Tolar Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 27, 2026

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 27, 2026. The following members were present: David Cook, Brad Cooper, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez and Rhonda Knight

Absent from the meeting was: Dalton Nix, and 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; Blake Mouser, Athletic Director

Others attending meeting: Karen Clark, Jewell Caudle, Karen Brown, Misty Higgins and Diana Daniels

Regular Board Meeting

1. Invocation led by Jake Valdez

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: none

5. Mr. Stilwell and Justin Deaver recognized the Diamondback Rattler recipients, which included: Sarah Price, Savannah Johnson, Misty Higgins, Jamie Uselton, Jewell Caudle, Nana Brown

6. Individual/Committee Reports
   Christal Hollinger gave the Elementary report:
   Upcoming Events: End of the year fun and celebrations, field trips

   Additional Updates: skating in PE, author visit-Dennis Mathew

   Casey Hamilton gave the Junior High report:
   Upcoming Events: field trips, 6th grade open house, lunch with loved ones

   Additional Updates: AR reading word count last year 100,078,398 so far this year it is 110,919,613

   Clint Gardner gave the High School report:
   Upcoming Events: Blood Drive, Band Spring Concert, Academic Awards

   Additional Updates: Entomology team headed to state, 20 CTE welding certifications this

spring, 3 students competed at UIL regional academic meet

Kristen Carey gave the Instruction/Technology & Safety report: TIA update, SHAC update, Attendance and safety

Blake Mouser gave the Athletic report: free physicals, regional track with 3 school records so far, 7 on 7

7. Motion by David Cook, second by Brad Cooper to approve Minutes and monthly financial statements/reports from March 31, 2025 Public Hearing
   Motion carried
   Vote:
   Pass - David Cook, Brad Cooper, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez and Rhonda Knight
   Oppose - None

8. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve the continuation of investment policy CDA (LOCAL) as written
   Motion carried
   Vote:
   Pass - David Cook, Brad Cooper, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez and Rhonda Knight
   Oppose - None

9. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by David Cook to approve the superintendent to respond to Senate Bill 546 on Three-Point seatbelts
   Motion carried
   Vote:
   Pass - David Cook, Brad Cooper, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez and Rhonda Knight
   Oppose - None

10. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by David Cook to approve the contracts with ESC Region XI for the 2026-2027 school year
    Motion carried
    Vote:
    Pass - David Cook, Brad Cooper, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez and Rhonda Knight
    Oppose - None

11. Report on HS exterior door audit given by Clint Gardner and Travis Stilwell

12. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by Brad Cooper to expand employee leave days from 5 state, 3 local to 5 state, 5 local starting with the 2026-2027 school year
    Motion carried
    Vote:
    Pass - David Cook, Brad Cooper, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez and Rhonda Knight
    Oppose - None

13. Superintendent's report
    a. Board Training - Summer Leadership Institute
        i. San Antonio: June 10, 2026 - June 13, 2026
        ii. Fort Worth: June 17, 2026 - June 20, 2026

b. Summer board meeting dates

Executive/Closed Session

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

Board entered into executive session at 7:08 p.m.

Board reconvened to regular session at 8:29 p.m.

Open Session/Action

15. Topics for future discussion:

> Contributing more to Tex Star investment

16. Motion by David Cook, second by Rhonda Knight to adjourn the meeting.
    Motion carried
    Vote:
    Pass - David Cook, Brad Cooper, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez and Rhonda Knight
    Oppose – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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