the High School report:

Upcoming Events: Prom, band concert, ACT, blood drive, TSI testing, cheer tryouts, UIL academics, Spring break.

Additional Updates: CX debate headed to State, Senior portfolio presentations rescheduled, two students advancing to State for solo band competitions, one student was the Optimist Club essay winner.

Kristen Carey gave the Instruction/Technology & Safety report:

Moving forward to next steps of E-Rate.

School safety grant has been submitted.

Jeremy Mullins gave the Athletic report:

Three students signed to commit to colleges.

Girls basketball ended up 2<sup>nd</sup> in district.

Boys basketball headed to regionals.

Powerlifting competing over Spring break.

New scoreboards for softball and baseball.

10. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Rhonda Knight to approve Minutes from January 12, 2023 Board Training, January 19, 2023 Public Hearing/Regular Meeting and the monthly financial statements/reports.

*Motion carried*

*Vote: Pass - 5*

*Oppose - 0*

11. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Josh Swaim to approve the revisions to board policy FFAA(LOCAL).

*Motion carried*

*Vote: Pass - 5*

*Oppose - 0*

12. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Wendy Bonnell to approve the student head lice procedures.

*Motion carried*

*Vote: Pass - 5*

*Oppose - 0*

13. Motion by Wendy Bonnell, second by Rhonda Knight to approve the Resolution of the Board Regarding Wage Payments during Emergency or Weather Related School Closings.

*Motion carried*

*Vote: Pass - 5*

*Oppose - 0*

14. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Josh Swaim to approve the missed school days waiver.

*Motion carried*

*Vote: Pass - 5*

*Oppose - 0*

15. Motion by Josh Swaim, second by Rhonda Knight to approve the 2023-2024 district calendar.

*Motion carried*

*Vote: Pass - 5*

*Oppose - 0*

16. Superintendent's report:

- a. Mr. Stilwell gave an update on the New Gym.
- b. Mr. Stilwell gave an update on the portable building at the Elementary.

**Executive/Closed Session**

17. Board entered into executive session at 7:23 p.m.

Board reconvened to regular session at 8:39 p.m.

**Open Session/Action**

18. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Josh Swaim to approve the extension of Certified Administrator contracts for one additional year for Kristen Carey, Jason Lawson, Casey Hamilton, Christal Hollinger, and Clint Gardner.

*Motion carried*

*Vote: Pass - 5*

*Oppose - 0*

19. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Josh Swaim to approve the extension of Athletic Director contract for one additional year for Jeremy Mullins.

*Motion carried*

*Vote: Pass - 5*

*Oppose - 0*

20. Motion by Wendy Bonnell, second by Rhonda Knight to approve a 3% pay raise for Kristen Carey, Jason Lawson, Casey Hamilton, Christal Hollinger, Clint Gardner, Jeremy Mullins, and Vicki Carr.

*Motion carried*

*Vote: Pass - 5*

*Oppose - 0*

21. Topics for future discussion:

- Ag Barn Renovations

Future board meetings:

Monday, March 27

Monday, April 17

Monday, May 15

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

*Motion carried*

*Vote: Pass - 5*

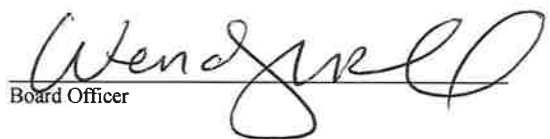
*Oppose - 0*

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.




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