

Tolar Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
August 25, 2025

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 25, 2025. The following members were present: Dvid Cook, Justin Deaver, Brad Cooper, Matt Imel, Rhonda Knight, and Dalton Nix.

Absent from the meeting was: 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; Christal Hollinger, Elementary Principal; Michelle Lillibridge, Business Manager; Erin McCarten, HR Administrative Assistant; Blake Mouser, Athletic Director.

Others attending meeting: Michelle Aduddell, Stacey Willmon, Jason LaPladt, Diana Daniels, Karen Clark, Kacy Brown

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 6:31 p.m.
4. Mr. Stilwell presented the 2025-2026 proposed budget.
Total budget including M&O, food services, and debt services will be \$14,204,455
5. Mr. Stilwell presented the 2025-2026 proposed tax rate.
M&O = \$0.6372
I&S = \$0.2816
Total Tax Rate = \$0.9188
6. Public Comments for Public Hearing: None
7. Hearing adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Regular Meeting

8. Public Comments: Michelle Aduddell spoke on HB 1959 asking the Board to reconsider our policy.
9. Individual/Committee Reports
Christal Hollinger gave the Elementary report:
Upcoming Events: Pep Rally, Elementary Night

Additional Updates: Enrollment is up, Stonewater Serves and Community support appreciated

Casey Hamilton gave the Junior High report:

Additional Updates: Enrollment is up, book tasting success

Clint Gardner gave the High School report:

Upcoming Events: Beginning of the year STAAR Testing

Additional Updates: Yonder pouches going well, Exam Exemptions helping with Attendance

Blake Mouser gave the Athletic report: VB has 4 full JH teams, 8 senior football players, 1 varsity Thursday game due to officials

Kristen Carey gave the Instruction/Technology & Safety report: Expedited review of Emergency Operations approved, breaching tool and ballistic shields are in, reimbursement grant requested for Yonder pouches

10. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve Minutes from July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting, August 4, 2025 Budget Workshop, and the monthly financial statements/reports.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass -6

Oppose -0

11. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by David Cook to approve the 2025-2026 budget as presented.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass -6

Oppose -0

12. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve Ordinance #25-001 adopting the 2025-2026 tax rate of M&O - \$0.6372, I&S - \$0.2816, Total - \$0.9188

Motion carried

Vote: Pass -6

Oppose -0

13. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve 2024-2025 year end Budget Amendment #2.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass-6

Oppose-0

14. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by Matt Imel to adopt a resolution directing the defeasance and/or redemption of certain of Tolar Independent School District's outstanding Unlimited Tax Bonds.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass-6

Oppose-0

15. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by David Cook to adopt the most current prevailing wage rates for Hood County, published by the United States Department of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. Section 276a et seq.), and its subsequent amendments in connection with any construction projects authorized by the Board during the District's fiscal year.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass-6

Oppose-0

16. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Rhonda Knight to approve Hannah Hoffman and Amanda Salinas as Hood County 4-H adjunct faculty.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass -6

Oppose -0

17. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Matt Imel to approve Resolution to sanction Hood County 4-H as an extra-curricular activity.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass-6

Oppose-0

18. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Matt Imel to approve bus purchase for Rush Truck Center.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass-6

Oppose-0

19. Motion by David Cook, second by Brad Cooper to approve Policy Update 125 proposed revisions to (LOCAL) Polices: BDAA, BDB, BDF, EI, FDE, and FEC

Motion carried

Vote: Pass-6

Oppose-0

20. Superintendent's report

- a. Updated Staff List
- b. Board Meeting Dates
- c. Roof Update

- Monday, September 22
- Monday, October 20
- Monday, November 17
- Monday, December 15 (Team of 8 Training, No regular meeting)
- Monday, January 26
- Monday, February 23
- Monday, March 30
- Monday, April 27
- Monday, May 18

Executive/Closed Session

21. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551 Trustees may convene in executive/closed session.

Board entered into executive session at 7:13 p.m.

Board reconvened to regular session at 7:38 p.m.

Open Session/Action

22. Topics for future discussion:

- None

23. Motion by Matt Imel, second by David Cook to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass -6

Oppose -0

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



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