

**TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - MINUTES**

April 15, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Tioga Secondary School Library

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President, Stacy Price. Members Present: Stacy Price, Ryan Walters, Dugan Rainey, Brandon Miller, Mica Bates & Trina Colteryahn. Also present were Superintendent, Josh Ballinger, Principals, Jana Hansen and Keith Kirkland.
- II. Invocation and Pledge lead by Dallas Slay
- III. **Student Recognition –**
Elementary – March – 6th grader, Raylee Houk & April – 5th grader, Trey Lane
Secondary – Theatrical Design Group advancing to State Contest – Maria Colmenares, Liz Fraire, Amelia Strittmatter, Blakely Arroyo, Alivia Hall, and Kaitlyn Garrison
- IV. Open Forum for Public Comments - None
- V. **Superintendent's Report**
 - A. The new UIL Alignments for 2024-25 and 2025-26 have been released (this happens every two years). Our new alignment includes several new districts that are further away from us and will affect budgeting with travel expenses increasing. Our goal in October 2025 is to try to remain a 2A classification. (And for as long as possible.)
 - B. With all the recent rain flooding at the campuses is minimal with nothing severe. We are continuing to progress with fixing these problem areas.
 - C. At our previous meeting we discussed the potential of an ancillary Bank account w/Point Bank for Local Deposit(s) & Cash/Checks. We continue to investigate this possibility but will wait to finalize anything until the beginning of our new fiscal year.
 - D. 2024-25 Budget Development Progress – A lot of our budgeting decisions will depend on how the bond election goes on May 4th, we will work on options for both outcomes.
- VI. **District Updates**
 - A. Jana Hansen/Elementary – Enrollment down a little to 338 due to move outs. Received seven calls regarding transferring. Attendance rate at 95%. STAAR testing began last week and will continue over the next couple of weeks. Elementary Robotics have worked hard and competed at several shows recently doing well. Pre-K & Kindergarten Round-Up information going out this week. The month of May is full! May 17th is field day.
 - B. Keith Kirkland/Secondary – enrollment holding steady @ 350 in 7th-12th grades. Attendance rates are up from last month. STAAR tests begin this week. UIL Accounting won 1st place and advanced to Regionals. 21 of Mrs. Crowe's FCCLA students competed at the State contest and nine of those advanced to Nationals in Seattle, WA this summer. Mrs. Hertel's One Act Play troupe advanced to Regionals next week and our FFA judging teams competed this week. Two of our tennis athletes placed 2nd at District and advanced to Regionals in May. Golf team is looking good and has a good chance to advance as well. Our Track team had a great showing at District with several advancing to Regionals. We are proud of our students and how they are out there representing Tioga ISD.
- VII. **Discussion and/or Action Items**
 - A. Discussion from TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesmann (Not available – Mr. Ballinger went over her latest report to TEA)
 - B. Discussion held regarding 2024-2025 Tioga Pay Scale. Motion made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Dugan Rainey to approve the 2024-2025 Tioga Teacher, Counselor & Nurse Pay Scale presented to the board. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

- C. Motion made by Trina Colteryahn to submit TEA Waiver for approval allowing for Early College High School Students to start school on August 12th (2 weeks before rest of students start). Motion was seconded by Dallas Slay. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
- D. Discussed held regarding May 4 Bond Election and Preparation of May 1 Town Hall Meeting
- E. All TISD Trustee Training Hours have been met. All eight of them went to Region 10 on July 11th and gained most of their required hours. Several attended the Legislative Update training. All board members were in 1 ½ hour training with Dr. Weisman. For this coming year - June 17th, 2024 – School Board University will be held at Region 10 where board members can receive 10 hours of training.
- F. Motion was made by Dugan Rainey and seconded by Ryan Walters to leave 2024-25 Rates for the Tioga Early Childhood Development Center the same as last year with the exception of increasing the Summer Camp Activity Fee from \$40 to \$80. Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
- G. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Dallas Slay to approve the 2024-25 Rates for School Pre-Kindergarten leaving it at the same rates as last year at \$2250 per semester for students that do not meet the federal qualifications and to continue with the same employee discount. Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
- H. Final Review of Board Policy DEC (LOCAL) Compensation & Benefits: Leaves & Absences – No Action Needed
- I. Discussion held regarding Campus Grade Level Structures and Staffing Updates – Motion was made Dallas Slay and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to approve the following changes for the 2024-2025 school year only and will re-analyze at the end of next year based on numbers:
- 5th-7th Grade back in the previous middle school hallway
 - 8th-12th Grade at the high school campus
 - Jana Hansen - 3/8 Dyslexia/SPED and 5/8 as PK-4th Principal
 - 187 Days of Teaching and 34 of Principal Only
 - Pam Moore - 4/8 Reading Language Arts and 4/8 as 5th-7th Principal
 - 187 Days of Teaching and 29 of Principal Only
- Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
- J. Reviewed of Financial and Tax Collection Reports for March
- K. Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Mica Bates to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 18th, 2024. Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

VIII. Open Forum for Public Comments – Patty Wheeler

***At 8:51 PM the Board moved into Executive Session

*** At 9:46 PM the Board reconvened into Open Session

IX. Executive Session

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

X. Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session

A. Consider TISD Professional Probationary Contracts for 2024-25

Motion was made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to approve the employment contracts as presented for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

Motion was made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to approve the resignations as presented for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

B. Update Ex-Employee/Personnel - Pending lawsuit against Tioga ISD from School Year 2021-22
No Action

Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Mica Bates to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0) Meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM



Stacy Price, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary