

**TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
February 16, 2026 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, Nick Oliver, Billy Smith, Trina Colteryahn, Holly Mizer, James Hurt and Dallas Slay.  
Also Present: Superintendent: Josh Ballinger; Principals: Keith Kirkland, Jana Hansen, Pam Moore and TEA Conservator: Dr. Karen Wiesman
- II. **Invocation and Pledge** – led by Billy Smith
- III. **Student Recognition**  
Elementary – Attalee Sweeney/5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Tucker/Hansard)  
Middle School – Grace Norwood/7<sup>th</sup> Grade – (Stadler)
- IV. **Open Forum for Public Comments** – Johnny Smotherman & Rickey Kemp
- V. **Discussions & Presentations**
  - A. Mr. Ballinger discussed the failed FIRST ratings causing the 2024-25 and 2025-26 Assignment of TEA Accreditation Status of Non-Accredited and what that means for the district and the next steps to be taken with meeting TEA Commissioner.
  - B. **Instructional Topics and Student Activities Update** – Principals
    - High School/Kirkland – Spring calendar is full! Basketball is wrapping up and Softball and Baseball are in full swing. Track meet on Thursday. Beta Club State Convention took place recently and there are numerous students that have advanced to Nationals. FCCLA is taking a host of students to State, OAP is ready to start competition. EIT meetings recently to work on getting all students to advance to the next level on STAAR scores. Had five athletes commit to the next level of play on National Signing Day. Two additional students signing this week for academic efforts.
    - Middle School/Moore – MAP testing for mid-year completed, STAAR Benchmark done in December and will be done again before Spring Break. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade going on field trip to Schulman’s end of February. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> MS Dance. 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Ninja Warriors in March. The attendance incentives are working well for MS. MS FCA meets on Friday’s.
    - Elementary/Hansen –240 enrollment / 96% attendance with 1<sup>st</sup> grade having the highest. EIT meetings took place recently, Benchmark and STAAR field tests completed. TELPAS testing to be completed by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Beta Club won in five categories at the State contest and will advance to Nationals. 100<sup>th</sup> day of school coming up next.
  - C. **Financial Standing Review** from Tioga ISD Conservator Report – Continue to remain on track with budget. Target Fund Balance for 2028 of \$2 million.
- VI. **Business Items Requiring Board Action**
  - A. **Banking Contract Renewal** – Under New Ownership – Discussion had regarding Cadence Bank is under new ownership – Huntington Bank. New contracts were not available at time of board meeting.  
*No Action Taken*
  - B. **Discussed TEA Missed School Day Waiver Approval** – We will need to make-up two days (April 6<sup>th</sup> & May 11<sup>th</sup>) We will ask TEA for 3 days to be waived.  
*Motion made by Billy Smith and seconded by Nick Oliver to request TEA to waive the three days as presented and we will make up the two days (April 6<sup>th</sup> & May 11<sup>th</sup>), as presented.*  
*FOR: Slay, Hurt, Colteryahn, Walters & Mizer*  
*AGAINST: None*
  - C. **Resolution to Pay Staff for Missed Workdays** – Not Made Up  
*Motion made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walters to pass a resolution to pay staff for the missed work days due to the ice storm that will not be made up.*  
*FOR: Slay, Hurt, Oliver, Smith & Mizer*  
*AGAINST: None*

- D. 2026-2027 School Year District Calendar Adoption  
*Motion made to approve the adoption of the 2026-2027 District Calendar (Draft 2) as presented by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Holly Mizer.*  
*FOR: Slay, Oliver, Hurt, Smith & Walters*  
*AGAINST: None*

**VII. Consent Action Items**

- A. Minutes from Previous Meeting January 19, 2026  
B. Consider Budget Amendment Requiring Out of Function Approval  
C. Annual Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials  
D. Resolution Proposing Candidate for Grayson Central Appraisal District Vacant Board Position  
*Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded James Hurt to approve the consent items A-D as presented.*  
*FOR: Mizer, Oliver, Slay, Colteryahn & Smith*  
*AGAINST: None*  
E. Resolution Proposing Statutory Requirements of SB-11 – Daily Prayer Time  
• *Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded James Hurt to decline the resolution for Daily Prayer Time according to SB-11.*  
*FOR: Slay, Smith, Walters, Mizer & Oliver*  
*AGAINST: None*

**VIII. Superintendent's Report**

- A. Reviewed Financial and Tax Collection Reports for January  
B. Winter Storm Damage – No Insurance Claim b/c of Deductible  
C. TEA Required District Attendance Policies/Responsibilities  
D. NEW UIL District Alignments for 2026-2028  
E. Notification of Moving March Board Meeting to the 23<sup>rd</sup> b/c of Spring Break

*\*\*\*At 8:12 PM the Board moved into Executive Session*  
*\*\*\* At 9:25 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

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

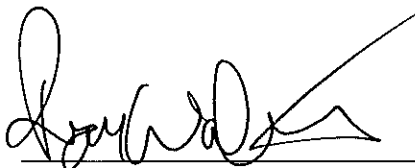
- A. **Personnel**  
• Motion to accept the Administrative contracts as presented made by Holly Mizer and seconded by James Hurt.  
*FOR: Slay, Colteryahn, Oliver, Smith and Walters*  
*AGAINST: NONE*
- B. **Superintendent's Annual Evaluation**  
• **Motion made to accept the Superintendent contract as presented by James Hurt and seconded by Nick Oliver.**  
*FOR: Walters, Smith, Slay, Mizer and Colteryahn*  
*AGAINST: None*

**XI. Adjourn**

- *Motion made by Ryan Walters to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Trina Colteryahn.*  
*FOR: Mizer, Hurt, Slay, Smith & Oliver*  
*AGAINST: None*  
• *Meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.*



Dallas Slay, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary