

**TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - MINUTES**  
**May 20, 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 – May Brylen Bradley – 4<sup>th</sup> grader  
Secondary – Theatrical Design Group from State Contest Results – Maria Colmenares, Liz Fraire, Amelia Strittmatter, Blakely Arroyo, Alivia Hall, and Kaitlyn Garrison (champion)
- IV. **Open Forum for Public Comments - None**
- V. **Superintendent's Report**
  - A. PTO and Education Foundation Accomplishments - Teacher Appreciation, Grants, Scholarships
  - B. Construction Update with Elementary Wing - Drywall, flooring, map of building, quotes work
  - C. Bus Grant Update - Transportation Needs, lost \$200,000 grant because of break in inspections
  - D. School Safety Update - SAFE Grant Cycle 2, \$150,000 additional for building updates primarily
  - E. Budget Development May 30 at 6:00 - Workshop with Dr. Wiesman for close of 24 & open 25
- VI. **District Updates**
  - A. Jana Hansen/Elementary – Enrollment up. Received calls regarding transferring. Attendance rate rising. STAAR testing finished last week and Elementary Robotics covered. Pre-K & Kindergarten Round-Up held. The month of May is full! May 17<sup>th</sup> was field day...huge success.
  - B. Keith Kirkland/Secondary – enrollment steady @ 350 in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Attendance rates are up from last month. STAAR tests finished last week. UIL Accounting won 1<sup>st</sup> 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 tech theater won a state championship. Many senior activities and award ceremonies are coming up next week, something every night with awards or activities.
  - C. Zach Birdwell Athletics - Update from Spring Sports and Summer Plans was covered by AD detailing each sports numbers, results and successes from basketball season forward.
- VII. **Discussion and/or Action Items**
  - A. Update from TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman - Emergency came up and did not make it, but will cover everything on May 30 at the Budget workshop.
  - B. Discussion of Lone Star Governance Training and Reasoning - Mr. Ballinger covered the reasoning for the training and all agreed that June 22 and 23 all day each day would be best to get it accomplished, even though it was a Saturday and Sunday.
  - C. Discussion of Grayson County Special Education Coop Function and Associated Costs - Description of how the Coop classes work and the numbers across the county was covered by Mr. Ballinger. The discussion of the fiscal agent, Van Alstyn leaving and the pay scale was discussed, along with the increase of \$47,000 in these charges for Tioga ISD in 24-25.
  - D. Consider Hankins/Eastup/Deaton/Tonn/Seay & Scarborough as CPA Firm for FY21/22/24 AFRs - Mr. Ballinger discussed that this firm was willing to reissue an opinion for FY21 and FY22 that TEA said we had to redo and would get this accomplished while working on the FY24 audit at a cost of over \$95,000 for all three audits to be completed. Motion made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to approve the audit firm for FY 2021, 2022 and 2024 for Tioga ISD's AFRs. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

- E. Consider K-9 Contraband Inspection Contracts for 2024-25 Services - Mr. Ballinger described the 3 options for drug dog and contraband detection services. It was determined that a new company needs to be hired to change up the last 12 years of current services. Motion made by Brandon Miller and seconded by Dallas Slay to approve Black Creek for 2024-2025. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
- F. Update of Current and Future Board Member Terms and Seats - Mr. Ballinger covered the terms for all board members and updated everyone with what was discovered regarding Mica Bates running for an unexpired term and therefore, her term would end in May of 2025. Everyone agreed that all terms looked correct and it would all be corrected online and in the records. No action was taken.
- G. Discussion of Tioga ISD Bond Election and Stifel Bond Election Report in Texas and Mr. Ballinger used the report that was put together by David Webb, TISD Financial Advisor. The discussion was primarily based on passed and failed bond elections from the May elections.
- H. Review Draft Distribution List & Timetable for Unlimited Tax Refunding Bond, Series 2024 from Stifel Financial. All of the plans discussed are preliminary and a more exact timeline and details will be established in June, with a potential bond sale date of July 8, 2024.
- I. Review Stifel Update & Structural Options for Unlimited Tax Refunding Bond, Series 2024 using the information from David Webb of Stifel Financial. Interest rates, and the pros and cons of having permanent school fund backing, insurance backing and then no insurance on the bond sale were all debated. No action was taken.
- J. Review of Financial and Tax Collection Reports for April
- K. Approve Minutes from the Previous Regular & Special Meetings in April. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

**VIII. Open Forum for Public Comments** - Heather Nesmith spoke and thanked the board members for their service and for not allowing negativity to detour the progress that has been made.

*\*\*\* At 8:46 PM the Board moved into Executive Session*

*\*\*\* At 9:43 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

A. Consider TISD Professional Probationary Contracts for 2024-25

B. Consultation with Attorney - Contracted Personnel

C. Update Ex-Employee/Personnel - Pending lawsuit against Tioga ISD from School Year 2021-22

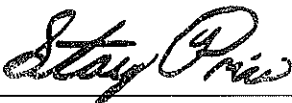
**X. Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session**

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)

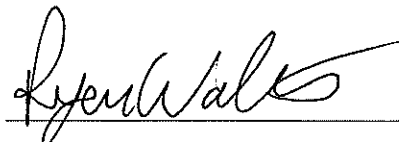
No further action was taken

**XI. Adjourn**

Motion was made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Mica Bates to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. (7-0) Meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM



Stacy Price, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary