

Tolar Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 15, 2025

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 15, 2025. The following members were present: Dalton Nix, Brad Cooper, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook and Josh Swaim.

Absent from the meeting was: Brad Cooper arrived at 7:00

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.

Others attending meeting: Karen Clark, Chris Davis, Diana Daniels

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 Dalton Nix at 6:31 p.m.
4. Public Comments: Karen Clark spoke on contact information for board members and taxes regarding possible data center
5. Mr. Stilwell and Jake Valdez recognized the Diamondback Rattler recipients, which included Ruthanne Stroup, Brenda Rosas, Patricia Ritchie, Maria Hernandez Alcantar, Octavio Fuentes, Jr Alcantar, Katy Reiser, and Myra Jett

6. Individual/Committee Reports

Christal Hollinger gave the Elementary report:

Upcoming Events: Day at the movies, Christmas sing along, MOY assessment, Data meetings, MAP testing

Additional Updates: Classroom family lunch, Pies and Pals, UIL, kinder polar express, grade level celebration, celebrating all the volunteers that serve Tolar Elementary

Casey Hamilton gave the Junior High report:

Upcoming Events: Basketball, Semester exams, exam exemptions going well and encouraging attendance, report cards, MAP testing

Additional Updates: AR reading word count, student growth, exams

Clint Gardner gave the High School report:

Upcoming Events: finals, fine arts night, Hood County livestock show, softball and baseball

Additional Updates: EOCs complete, TIA interims for math and English went well, canned food drive, majority of students earned exemptions for semester exams, health science fair was a success, healthy relationships presentation

- 7. Motion by Josh Swaim, second by Rhonda Knight to approve Minutes from November 17, 2025 Special meeting, and Minutes from November 17, 2025 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass - Dalton Nix, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook and Josh Swaim

Oppose - None

- 8. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Josh Seaim to approve the monthly financial statements/ reports.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass - Dalton Nix, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook and Josh Swaim

Oppose - None

- 9. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Rhonda Knight to *add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as offered by TASB Policy Service, for consideration and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 126 excluding DGBA (LOCAL), FNG (LOCAL), and GF (LOCAL)*

Motion carried

Vote: Pass - Dalton Nix, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook and Josh Swaim

Oppose – None *Abstain-* Brad Cooper

- 10. Superintendent’s report

- a. January 19th meeting and Team of 8 training date

- 11. Topics for future discussion: None

- 12. Motion by Josh Swaim second by Brad Cooper to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried

Vote: Pass - Dalton Nix, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook and Josh Swaim, Brad Cooper

Oppose - None

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



Board Officer



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