Tolar Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 15, 2026

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 15, 2026. The following members were present: Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, Brad Cooper and David Cook arrived at 6:47.

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; Christal Hollinger, Elementary Principal; and Vicki Carr, Business Manager.

Others attending meeting: Amanda Taylor and Rebecka Mouser

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 Dalton Nix at 6:30 p.m.

4. Public Comments: None

5. Individual/Committee Reports

   Kristen Carey gave the Instruction/Technology & Safety report:

   TIA expansion application approved

6. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Rhonda Knight to approve minutes and monthly financial statements/reports from May 18, 2026, regular meeting.
   Motion carried
   Vote:
   Pass - Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, Brad Cooper
   Oppose - None

7. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve the Student/Athletic Insurance for 2026-2027
   Motion carried
   Vote:
   Pass - Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, Brad Cooper
   Oppose - None

8. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve the staff bonuses for 2026-2027 to remain the same
   Motion carried

Vote:

Pass - Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, Brad Cooper
Oppose - None

9. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by Rhonda Knight to approve the District's contribution toward employee health benefits for the 2026-2027 school year increase to $300 and $50 supplement contribution
   Motion carried
   Vote:
   Pass - Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, Brad Cooper
   Oppose - None

10. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by Brad Cooper to approve changes to Business Manager roles with First National Bank including removing Michelle Lillibridge as Business Manager and adding Vicki Carr as Business Manager, giving Vicki Carr authority to communicate and conduct business with First National Bank regarding district accounts, and adding Vicki Carr as a signer on the activity accounts.
    Motion carried
    Vote:
    Pass - Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, Brad Cooper
    Oppose - None

11. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Justin Deaver to approve *Policy Update 127 (LOCAL) policies:*
    BJCF(LOCAL): SUPERINTENDENT - NONRENEWAL
    CAA(LOCAL): FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - FINANCIAL ETHICS
    CFB(LOCAL) ACCOUNTING: INVENTORIES
    DC(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES
    DH(LOCAL): EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT
    DP(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS
    DPA(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS - PRINCIPALS
    DPB(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS - OTHER PERSONNEL POSITIONS
    EHAD(LOCAL): BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM - ELECTIVE INSTRUCTION
    EHBB(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS
    FFF(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - STUDENT SAFETY

    Motion carried
    Vote:
    Pass - Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, Brad Cooper
    Oppose - None
    Abstain: David Cook

12. Superintendent's report
    Fencing at elementary, HS doors painted, marque signs, STAAR scores

Executive/Closed Session

13. Executive Session as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code 551)
    a. Personnel-Guardians/Marshals
    b. Personnel

Board entered into executive session at 6:52 p.m.

Board reconvened to regular session at 7:41 p.m.

Open Session/Action

14. Motion by Justin Deaver, second by David Cook to approve one year extension to Christal Hollinger's contract and add a 2% salary raise
    Motion carried
    Vote:
    Pass - Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, Brad Cooper, David Cook
    Oppose - None

15. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by Brad Cooper to approve Marshals and Guardians as presented in executive session
    Motion carried
    Vote:
    Pass - Justin Deaver, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, Brad Cooper, David Cook
    Oppose - None

16. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by David Cook to approve resignation of Justin Deaver effective July 16, 2026
    Motion carried
    Vote:
    Pass - Jake Valdez, Dalton Nix, Brad Cooper, David Cook
    Oppose - Rhonda Knight
    Abstain- Justin Deaver

17. Topics for future discussion: None

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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