

TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 17, 2025 7:00 p.m.
Tioga High School Library

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Board President, Dallas Slay. Members present: Dallas Slay, Ryan Walters, Brandon Miller & Trina Colteryahn. Absent: Dugan Rainey & Mica Bates
Also Present: Superintendent, Josh Ballinger; Principals, Jana Hansen and Keith Kirkland -TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman Absent: Pam Moore
 - II. **Invocation and Pledge** – led Dallas Slay
 - III. **Student Recognition**
Elementary School – Recognized Donovan Barnet - 2nd grader / Mrs. Poole
 - IV. **Open Forum for Public Comments** - None
 - V. **Superintendent's Report**
 - Safety & Security – State Auditor came to the high school the week before Spring Break and we passed with flying colors. We have completed all obligations for Round One of the Safety & Security Grant. Round two will help us to add some additional security cameras and meet the other new requirements.
 - Legislative Update – 1500 of the Education Bills (Education Savings Accounts, Increase in Basic Allotment, Prohibiting Use of Cell Phones in Schools, and many more)
 - Continued Repayment of Debt Service Fund from General Operating – Established a payment plan, first payment for this year was paid at the first of March and will continue through remainder of the school year.
 - Bluebonnet Learning Curriculum Update – Currently looking at different options for 1st through 5th Math
- District Updates –**
- A. Instructional and Enrollment Reports
 - Mr. Kirkland / 8th Grade & High School – FCCLA going to State in April, UIL Academic Meet coming up soon, several of the students in Theatrical Design advanced to State. Both boys' and girls' basketball teams had athletes that made the All-District Teams, Baseball & Softball are in full swing as well as Golf, Tennis and Track.
 - Mrs. Hansen / Pre-K – 4th Grade – Spent the day meeting with each grade level team. Pre-K has completed mid-year assessments and working to get all students ready for Kindergarten. Kindergarten "visited" Canada recently and learned a lot about the country. Sonic Day for Kindergarten coming up on April 8th, proceeds of sales will go to support their grade level. 1st and 2nd grade piloting the Roadmap program and it has made a big difference in their Math instruction and they are really liking the program. 3rd and 4th grades main focus right now is STAAR, their first test is in 3 ½ weeks. 4th grade is getting ready for their Austin field trip in May which has been fully funded. TELPAS testing has been going well and should wrap up this week.
- VII. Discussion and/or Action Items**
- A. TEA Division of Governance & Intervention Report – Dr. Karen Wiesman & Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Development Discussion: 2026 Budget development, working to split the campuses with all the behind the scenes work to accomplish this goal. Also planning to do training for on-line purchase orders. Looking at staffing with regards to dividing grade levels again as well as compensation. Beginning teacher pay scale is low compared to surrounding districts but ours has a better step structure for years 1-14. Looking at budget impact to raising the pay scale for entry level and putting smaller increments between the years for years 1-14 to see how that would affect the budget and also looking at a maximum cap.
- FY 21 & FY 22 Audit Reports Update from Heather LaPoint/Hankins, Eastup** – discussed the big changes from prior report to new reports. On FY 21 we still issued auditors report - as financials are presented fairly and all material respects giving an unmodified opinion. We did do some journal entries, but these were from the journal entries done for FY 2023 so it was basically putting it into the correct year. Recorded a write up noting the findings of subsequent events. Discussed several other adjustments made to match the adjustments made

in the FY2023 Audit. The actual revenues and expenditures didn't change much. The biggest change is the total Due to State being reported correctly. On FY 22 – very consistent with the prior audit, the findings were related to internal controls due to the transfer between funds. No prior period adjustments required. Will make necessary adjustments to FY 2023 reports to tie beginning and ending balances before board approval and turning into TEA.

- B. Consider May 3, 2025 School Board Member Order of Cancellation – Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walters to cancel the May 3rd, 2025 election due all candidates for all three seats are running unopposed. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)
- C. Official Announcement of New Board members and Terms Beginning May 2025
Seat #1 – Billy Smith (3 Year Term – May 2025 through May 2028)
Seat #4 – James Hurt (3 Year Term – May 2025 through May 2028)
Seat #6 – Nick Oliver (Unexpired Two Year Term – May 2025 through May 2027)
- D. Moody's Annual Issuer Comment Report Publication – Discussion regarding the rating agencies and the annual report. Overall status of Tioga ISD is trending upward in a good direction. Discussed Campus Grade Level Structure and Elementary Building Updates: Next year we will return operations to the High School campus being 9th – 12th grades, Middle School will be 6th – 8th grades and Elementary will be Pre-K through 5th grade with the Early Childhood Development Center independent.
- E. Discussed Staffing Needs for 2024-25; Food Service, ESL, Remedial, SPED, ECDC: We will not be adding any new positions for the 2025-2026 school year.
- F. Reviewed Financial and Tax Collection Reports for February

VIII. Consent Action Items –

- A. Minutes from the Previous Regular Meeting on February 17
- B. Consider TASB Policy Update 124
- C. Grayson County Tax Assessor-Collector 2023 Annual Report and Certification
 - Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Brandon Miller to approve the consent items. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

****At 8:54 PM the Board moved into Executive Session*

**** At 9:29 PM the Board reconvened into Open Session*

IX. Executive Session

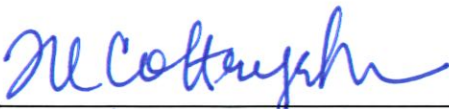
Executive Session: If during the course of the meeting covered by this agenda the Board should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government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

- A. Consider Professional Contracts and At-Will Agreements for 2025-26

X. Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session

- A. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walters to accept employment for 2025-2026 as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

- XI. Motion made by Ryan Walters to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Trina Colteryahn. The motion passed unanimously. (4-0) Meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM.


Trina Colteryahn Vice President
Dallas ISD, Board President


Ryan Walters, Board Secretary