

Tolar Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 9, 2024

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024. The following members were present: Dalton Nix, Brad Cooper, Justin Deaver, Matt Imel, Rhonda Knight, David Cook and Josh Swaim.

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

Others attending meeting: Karen Clark and Diana Daniels

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 6:32p.m.
4. Mr. Stilwell and Christine Murphy presented the 2023-2024 School "FIRST" Ratings
5. No questions or comments from public hearing
6. Adjourn to regular meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

7. Oath of Office was given to Matt Imel, David Cook and Rhonda Knight by Erin McCarten
8. Re-organization of board-elect; President, Vice-President, Secretary
Dalton Nix asked for nominations for President.
Motion by Matt Imel, second by Brad Cooper to nominate Dalton Nix for president.
There were no other nominations.
Dalton Nix was elected by 6 votes with Dalton Nix abstaining.

Dalton Nix asked for nominations for Vice-President.
Motion by Josh Swaim, second by Matt Imel to nominate Justin Deaver for vice-president.
There were no other nominations.
Justin Deaver was elected by 6 votes with Justin Deaver abstaining.

Dalton Nix asked for nominations for Secretary.
Motion by Matt Imel, second by Brad Cooper to nominate Rhonda Knight for secretary.
There were no other nominations.
Rhonda Knight was elected by 6 votes with Rhonda Knight abstaining.

9. Public Comments: None

10. Mr. Stilwell and Dalton Nix recognized the Diamondback Rattler recipients, which included Brenda Walker, Mandie Cochran, Ric Bonnell, Brenda Rosas, Cathy Crawford, and Sarah Price.

11. Individual/Committee Reports

Casey Hamilton gave the Elementary report:

Upcoming Events:

Big Kahuna limo bus ride, kinder Polar Express, dashing through the snow staff coffee adventure, school wide sing along, Stonewater at the movies

Additional Updates:

Spring Creek family night fundraiser, Callen Nix-AGmazing Fridays, Thanksgiving pies with pals and parents, and PE class reached world record in cupstacking

Casey Hamilton gave the Junior High report:

Upcoming Events:

Basketball, one act play performance, JH Band attending Epic Waters, Band Christmas Concert on 12-19-24

Additional Updates:

7 new students, 2nd place in OAP, 5th place in UIL, 127 families served at the Thanksgiving Celebration.

Clint Gardner gave the High School report:

Upcoming Events:

EOC December exams, 1st semester finals, Fine Arts night December 19th, Hood County Livestock Show.

Additional Updates:

Band made it to Area UIL, VB State Semi-Finalist, Football Regional Finalist, SAT scores came back high than state average, 3 new students

Kristen Carey gave the Instruction/Technology & Safety report: New phone system up and running, 2nd SHAC meeting complete with the approval of the puberty presentation for 4th grade girls and 5th grade boys

12. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by Josh Swaim to approve Minutes from October 21, 2024 Regular Meeting and the monthly financial statements/ reports.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass -7

Oppose -0

13. Duncan Ely from Snow, Garrett, Williams presented the 2023-2024 financial audit.

14. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve the 2023-2024 financial audit report.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass -7

Oppose -0

15. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Josh Swaim to approve amending Tolar ISD's Purchasing and Acquisition Policy CH (LOCAL) to match CH (LEGAL)

Motion carried

Vote: Pass -7

Oppose -0

16. Motion by David Cook, second by Rhonda Knight to approve amending Tolar ISD's Academic Achievement Policy EIA (LOCAL) and CQ (LOCAL) regarding Artificial Intelligence

Motion carried

Vote: Pass - 7

Oppose -0

17. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Matt Imel to approve deposit into TexSTAR account in the amount of \$100,000

Motion carried

Vote: Pass -7

Oppose -0

18. Superintendent's report

- a. December meeting and Team of 8 training dates:
- b. Roof Update
- c. Vestibule Update
- d. New Bus

Executive/Closed Session

19. Executive Session as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code 551)

- a. Personnel
- b. School Safety
- c. Student Discipline

Board entered into executive session 7:32 p.m.

Board reconvened to regular session 7:45 p.m.

Open Session/Action

20. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by David Cook to approve the resignation of Courtney Wilson at the end of the semester

Motion carried

Vote: Pass -7

Oppose - 0

21. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve hiring Bobbie Stetler for the new semester.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass -7

Oppose -0

22. Topics for future discussion:

- none

Future board meetings:

Monday, December 16, 2024 Tem of 8 Training

Monday, January 20, 2025

Monday, February 17, 2025

23. Motion by Josh Swim, second by Matt Imel to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass -7

Oppose -0

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



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