

TIOGA SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Tioga Secondary School Cafeteria

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President, Stacy Price
Members present: Stacy Price, Ryan Walters, Dugan Rainey, Dallas Slay, Brandon Miller, Mica Bates & Trina Colteryahn. TISD Attorney Rebecca Bradley and TEA Conservator Karen Wiesman were present at the head tables with board members.
- II. Invocation and Pledge – were led by Dallas Slay
- III. Open Public Comments Started at 7:02: Stacy Price informed everyone that due to the volume of people that signed-up for the public forum (18 total) the time limit was being reduced to 3 minutes per speaker. Kyle Sims, protect children; Michael Conway, protect children; Allison Perry, thank you; Johnny Smothermon, petition in the school; Rickey Kemp, student welfare; Kelly Howell, building relationships; Aileen Blachowski, student safety; Paul Rodarmer, Public Facilities Corporation; Abby Jewell, Personal Statement... all spoke in this 1st session of open forum.
- IV. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Student Enrollment – 695 PK-12th grade increase of 7 students since the October meeting. The actual attendance rate continues to decline as the year progresses. Truancy will have to be addressed to stay within the projected current budget.
 - B. Area and State Bond Election Results were covered using Stifel documents and how this influences future decisions within the District was discussed.
 - A. Legislative Update and Training - Legiscan document covered for details on bills passed/failed along with online resources. Virtual training for legislative update training was covered for board members.
 - C. Discussion of Tioga ISD's loss of the District of Innovation status as of the summer of 2024 and the influence that would have on the school calendar and hiring of staff in the future, primarily due to teacher certification requirements. Additional committees will have to be created and added for the 2024-25 school year.
- V. District Updates
 - A. Instructional Reports: Jana Hansen was not present for the meeting. A calendar of events was shared in place of her report.
Keith Kirkland addressed the football program success and all of the different student groups that are involved with those types of activities. He referenced several methods of improving attendance at the secondary school that involved individual and family meetings. Instruction continues to be strong and a shift to more STAAR testing related items will become part of the materials throughout the winter months. The calendar of upcoming events was covered with a few adjustments.
- VI. Discussion and/or Action Items
 - A. The Audited Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 23 - July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023 was presented by auditor Scott Scarborough in person and to the public. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Dallas Slay to approve the AFR as presented. The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

- B. Update from TEA Conservator Karen Wiesman: Snapshot and attendance data is being reviewed with more accurate reports to be shared in December meeting. Lone Star Governance Training requirements from TEA were introduced. TEA is mandating this as part of the 3rd failed FIRST rating and governance issues that were gathered and observed from the TEA Governance and Monitoring officials visit at the October 16, 2023 regular monthly meeting. No Action.
- C. Discussion and First Reading of TASB Board Policy Update 122 - 1st Reading and no action. Adoption will occur in December after board member review.
- D. Consider the Results and Required Hearing Date for the Final FIRST Rating for Fiscal Year 22. A report was provided by Mr. Ballinger with the failed FIRST indicators. Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to approve December 18, 2023 for the FIRST Public Hearing requirement. The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)
- E. Consider the Resolution Allowing for the Approval of the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Kirkland presented how this is a county wide document that involves all entities in Grayson County and there are specifics about Tioga ISD. A motion was made by Mica Bates and seconded by Ryan Walters to accept the resolution as presented from the county. The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)
- F. Consider the Interlocal Agreement in the Region 10 ESC Multi-Region Purchasing Coop SY '24-'25. Mr. Ballinger discussed the use of the agreement for food service purchases and the procurement process for the district is simplified by not having to seek bids for multiple levels of food purchases, while securing the best price. Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Dallas Slay to approve agreement as presented by ESC Region 10 staff. The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)
- G. Consider the '23-'24 McDaniel Air Conditioning & Heating Preventative Maintenance Contract. Mr. Ballinger presented the changes of the contract and how pleased the district is with the service and professionalism that is received from the McDaniels. There was a significant price increase and the board instructed Mr. Ballinger to seek 2 additional bids for the same type of service and present those before any action was taken on the McDaniel contract. No Action
- H. Consider the selling of surplus facilities in a previously advertised used 50+ year old metal building structure that was disassembled, moved & stacked thirteen years ago and has received zero bids. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Dallas Slay to grant Mr. Ballinger the authority to publicly advertise the surplus and accept sealed bids. The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)
- I. Consider Investing \$20,737.52 currently in a Wilmington Trust Account or Leave Funds Uninvested. Mr. Ballinger presented the options of what to do with the funds based on the Wilmington Account Executive. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Mica Bates to leave the funds where they can apply the entire balance to the February 2024 PFC Lease Payment on the High School Building. The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)
- J. Consider the Resolution to Cast Tioga ISD (Taxing Unit) Votes To Elect Candidates to Serve as Members of the Grayson Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Dugan Rainey to approve all

38 of Tioga ISD votes to Charlie Williams. The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

- K. Consider Budget Amendment(s) that Require Out of Function Adjustment(s) - No Action because none were needed.
- L. Motion was made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve with a single motion, the October check payments, bank financial reports and minutes from the previous meetings. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

VII. Open Public Comments started at 8:27 PM: Mary Alexander, Safety and Administrators; Wiley Alexander Student/Teacher Relations; Patty Wheeler, Student Safety Policies; Britney McKinney, Student Safety and Board; Rickey Kemp, Board Accountability and Conduct; Justein Elwell, Executive Session; Paul Rodarmer, Student Statement; Kevin Colteryahn, Conduct; Heather Nesmith, Petition...all presented in the 2nd public forum opportunity.

VIII. Executive Session - The board entered into executive session at 8:55 PM.

(Executive Session: If during the course of the meeting covered by this agenda the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071)

- A. Consultation with the Board's attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 for consultation with the District's attorney; Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 for deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer and/or employee
 - 1. Deliberate regarding Board Member conduct, ethics, and operating procedures.
 - 2. Consultation regarding the procedures for the possible termination/resignation of certified teacher, Brad Strickland.

IX. Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session

The board returned to open session at 9:57 PM.

Attorney Rebecca Bradley addressed the audience about legalities involved with dismissing an employee, and the processes involved with term contracts. Motion was made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Trina Colteryahn that the board accept the resignation of Mr. Strickland in accordance with applicable policies as of February 15, 2024. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-1 with Brandon Miller abstaining.

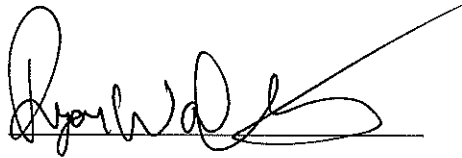
X. Adjourn

Motion was made by Dallas Slay to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ryan Walters. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

Meeting adjourned at 10:02



Stacy Price, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary