

**TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 18th, 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, James Hurt, Billy Smith and Dallas Slay.
Absent: Nick Oliver
Also Present: Superintendent, Josh Ballinger; Principals, Keith Kirkland, Pam Moore and Jana Hansen; TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman
- II. **Invocation and Pledge** – led by Trina Colteryahn
- III. **Student Recognition** – FCCLA National Competition Group – 10 students qualified for the National contest in Orlando, FL
Advisor – Christi Crowe
Drivers Safety Program Project - 2 Seniors – Emma Cox and James Culp (Presented in Showcase at Nationals)
Chapter Service Project - Emily Ballinger, Citlaly Zuniga, Lacy Gray – National Champions - 1st Place – Gold Medals (Donated funds raised in project to TYSA for Scholarships)
Interpersonal Communications- McKenzie Lewter, Bella Lewter & Kennedy Slay – TOP 10 – 6th Place in the Nationals – Gold Medals
Chapter in Review - Chloe Moore – 2nd Place at National – Gold Medal
Food Innovations - Daylie Payne (8th Grader) – Silver Medal
- IV. **Open Forum for Public Comments** – None
- V. **District Recognitions and/or Public Hearings – (Public Comments/Questions – None)**
 - A. Discussion regarding establishing the 2025 M&O and I&S Property Tax Rates
 1. Maintenance and Operations Rate of \$0.7269
 2. Interest and Sinking Rate of \$0.50
- VI. **Discussions and Presentations**
 - A. Discussion held regarding the 2024 & 2025 TEA Academic Accountability Reports
 - 2025 increased 3 points over 2024 to a Rating of 87
 - B. Reviewed the 2025-26 Student Handbook and Administrative Rules Presented
 - Cell phones & personal communication devices – off and out of sight during school day / 1st Offense = Parent Pick-Up Device from Office
 - C. Reviewed the Facility and Vehicle Updates for 2025-26 – Truck and suburbans are aging and will need to start replacing them as well as a couple of buses.
 - D. Discussed Summer Events – Master Schedules, Teacher Loads, Student Counts, Activities
 - Student Counts (September 2024 – 658 / June 2025 – 651 / as of August 18, 2025 - 620)
 - E. Reviewed Tioga ISD Conservator Report – Dr. Wiesman
- VII. **Business Items Requiring Board Action**
 - A. Consider the Adoption of 2025 Tax Rate By Resolution (See Addendum)
 - *Motion made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to approve the 2025 Tax Rate as presented. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*
 - B. Establish Guidelines and Set All Lunch and Potentially Breakfast Prices for 2025-26
 - *Motion made by Billy Smith and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve the meal prices as presented adding charge of \$1.00 for student breakfasts and \$3.40 for staff/adult breakfasts. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*
 - C. Consider the Resolution Authorizing the Creation of the Tioga ISD Police Department

- *Motion made by Ryan Walters and seconded by James Hurt to approve the Resolution to establish the Tioga ISD Police Department. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

D. Review & Renew the "Good Cause" Exemption for the District Defender/Guardian Program

- *Motion made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Billy Smith to renew the "Good Cause" exemption for the District Defender/Guardian Program as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

E. Consider the 2025-26 Student Code of Conduct & Student Attendance Incentives

- *Motion made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

VIII. **Consent Action Items**

- Approve Minutes from Previous Regular Meeting of July 21, 2025
- Consider Resolution to Accept Texas 4-H Organization as Approved for Extracurricular Status
- Consider Adjunct Faculty Agreement Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Staff
- Consider 2025-26 T-Tess Appraisal Calendar for Professional Staff
- *Motion was made by Billy Smith and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve the consent items as presented. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

IX. **Superintendent's Report**

- Discussed Super Sod Contract Established for Fiscal Year 2026 - \$5,500/yr for FY26
- Discussed TEA Letter for School Counseling Compliance
- Discussed Preliminary 2025 FIRST Financial Rating for 2023-24 School Year
- Reviewed of Financial and Tax Collection Reports for July

**** At 8:25 PM the Board moved into Executive Session*

**** At 9:10 PM the Board reconvened into Open Session*

X. **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

- Interview Potential Candidates for the Open TISD Board Member Seat
- Consider New Qualifiers for the District Defender/Guardian Program

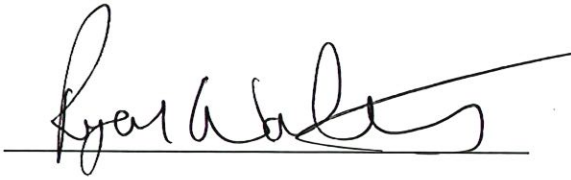
XI. **Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session**

- Motion was made by James Hurt and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to appoint Holly Mizer to the empty board seat #5 that will expire in May 2026. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
- Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Billy Smith to approve the new qualifiers for the District Defender/Guardian Program as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

XII. **Adjourn –**

- *Motion made by Ryan Walters to adjourn the meeting and seconded by James Hurt. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0) Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.*


Dallas Slay, Board President


Ryan Walters, Board Secretary