

**TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 7:00 p.m.  
Tioga High School Library**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Board President, Dallas Slay.  
Members present: Ryan Walters, Trina Colteryahn, Billy Smith, Nick Oliver, James Hurt and Dallas Slay.  
Also Present: Superintendent, Josh Ballinger; Principal, Pam Moore  
TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman via telephone  
Absent: Keith Kirkland & Jana Hansen
- II. **Invocation and Pledge** – led by Billy Smith
- III. **Student Recognition**  
Middle School – Recognized Jillianne Bradley 5<sup>th</sup> grade – by Mrs. Hansard  
Zander Zafar – Advanced to State Golf Tournament  
Kyndall Whitley – Advanced to State Track Meet  
Justin Arrington, Greeley McAden, Hayden Roberts, Jake David, Quesyn Arrington, Kyson Kirkland, Sam Mott & Austin Norwood – Won multiple races and brought home the State Championship - 1<sup>st</sup> Place at State Track Meet
- IV. **Open Forum for Public Comments** - None
- V. **Superintendent's Report**
  - New Board Members Introduction  
Billy Smith – Seat 1  
Nick Oliver – Seat 6  
James Hurt – Seat 4
  - Legislative Update provided – House Bill 2 – School Funding Legislation (\$8 Billion); Senate Bill 2 (Educational Saving Accounts); Senate Bill 2253 – Only certified teachers in core subject areas by 2029-2030; House Bill 4 – Assessment - Accountability STAAR Test
  - Update provided on S&P Global Review of Financial Standing from May 12
  - Campus Security Upgrades – Additional cameras installed at both campuses, working on updates for access control system. All funded through Safety & Security Cycle 2 grant funds.
- VI. **District Updates** –
  - A. Spring Events with 3 weeks left of school year – Graduation – June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM; Banquets every night this week
  - B. Results of past, current and future activities
  - C. Enrollment and Attendance Reports – Updates for 2025-26 – Attendance rates are not good. Need parents help in raising these.
  - Mrs. Moore / 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – All STAAR testing is completed; Special thanks to the PTO for a successful Teacher Appreciation Week. Book Fair held this past week. MAPP testing (growth testing) wrapping up. High School band visited Middle School band last week. This Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> is Field Day for 5<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in with rest of Elementary and Fun Day for the 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> grades and the Middle School dance will be that evening. Middle School Awards – Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Working on Seat Time for students that have missed more than the 10% of class time. Summer School for Middle School/Elementary will be at the end of July into the first part of August.

**VII. Discussion and/or Action Items**

- A. TEA Division of Governance & Intervention Report – Dr. Karen Wiesman - maintaining the comparisons to budget as projected, overall it appears that we will end up with a positive position at the end of the year to go into Fund Balance. Planning Budget Workshop for June 16<sup>th</sup> for budget preparation and adoption. Will probably need to adopt a budget based on current year and then do budget amendments in July after Legislative Session ends and we know how the changes made will affect our district.
- B. Reviewed 2023 Accountability Ratings
- C. Reviewed 2025-26 Budget Development
- D. Considered Board Policy DEC (LOCAL) and Health Insurance Contribution
- No changes made
  - E. Considered the Formation & Authorization of a TISD Police Department, discussion held
- Motion made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Billy Smith for the establishment and authorization of the Tioga ISD Police Department as presented. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)
  - F. Reviewed Financial and Tax Collection Reports for April
  - G. Considered Reorganization and Election of Board Officer Positions
- Motion made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Trina Colteryahn for the positions to remain as is for the next year. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

**VIII. Consent Action Items –**

- A. Consider Minutes from the Previous Regular Meeting of April 21
- B. Consider 5 MOUs from Grayson College for College Prep, Dual Credit Agreement, Texoma Promise, Data Sharing Agreement & Financial Aid
- C. Consider Regional Day School Programs for the Deaf Agreement
- D. Consider Hankins Et al Engagement Agreement for Fiscal Year 2025 AFR and Audit Services
  - Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Nick Oliver to approve the consent items as presented. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

**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. Personnel and New 2025-26 Contracted Staff

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

- A. Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Billy Smith to accept employment contracts for 2025-2026 as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

- XI. Motion made by Ryan Walters to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Trina Colteryahn. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0) Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

  
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Dallas Slay, Board President  
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Ryan Walters, Board Secretary