Tolar Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 19, 2025

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 19, 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. Brad Cooper left at 8:19.

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; Blake Mouser, Athletic Director.

Others attending meeting: Diana Daniels, Jessica Tryon, Jacey Reuther, Stacey Willmon

Regular Board Meeting

1. Invocation led by Brad Cooper

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 Comments: None

5. Mr. Stilwell and David Cook recognized the Diamondback Rattler recipients, which included: Andy Atkins, Jana Vanlandingham, Justin Gilbreth, Kim McAusland and Arlene Banks

6. Individual/Committee Reports
   Elementary report:
   Upcoming Events: Awards, camp learned a lot, 5th grade clap out, summer reading, lunch and learn and coffee chats.

   Additional Updates: Move up day, clubs, talent show, color run, EOY testing, Book club

   Junior High report:
   Upcoming Events: Finals, 8th grade clap out

   Additional Updates: AR reading, celebrations

   High School report:
   Upcoming Events: Band Banquet, EOC Summer Camp plans, Semester exams, graduation, state solo and ensemble

   Additional Updates: Band concert, art show in Stephenville, teacher appreciation week, UIL state meet, baccalaureate, awards and scholarship presentation, senior CPR course

Kristen Carey gave the Instruction/Technology & Safety report: Beginning to adopt curriculum, $69,000 SBOE materials, working on EOY reporting

Blake Mouser gave the Athletic report: All athletics wrapped up, 28 Lonestar points, summer camps scheduled

7. Motion by Josh Swaim second by Rhonda Knight to approve Minutes and monthly financial statements/reports from April 28, 2025 Meeting.
   Motion carried
   Vote: Pass -5 *Oppose -0*

8. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve bids for land lease and authorize superintendent to execute land lease contract
   Motion carried
   Vote: Pass -4 *Oppose –0* *Obstain-1*

9. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by David Cook to approve authorization for the superintendent to approve or renew contracts with ESC Region XI for the 2025-2026 school year
   Motion carried
   Vote: Pass -5 *Oppose –0*

10. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by Josh Swaim to approve purchasing Yondr lock boxes to lock up cell phones
    Motion carried
    Vote: Pass –3 *Oppose –2*

11. Tabled the efficiency audit

12. Motion by David Cook, second by Brad Cooper to approve changes to Business Manager roles with First National Bank including removing Christine Murphy as Business Manager and adding Michelle Lillibridge as Business Manager, giving Michelle Lillibridge authority to communicate and conduct business with First National Bank regarding district accounts, and adding Michelle Lillibridge as a signer on the activity accounts.
    Motion carried
    Vote: Pass -5 *Oppose -0*

13. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve adding Erin McCarten to the First National Bank cash management system for Tolar ISD
    Motion carried
    Vote: Pass -5 *Oppose -0*

14. Formative review of the District Improvement Plan presented by Kristen Carey

15. Formative review of the Campus Improvement Plans presented by Kristen Carey, Clint Gardner and Christal Hollinger

16. Superintendent's report
    a. Roof project update
    b. Board meeting dates

Executive/Closed Session

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

Board entered into executive session at 7:50 p.m.

Board reconvened to regular session at 8:19 p.m.

Open Session/Action

18. Motion by Josh Swaim, second by David Cook to adjourn the meeting.
    Motion carried
    Vote: Pass -4 *Oppose -0*

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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