Tolar Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 18, 2026

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026. The following members were present: David Cook, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, and Josh Swaim.

Absent from the meeting was: Brad Cooper

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: Diana Daniels, Janna Sullins, Laura Chiles, Kacy Moses, and Amber Terrell.

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: none

5. Mr. Stilwell and David Cook recognized the Diamondback Rattler recipients, which included: Laura Chiles, Kacy Moses, Linda Thacker, Amber Terrell, Janna Sullins, and Jana Vanlandingham.

6. Individual/Committee Reports
   Christal Hollinger gave the Elementary report:
   Upcoming Events: Talent show, awards, summer STEM camp

   Additional Updates: Celebrations- Career fair, family tower time with seniors, PTO buying school supplies next year

   Casey Hamilton gave the Junior High report:
   Upcoming Events: Final exam, 8th grade clap out

   Additional Updates: 8th grade transition, 5th grade transition

   Clint Gardner gave the High School report:
   Upcoming Events: Band banquet, EOC summer camp, graduation

   Additional Updates: Celebrations- band concert, THS art show, 2026 Baccalaureate

   Kristen Carey gave the Instruction/Technology & Safety report:

Safety- passed JH door audit
ESSA planning

Blake Mouser gave the Athletic report: all team sports made play offs, summer sport camps, multiple school records broken

7. Motion by David Cook, second by Rhonda Knight to approve Minutes and monthly financial statements/reports from April 27, 2026 Meeting.
   Motion carried
   Vote: Pass - David Cook, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, and Josh Swaim.
   Oppose -None

8. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by Josh Swaim to approve HCAD contract.
   Motion carried
   Vote: Pass - David Cook, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, and Josh Swaim.
   Oppose -None

9. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Rhonda Knight to approve adding additional $200,000 into the Tex Star investment for a total of $300,000 plus the interest that has already been drawn
   Vote: Pass - David Cook, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, and Josh Swaim.
   Oppose -None

10. Formative review of District Improvement Plan given by Kristen Carey

11. Formative review of Campus Improvement Plans given by Campus Principals

12. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by David Cook to approve Budget Amendment #2.
    Motion carried
    Vote: Pass - David Cook, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, and Josh Swaim.
    Oppose -None

13. Superintendent's report
    a. New Hires
    b. STAAR scores soon

14. Topics for future discussion:

    - None

15. Motion by Josh Swaim, second by David Cook to adjourn the meeting.
    Motion carried
    Vote: Pass - David Cook, Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, and Josh Swaim.
    Oppose -None

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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