Tolar Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 20, 2026

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 20, 2026. The following members were present: Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook.

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; Vicky Carr, Business Manager

Others attending meeting: Karen Clark and Diana Daniels

1. Invocation led by Jake Valdez

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by Rhonda Knight at 6:31 p.m.

4. Public Comments: none

5. Re-organization of board-elect; Vice-President
   Rhonda Knight asked for nominations for Vice-President.
   Motion by David Cook, second by Jake Valdez to nominate Brad Cooper for vice-president.
   There were no other nominations.
   Motion carried
   Vote: Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook
   Oppose - None

6. Motion by David Cook, second by Rhonda Knight to approve Minutes from June 15, 2026 Regular Meeting and the monthly financial statements/reports.
   Motion carried
   Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook
   Oppose - None

7. Discussion regarding the summative evaluation of the 2025-2026 Campus Improvement Plan.

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9. Motion by David Cook, second by Rhonda Knight to approve 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct.
   Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook
   Oppose - None

10. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by Jake Valdez to approve 2026-2027 Student Handbook.
    Vote: Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook

Oppose - None

11. Motion by Jake Valdez, second by Rhonda Knight to approve 2026-2027 Employee Handbook.
Motion carried
Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook
Oppose - None

12. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by David Cook to approve 2026-2027 Technology Acceptable Use Policy.
Motion carried
Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook
Oppose- None

13. Motion by David Cook, second by Rhonda Knight to approve 2026-2027 Information Security Policy.
Motion carried
Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook
Oppose- None

14. Motion by David Cook, second by Jake Valdez to approve the Order for the November 3, 2026 election.
Motion carried
Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook
Oppose- None

15. Motion by David Cook, second by Rhonda Knight to approve the Hood County and Tolar ISD contract for the November 3, 2026 general election.
Motion carried
Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook
Oppose- None

16. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by Jake Valdez to approve the propane bid for 2026-2027 for Heine Propane.
Motion carried
Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook
Oppose- None

17. Tabled -diesel bid for 2026-2027.

18. Motion by David Cook, second by Rhonda Knight to approve the Resolution regarding the Good Cause Exception under HB 3 and the Requirement to Maintain Armed Security Officer(s) on each District Campus
Motion carried
Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook
Oppose- None

19. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by David Cook to approve the approval of certified appraisers who can appraise a teacher in place of the teacher's supervisor
Motion carried
Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook
Oppose - None

20. Motion by David Cook, second by Jake Valdez to approve proposed school meal prices for 2026-2027
    Motion carried
    Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook
    Oppose - None

21. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by Jake Valdez to approve school bus purchase
    Motion carried
    Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook
    Oppose - None

22. Superintendent's report
    a. Budget Workshop August 3, 2026
    b. Regular board meeting, August 24th, 2026

Executive/Closed Session

23. The Board will convene in closed session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Chapter §551.
    a. Personnel
    b. Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract
    c. School safety audit

Board entered into executive session at 7:25 p.m.

Board reconvened to regular session at 9:00 p.m.

Open Session/Action

24. Motion David Cook, second by Jake Valdez to approve the district safety audit as presented in executive session.
    Motion carried
    Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook
    Oppose - None

25. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by David Cook to approve extending the contract of superintendent, Travis Stilwell, one year with a two percent increase in pay.
    Motion carried
    Vote: Pass - Brad Cooper, Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, David Cook
    Oppose - None

26. Topics for future discussion: none

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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