

**TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 16, 2024 7:00 p.m.
Tioga High School Library**

- 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, Brandon Miller, Mica Bates & Trina Colteryahn.
Also Present: Superintendent, Josh Ballinger; Principals, Jana Hansen, Pam Moore and Keith Kirkland
- II. **Invocation and Pledge** – led by Dugan Rainey
- III. **Student Recognition** – Mr. Ballinger recognized the student body on the high school campus for the way they handled the two days without power.
- IV. **Open Forum for Public Comments** - None
- V. **Superintendent's Report**
 - A. **Boardbook Premier Update** - We are transition to this on-line platform for the Board meeting. Training has been completed by Mr. Ballinger and computers have been distributed to the board members. Eventually we will be paperless for the board meetings and all documents will be distributed through the Boardbook program.
 - B. **HS Electrical and Other District Construction/Maintenance Resolved Issues** –
Electrical issues - We have talked to numerous electricians (8 different companies) over the past few weeks. BCS SwitchGear recommended replacing a relay (they put it in for free) all we had to do was pay for the part. We will see if we make it past the 10-day mark with this latest change.
Other Projects –Buford Thompson is still working with us on high school campus issues. Several crews working on the water leak issues. Balcony leak is being addressed right now. It was supposed to take a week and they been working on it a month. Flynn Roofing is working on three areas to fix roofing peeling up causing water penetration areas.
 - C. **Review of ESC Region 10 Contracted Services for 2024-2025** – We spend a little over \$55K in contract services with them. Majority is through the Business software and Student Management software, Ascender along with their support of these programs. Another program we utilize through Region 10 is for Federal Programs support. There are a lot of loop holes and hoops you have to jump through on federal programs and they do a great job in keeping us in line with the federal rules and regulations.
 - D. **Instructional Materials Allotment Update – Equalized Spending** – along with all our financial issues there has been many conversations about what are we providing the teachers with as far as instructional materials and technology. The majority of it is paid for in the instructional materials allotment. Started the year with \$83K and we've spent just under \$25K so far.
 - E. **Safety and Security Upgrades** – Doors and windows have been secured with new security film. With that requirement completed for Safe Grant 1, we can now move into Safe Grant 2. We will be working on making the playground area at the back of the elementary/middle school campus safer and redoing some of the fencing making it six foot.
- VI. **District Updates**
 - Mr. Ballinger – Unfortunately our ADA for the first three weeks of school was just under 630 and we ended the year last year with 642 ADA. So we are down about 12 ½ from the end of last year to the beginning of this year. This will affect our Summary of Finance. We need our ADA to stay at 97% or above.
Current enrollment 658 down 28 from end of school last year. This information will be adjusted accordingly when we have our budget workshop.

- Mr. Kirkland / 8th Grade & High School – Enrolled three new high schoolers today. 1 family that moved in and two siblings added that are transfers. Complimented students and staff on how they handled the power outages. Kudos to the cafeteria staff for being able to feed the students without having to bus students to the other campus or putting additional work on the elementary/middle school cafeteria staff. Commended Mrs. Hanks and Mrs. Ballinger on an excellent job with student schedules this year. Very few changes had to be made. Average class sizes are 17-25 range. Working with teachers and getting training to utilize new platforms for increased student engagement. Volleyball, Football and Cross Country as well as Band are all moving forward getting ready to start district play. Band switched regions this year.
- Mrs. Hansen / Pre-K-4th Grade – First three weeks of school have gone really well. Focusing on all student's needs. UIL getting underway with student sign ups. PTO did an excellent job on the Grandparents Breakfast last week. Next PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6th in the Elementary Cafeteria. See You at the Pole, 9/25 and 9/27 is the first Good Morning Tioga!
- Mrs. Moore / 5th-7th Grade – Working to keep building up the High School programs with introducing them at the middle school level. Continuing to communicate expectations in the classroom especially regarding using the same hall pass system, cell phone policy and clear water bottle policy. AR testing is up and running again through the library. First Middle School Pep Rally this Thursday.

VII. Discussion and/or Action Items

- TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman – family emergency and unable to be here. Her report to TEA shows us still on track.
- Consider The Bridge Church Establishing within Tioga Elementary – Facilities & Lease Agreement Details – Gym/Playground/400 hallway/Café on Sundays only – Soft openings October 20th and December 15th with weekly meetings starting on January 5th. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Dugan Rainey to approve a six-month contract with a re-evaluation after six months with a rental rate of \$200/weekly. Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
- Reviewed the 2024-25 Student Handbook Revisions – Specifics Covered at the August 19 Board Meeting. Updated provided by principals, specifically regarding cell phone and dress code.
- Reviewed example of New TISD Board Standard Operating Procedures – completed document will be presented at the October regular board meeting.
- Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve the Participation and/or Facility Use for In or Out of District Homeschool Student(s) in non-UIL Events on a case by case basis at the teacher/sponsors, principals and superintendent's discretion. Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
- Reviewed TEA September Settle-Up Process, Overpayment Reminder and Budget Workshop Items. All Payment ledgers are available on the TEA website these are all public records.
- Financial and Tax Collection Reports for August reviewed. No action needed.

VIII. Consent Items –

- Approve Minutes from the Previous Regular Meeting of August 19, 2024.
- Resolution #2024-02 Grayson Central Appraisal District's Purchase of Abandoned Railroad Property
- Addendum to the Contract Between Tioga ISD and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company – Financial Advisement
- Final Official Statement for Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2024
- Final McCall, Parkhurst & Horton Documents – IRS Form 8038 and "Plain Language" Letters
- Federal Funding Surpluses Used for One-Time Retention Stipend Expenditures
 - Motion was made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve the consent items. Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
 - ***At 8:32 PM the Board moved into Executive Session
 - *** At 9:10 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 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

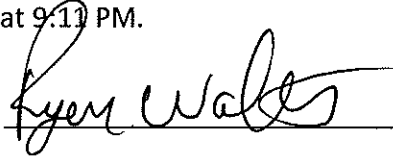
X. Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session

A. Personnel Matters – No action to discuss

XI. Motion made by Dallas Slay to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ryan Walters. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0) Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.



Stacy Price, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary