

**TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 15, 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, Billy Smith, Holly Mizer and Dallas Slay.
Absent: James Hurt
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** – None
- IV. **Discussions & Presentations**
 - A. Instructional, Activities & Security Update from Principals
 - Security / Police Dept process going well
 - High School / Kirkland – Mobile STEM Lab, increase writing emphasis throughout all classes, restructured Advisory, increase in UIL Academics participation, Homecoming prep taking place, Bonfire Wednesday, 9/24th
 - Middle School / Moore – Had first pep rally, Football, Volleyball and Cross Country all doing well, MS Student Council helped with Goodies with Grands, MS UIL Academics Sign-Ups taking place now
 - Elementary School / Hansen – One new student enrolled today, Attendance 97.35%
 - several incentives (popsicle party, extra recess, Geno's 2 free pizzas)
 - B. Discussed 2024-2025 School Year Kindergarten & 7th Grade Immunization Summary
 - C. Reviewed Tioga ISD Conservator Report – Dr. Wiesman plans to meet with Sondra and Auditors to finalize FY2025.
- V. **Business Items Requiring Board Action**
 - A. Discussion had regarding SB 546 New Seatbelt Requirements for School Buses and Insufficient TISD Budget to Support Required Action – Currently have zero busses with the 3 point harnesses. \$1000-\$1200 per seat to retrofit (older buses up to \$2500 per seat).
 - *Motion made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Billy Smith to approve moving forward with making the necessary notification to TEA advising insufficient funds to meet the new requirements seatbelt requirements for buses. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)*
 - B. Approval to Seek and Obtain lease Payment Options for 1 New 72 Passenger School Bus and 1 New 15 Passenger Mid-Top Van
 - *Motion made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Billy Smith to move forward with finding lease/purchase options to purchase 1 new 72 passenger school bus and 1 new 15 passenger mid-top van. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)*
 - C. Consider district Groundskeeping Contract Renewal for 2025-26
 - *Motion was made by Nick Oliver and seconded by Holly Mizer to renew the contract with our current groundskeeper with an increase to \$49,200 annually. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)*

VI. Consent Action Items

- A. Approve Minutes from Previous Regular Meeting of August 18, 2025
- B. Nominate Charlie Williams and Brad Morgan for the 2026-29 Term Serving on the Grayson Central Appraisal District Board by Resolution
- C. Approve Current and Future Fund Transfers from General Operating Deposit to ECDC Activity Account within Brightwheel Payment System
 - *Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Nick Oliver to approve the consent items as presented. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)*

VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Reviewed Financial and Tax Collection Reports for August
- B. Discussed Special Session Legislative Closing and Update (HB8 – replacing of STAAR)
- C. Enrollment and Attendance Reports
 - Current enrollment = 618 total (September 2024 was 658)

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

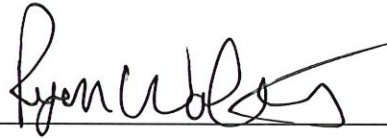
IX. Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session

X. Adjourn

- *Motion made by Ryan Walters to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Trina Colteryahn. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0) Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.*



Dallas Slay, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary