Tolar Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
January 25, 2024

The Board of Trustees met in a special meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024. The following members were present: Wendy Bonnell, Brad Cooper, Justin Deaver, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, and Josh Swaim.

Absent from the meeting was: Matt Imel

Meeting with the Board of Trustees were Travis Stilwell, Superintendent; Kristen Carey, Assistant Superintendent; Clint Gardner, High School Principal; Christal Hollinger, Elementary Principal; Christine Murphy, Business Manager; Erin McCarten, HR Administrative Assistant.

Others attending meeting: Karen Clark

Special Meeting:

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. Public Hearing- Discuss district's 22-23 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). Hard copies are available in the Administration office and links are on the website.
5. Questions and comments from public meeting: None
6. Adjourn to regular meeting at 6:43

Regular Board Meeting

7. Comments from visitors: None
8. School Board Recognition presented by Travis Stilwell, Nate Newton, and FFA Officers.
9. Mr. Stilwell and Rhonda Knight recognized the Diamondback Rattler recipients, which included: Melissa Davis, Jennifer Fowler, Misty Higgins, Arlene Banks, Crystal Tarpley, and Donnie Parrott.

10. Individual/Committee Reports:
    Christal Hollinger gave the Elementary report:
    Upcoming Events: 2nd round of TTAP testing, STAAR Stand Alone tests, Celebration Rally, Tower Time and Clubs.

    Additional Updates: Sunshine Committee is helping the kids with clubs, 7th graders are visiting classes and reading with elementary. Friendship "bracelet" around the school is a hit for all involved.

    Kristen Carey gave the Junior High report:
    Upcoming Events: Boys and Girls basketball, Track, STAAR Stand Alone tests, UIL Academic awards assembly 2/13, Progress Reports 2/1, Report cards 2/22

    Additional Updates: Student Growth, MAPS testing/Intervention groups

    Clint Gardner gave the High School report:
    Upcoming Events: Fort Worth Stock Show, Volleyball Banquet 2/3, Football Banquet 2/10, Prom 3/23, Taste of Tolar 4/13

    Additional Updates: FFA wins big at the County Livestock show, 302 entries. Basketball Hoops for Hope successful, money donated to a Santo Family.

    Kristen Carey gave the Instruction/Technology & Safety report: Security cameras have been updated, Panic Buttons in classrooms will be installed over spring break, district calendar for 24-25 will be presented at the next board meeting, and next SHAC meeting will be 2/11.

11. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve Minutes from December 14, 2023 Regular Meeting and the monthly financial statements/reports.
    Motion carried with approved corrections
    Vote: Pass - 6 *Oppose - 0*

12. Motion by Wendy Bonnell, second by Josh Swaim to approve Superintendent's recommendation regarding designation of nonbusiness PIA days for consideration of and response to Public Information Act request for calendar year 2024.
    Motion carried
    Vote: Pass -6 *Oppose -0*

13. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by Wendy Bonnell to approve a resolution not to adopt a policy authorizing a campus of the district to employ or accept as a volunteer a Chaplin under Education Code Chapter 23.
    Motion carried
    Vote: Pass -6 *Oppose -0*

14. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve Bid from Granbury

Excavating for Dirt work for elementary portable.
Motion carried
Vote: Pass -6 *Oppose -0*

15. Motion by Wendy Bonnell, second by Rhonda Knight to approve revisions to (LOCAL) Policies:
CQB(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES - CYBERSECURITY
CSA(LOCAL): FACILITY STANDARDS - SAFETY AND SECURITY
DC(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES
EHB(LOCAL): CURRICULUM DESIGN - SPECIAL PROGRAMS
EHBC(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS
EHBCA(LOCAL): COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS - ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION
FEA(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE
FFAC(LOCAL): WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES - MEDICAL TREATMENT
FFB(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - CRISIS INTERVENTION
FL(LOCAL): STUDENT RECORDS
Motion carried with corrected spelling of Somervell County
Vote: Pass -6 *Oppose -0*

16. Superintendent's report
    a. High School Gym: Will call a special meeting when papers are ready to sign from Surety. Currently pending tender release agreement.
    b. Elementary portable: Should be delivered over spring break. Will move forward with dirt work.

Executive/Closed Session

17. Executive Session as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code 551)
    a. Personnel
    b. School Safety
    c. Student Discipline
    d. Consultation with legal counsel, pursuant to Texas Government Code sections 551.071, and possible 551.129, regarding construction status update, potential claims against Jacor Building Services, LTD. and others related design build services for the new secondary Gym, and the proposed Tender, Release and Substitution Agreement with the Surety, Markel Surety, Suretec Insurance Company, and the Substitution Contractor submitted by the Surety.

Board entered into executive session at 7:24p.m.

Board reconvened to regular session at 7:49p.m.
Open Session/Action

18. Topics for future discussion:

> Signage at Intersection of 377 and Rock Church Hwy.

> High School renovation projects.

19. Motion by Josh Swaim, second by Wendy Bonnell to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried
Vote: Pass -6 *Oppose - 0*

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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