Tolar Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 28, 2025

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 28, 2025. The following members were present: David Cook, Brad Cooper, Justin Deaver, Matt Imel, Rhonda Knight, and Josh Swaim.

Absent from the meeting was: Dalton Nix

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; Erin McCarten, HR Administrative Assistant; Blake Mouser, Athletic Director.

Others attending meeting: Mark Morton, Karen Clark, Diana Daniels, Jessica Tryon, Jacey Reuther

Regular Board Meeting

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: Mark Morton discussed land lease

5. Motion by David Cook, second by Brad Cooper to table discussion on land lease contract.
   Motion carried
   Vote: Pass -5 *Oppose –0* *Abstain-1*

6. Mr. Stilwell and Brad Coopr recognized the Diamondback Rattler recipients, which included: Karen Brown, Jud Griffith, Gail Stephens, Staci Steele, Miranda Rothe

7. Individual/Committee Reports
   Christal Hollinger gave the Elementary report:
   Upcoming Events: Staff appreciation week, final STAAR testing, 5th grade end of the year celebration, PTO color run, move up day, awards, camp learned a lot

   Additional Updates: field Day/family picnic, glow day, gardens growing, K baby chicks, TEF grant funded filed trip to the Perot Muesuem

   Casey Hamilton gave the Junior High report:
   Upcoming Events: STAAR testing, Band trips, 8th grade HS tour, AR trips, college tours

   Additional Updates: Positive relationships, celebrations, AR scores rising

   Clint Gardner gave the High School report:

Upcoming Events: STAAR testing, blood drive, band spring concert, THS academic awards, UIL academics, graduation

Additional Updates: TSI complete, UIL academic regional meet, 30 CTE welding certifications, fully staffed for 2025-2026 school year

Kristen Carey gave the Instruction/Technology & Safety report: SHAC meetings complete, Jue 18th summer safety/security meeting, emergency maps uploaded in new portal

Blake Mouser gave the Athletic report: Baseball playoffs, golf and track complete

8. Motion by Josh Swaim, second by Matt Imel to approve minutes and monthly financial statements/reports from March 31, 2025 regular meeting
   Motion carried
   Vote: Pass -6 *Oppose -0*

9. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve the superintendent to execute a roofing contract with Alto Vista Roofing Company
   Motion carried
   Vote: Pass -6 *Oppose –0*

10. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Brad Cooper to table the cell phone policy for the 2025-2026 school year
    Motion carried
    Vote: Pass -6 *Oppose –0*

11. Superintendent's report
    a. Board Training - Summer Leadership Institute
       i. San Antonio: June 11-14, 2025
       ii. Fort Worth: June 18-21, 2025
    b. STAAR score release

Executive/Closed Session

12. Executive Session as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code 551)
    a. Personnel
    b. Real Property

Board entered into executive session at 7:36 p.m.

Board reconvened into regular session at 8:08 p.m.

Open Session/Action

13. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by Brad Cooper to reject both land lease bids submitted on March 31 due to a failure to execute lease contract due to concerns that arose after the bid was previously accepted, and to authorize the superintendent to re-open bidding process.
    Motion carried
    Vote: Pass -5 *Oppose –0* *Abstain-1*

14. Topics for future discussion:

> Cell phone policy

15. Motion by Matt Imel, second by Brad Cooper to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried
Vote: Pass -5 *Oppose -0*

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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