

**TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE AND ADOPTION  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
August 19, 2024      7:00 p.m.  
Tioga High School Cafeteria**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President, Stacy Price. Members present: Stacy Price, Dallas Slay, Ryan Walters, Dugan Rainey, Mica Bates & Trina Colteryahn. Absent: Brandon Miller Also Present: Superintendent, Josh Ballinger, Principals, Jana Hansen and Keith Kirkland Present via phone: TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman
- II. **Invocation and Pledge** – led by Dallas Slay
- III. **Open Forum for Public Comments** - None
- IV. **Discussion of proposed 2024 Tax Rate**
  - A. Maintenance and Operation Rate of \$0.7269 was compressed the least amount it has been in years. Reminder – the Maximum Compressed Rate (MCR) is set by the state, ours is \$0.6169 for Tier 1, Tier 2 set at \$0.11
  - B. Interest and Sinking Rate of \$0.50 – I&S raised from \$.36 to \$0.50 with the election. It's not quite a \$0.14 raise because we were compressed a \$0.0023 so that a decrease on the M&O and then a \$0.14 increase on the I&S.
    - Total Tax Rate - \$1.2269 per hundred dollars of valuation for the District for the tax year 2024
- V. **Opportunity for Public Comment Regarding the Proposed Tax Rates:** NONE
- VI. **Consider the Adoption of 2024 Tax Rate By Resolution:** Motion was made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to approve the resolution to set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2024 at a total tax rate of \$1.2269 to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows: \$0.7269 for the purposed of maintenance and operations, and \$0.50 for the purposed of payment of principal and interest on debts. Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the district. The 2024 designation is awarded to the Grayson County Tax Assessor-Collect, Bruce Stidham. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)
- VII. Superintendent's Report
  - A. Boardbook Premier Update – little slower process than anticipated. Training has been completed. Board will receive passwords to access soon. Board members received laptop computers to access the program which will streamline the board agendas and associated documents.
  - B. **HS Electrical and Other District Construction/Maintenance Resolved Issues** – Unfortunately the High School electrical issues is still on going. Have worked with numerous electrical professionals trying to resolve the issue and will continue until it is resolved. Mr. Ballinger gave a brief run down of what has been happening to date.
  - C. **The Bridge Church Update** – Trent Hodgkinson, pastor of The Bridge Church (Southern Baptist) toured the campuses and they are interested in using the elementary campus due to the availability of the playgrounds for Sunday morning service and Sunday evening services. Will continue to gather information to determine a rate to charge for facility rental, along with custodial and utilities expenses. Will have more information for possible action on September agenda.

- D. **Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds Closing and Funding** – It did close a week and a half ago and funded last Thursday. Part of the bond proceeds were to make the little over \$1 million payment that was made on August 15<sup>th</sup> and on time.
- E. **FY 2022-23 FIRST Preliminary Rating** – Preliminary ratings are out and we knew this was coming. For the 4<sup>th</sup> time in a row, we received an “F” rating, which was expected based on how the district operated in FY 22-23. We are on a path to receive a better rating for the FY24 and to be able to pass the FIRST rating for FY25.
- F. **State Academic Accountability Ratings Blocked** – We were supposed to receive accountability rating this past week, but a judge has blocked the release of that information.

#### VIII. District Updates

- Mr. Kirkland / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade & High School – Focusing on Staff returning. It’s been great to hear some of our staff and students throughout the halls and gym area recently. Many athletes and band students are preparing for the coming year activities. Schedule pick-up tonight for students. Football, volleyball and cross country are all up and running. UIL Academic preparation is in progress. Dual credit courses started a week ago and all students seen to have been logged in and engaged in courses.
- Mrs. Hansen / Pre-K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Just finished three weeks of summer school with approximately 30 students each day. Moving summer school for the younger grades was very effective and will mostly continue this for future years. Established a Vertical Alignment Committee, discussed areas of focus, Saxon phonics, Eureka Math and Amplify. We still have an open position for an ESL aide. Meet the Teacher is on Wednesday night from 5-7 PM. 211 enrolled Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Mrs. Moore / 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade – We had approximately 39 students in summer school and we agree that the having summer school at the end of the summer seemed to be much better than in the past. Working to improve communication specifically communication about classroom expectations so that from room to room the students are getting the same information. Vision for Middle School is that it should build our High School programs, academically and extra-curricular, so offering new courses to introduce middle school to different areas (band, outdoor education, book club, exploring food and fabrics, art, technology and leadership courses). Currently has 133 students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

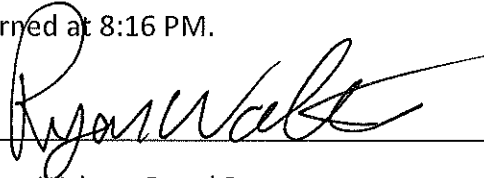
#### IX. Discussion and/or Action Items

- A. TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman – Looking at a budget workshop in September to address the bond refunding and how the bond refunding will be coming in on a budget amendment. We do anticipate a surplus for the FY24 which will go a long way to getting points for the FIRST rating for next year. Budget workshop scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM prior to regular board meeting.
- B. Overview of the 2024-25 Student Handbook revisions discussed. Changes recommended and will be added to the agenda for September.
- C. Discussed the 2024-25 Student Code of Conduct - Motion was made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve the 2024-2025 Student Code of Conduct. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)
- D. Discussion had regarding the revision of TISD Board Standard Operating Procedures – No action
- E. Discussed Nomination of Candidates for the Board of Directors – Grayson Central Appraisal District – Motion made by Mica Bates and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to adopt resolution nominating the following for candidates for the Board of Directors for the Grayson Central Appraisal District: Charlie Williams, Brett Graham, Brad Morgan, Obie Greenleaf & Sean Vanderveer. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)
- F. Financial and Tax Collection reports for July were reviewed. No action needed.

- X. Consent Items –
- A. Approve Minutes from the Previous Regular Meeting of July 18, 2024.
  - B. Consider Resolution to Accept Texas 4-H Organization as Approved for Recognition and Eligible for Extracurricular Status Consideration
  - C. Consider Adjunct Faculty Agreement Awarded to Adjunct Staff Members for the 2023-24 School Year Through the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service
  - D. Consider Safety and Security Grant Purchase of Security Window/Door File & Installation
  - E. Consider 2024-25 T-TESS Appraisal Calendar for Professional Staff
    - Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Dugan Rainey to approve the consent items. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)
- XI. **Executive Session** (No items for Executive Session)  
Executive Session: If during the course of the meeting covered by this agenda the Board should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board of Directors 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. Personnel Matters - None
- XII. **Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session - None**
- XIII. Motion made by Dugan Rainey to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ryan Walters. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0) Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.



Stacy Price, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary

