

TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
July 21, 2025 7:00 p.m.
Tioga High School Library

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President, Dallas Slay.
Members present: Ryan Walters, Trina Colteryahn, Nick Oliver, James Hurt, Billy Smith and Dallas Slay. Also Present: Superintendent, Josh Ballinger; Principals, Keith Kirkland, Pam Moore and Jana Hansen; TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman
- II. **Invocation and Pledge** – led by Billy Smith
- III. **Open Forum for Public Comments** – Heather Nesmith – regarding videos of School Board Meetings – future videos will be transferred to YouTube after 30 days due to new Facebook rules.
- IV. **Discussions and Presentations**
 - A. Discussed Open Board Seat #5 & Policies (LEGAL) BBA and BBC - interested parties Holly Mizer and Bob Wishmeyer (Dugan Rainey's resignation was effective April 21st, 2025 so we are within the timeframe of appointing a new board member.)
 - B. Reviewed Newest House Bill 2 Funding Documents Released on July 10th
 - C. Reviewed State Funding Documents Compared to June Adopted - Budget adopted last month, we project our state aid to be just under 8.2 and the state projected it to be just over 8 million. We will make adjustment to budget at August meeting when we set our tax rate. We will be payment Class 1. Certified totals came out this past Thursday from the Appraisal District with new \$140K additional homestead exemptions.
 - D. Reviewed Student Code of Conduct Updates for August Adoption – two big ones: HB 6 removing DAEP for possession of e-cigarettes; HB 1481 personal devices no longer allowed in schools
 - E. Reviewed Tioga ISD Conservator Information / Dr. Wiesman – worked with Business Office on closing out FY25 and appears that there should have a 1.3 million surplus
- V. **Business Items Requiring Board Action**
 - A. Consider SB 401: ISD's shall provide homeschool participation unless the school board votes to Opt-Out of allowing homeschool participation
 - *Motion was made by Billy Smith and seconded by Ryan Walters to Opt-Out of SB401. Motion pass unanimously. (6-0)*
 - B. Consider (LOCAL) policies EFB, FD, FM and FNCE to address responses to the 2025 Legislative Policy Alert Survey.
 - *Motion made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Billy Smith to add updated policies as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)*
 - C. Consider Student Attendance Incentives to Improve Rates
 - *Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walters to form an attendance incentive program. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)*
- VI. **Consent Action Items**
 - A. Approve Minutes from Previous Regular Meeting
 - B. Adoption of TASB Policy Manual Update 125
 - C. Budget Amendment Payroll Code – Out of Function 11 & Into Function 53
 - *Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve the consent items as presented. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)*

VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Discussed Financial Reports for June and Food Service Payment Options
 - Cost for providing free breakfast annual @ \$60K
- B. Discussed Tax Collection Reports for June
- C. Discussed PEIMS Submissions and Staff Arrangement
 - PEIMS Submission extreme amount of work, multi-faceted with live transmission daily
- D. Discussed Board Training for July 30 and Legislative Update Training
- E. Discussed Legislative Special Session Topics

****At 8:38 PM the Board moved into Executive Session*

**** At 9:28 PM the Board reconvened into Open Session*

VIII. Executive Session

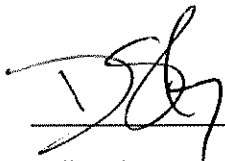
Executive Session: If during the course of the meeting covered by this agenda the Board should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government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

- A. Consider TISD Professional Probationary Contract(s) for 2025-26
- B. Consider Teacher/Counselor/Nurse Pay Scale, Compensation Plan & Staff Raises

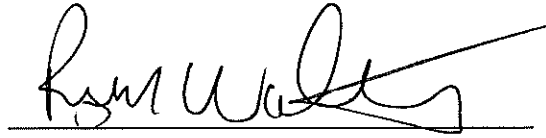
IX. Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session

- A. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by James Hurt to approve the contract for Austin Kemp. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)
- B. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Nick Oliver to approve the compensation plan and the teacher/counselor/nurse pay scale as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

- X. *Motion made by Ryan Walters to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Billy Smith. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0) Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.*



Dallas Slay, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary