

**Tolar Independent School District**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes of Public Hearing and Regular Meeting**  
**January 20, 2025**

The Board of Trustees met in a special meeting on Monday, January 20, 2025. The following members were present: David Cook, Brad Cooper, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, and Josh Swaim.

Absent from the meeting was: Justin Deaver and Matt Imel

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

Others attending meeting: Karen Clark

**Special Meeting:**

1. Invocation led by Dalton Nix
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 23-24 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)
5. Questions and comments from public meeting: None
6. Adjourn to regular meeting at 6:35

**Regular Board Meeting**

7. Comments from visitors: None
8. School Board Recognition
9. Mr. Stilwell and Rhonda Knight recognized the Diamondback Rattler recipients, which included: Kaylen Speegle, Karan Stokes, Ashley Atkins, Reva Murray, Tember Lowe and Katy Patterson.
10. Individual/Committee Reports  
Christal Hollinger gave the Elementary report:

**Upcoming Events:**

Testing, data meetings/plans, school counselor week

**Additional Updates:**

Stonewater Serves pouring in support, PTO continues to serve, stock show was a huge success

Clint Gardner report gave the High School report:

**Upcoming Events:**

Band solos/ensemble for UIL, blood drive, OAP clinic

**Additional Updates:**

StuCo serving board dinner next month, stock show success, basketball and UIL

Casey Hamilton gave the Junior High report:

**Upcoming Events:**

Basketball, track, 8<sup>th</sup> grade science tour of Earth Dome from grant, testing

**Additional Updates:**

AR reading increased, intervention groups

Kristen Carey gave the Instruction/Technology & Safety report:

Spring safety committee meeting Wednesday, upcoming TEA vulnerability assessment, turnitin.com purchased and implemented

11. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve Minutes from December 9, 2024 and December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting and the monthly financial statements/reports.

*Motion carried*

*Vote: Pass -5*

*Oppose -0*

12. Kristen Carey presented the formative review of the District Improvement plan.

13. Principals presented the formative review of the Campus Improvement plans.

14. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve competitive sealed bid process for the Tolar Admin Building/JH Pit Roofing project and Tolar HS entry Vestibule Project.

*Motion carried*

*Vote: Pass -5*

*Oppose -0*

15. Motion by Josh Swaim, second by David Cook to authorize the Superintendent or designee to select and publish selection criteria and weight, prepare a procurement package, receive and publicly open responses, evaluate and present a recommended ranking to the Board for action.

*Motion carried*

*Vote: Pass -5*

*Oppose -0*

16. Discussion regarding potential funding options for the future.

17. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by David Cook to approve a land lease bid in March

*Motion carried*

*Vote: Pass -5*

*Oppose -0*

18. Report on JH exterior door audit

19. Superintendent's report

a. Campus meeting with teachers

20. Topics for future discussion:

a. Speakers in the gym

21. Motion by Josh Swaim, second by David Cook to adjourn the meeting.

*Motion carried*

*Vote: Pass -5*

*Oppose - 0*

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

  
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