

Tolar Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
September 28, 2026

The Board of Trustees met in a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting on Monday, September 28, 2026. The following members were present: Jake Valdez, Rhonda Knight, Dalton Nix, Brad Cooper, and David Cook.

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; Casey Hamilton, Junior High Principal; Christal Hollinger, Elementary Principal; Vicki Carr, Business Manager; Blake Mouser, Athletic Director.

Others attending meeting: Karen Clark, Diana Daniels, Troy Koonsman, Shaunna Koonsman, Chris Davis, Amanda Taylor

Public Hearing:

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 6:31 p.m.
4. Certify Compliance with TEC 39.008 (Senate Bill 12)
5. Public Comments: none

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Regular Meeting:

6. Public Comments: none
7. Mr. Stilwell and David Cook recognized the Diamondback Rattler recipients, which included: Shauna Koonsman, Tatum Meyer, Megan Gfeller, Anglica Gonzalez, Amanda Taylor, and Addie Exum
8. Individual/Committee Reports
Christal Hollinger gave the Elementary report:
Upcoming Events: Rock your school. 5th grade trip to El Tesoro

Additional Updates: September 11th was hydrate the Heroes and 87 cases of water were donated

Casey Hamilton gave the Junior High report:

Upcoming Events: Fall Dance 10/2, School Pictures 10/2 and Lunch with loved ones 10/2

Additional Updates: BOY & MAP testing complete

Clint Gardner gave the High School report:

Upcoming Events: Health Science field trip, Homecoming, StuCo Blood Drive

Additional Updates: Floral Design class started Rattler Blooms flower of the month

Blake Mouser gave the Athletic report: 99% pass rate of all athletes 1st six weeks, Volleyball players making records, this week will be Helmets and Heels and Rattlers read

Kristen Carey gave the Instruction/Technology & Safety report: EOP & Reunification annex submitted to TX SSC for review, fall safety meeting November 2nd, SHAC meeting October 12th

9. Motion by David Cook, second by Rhonda Knight to approve Minutes from the August 24, 2026 Regular Meeting and the monthly financial statements/ reports.

Motion carried

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

Oppose - None

10. Motion by Rhonda Knight, second by David Cook to approve adoption of Senate Bill 12 resolution.

Motion carried

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

Oppose - None

11. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve adoption of Senate Bill 12 compliance certification

Motion carried

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

Oppose - None

12. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Jake Valdez to approve Superintendent's recommendation regarding designation of nonbusiness PIA days for consideration of and response to Public Information Act requests for calendar year 2027

Motion carried

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

Oppose - None

13. Motion by Brad Cooper, second by Rhonda Knight to approve the 2026-2027 members of the School Health Advisory Council.

Motion carried

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

Oppose - None

14. Motion by David Cook second by Brad Cooper to approve the 2026-2027 District Improvement Plan.

Motion carried

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

Oppose - None

15. Bleacher project for the High School-Tabled

16. Superintendent's report

- a. Handicapped bus arrived
- b. HS AC units need to be replaced
- c. Working on bids for the HS bleacher project

Executive/Closed Session

17. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551 Trustees may convene in executive/closed session.

Board entered into executive session at 7:06 p.m.

Board reconvened to regular session at 7:30 p.m.

Open Session/Action

18. Topics for future discussion: HS Bleachers and AC

19. Motion by David Cook, second by Brad Cooper to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried

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

Oppose - None

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



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