

**TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
April 20, 2026 7:00 p.m.
Tioga High School Library**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Board President, Dallas Slay.
Members present: Ryan Walters, Nick Oliver, Trina Colteryahn, Holly Mizer, James Hurt and Dallas Slay. Absent: Billy Smith
Also Present: Superintendent: Josh Ballinger; Principals: Keith Kirkland, Pam Moore & Jana Hansen; TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman
- II. **Invocation and Pledge** – led by Nick Oliver
- III. **Student Recognition**
 - A. **Elementary** – Angelique Mendoza – 2nd Grade/Mann & Hanna Mejia – 2nd Grade/Pool
 - B. **High School** – State Theatrical Design Qualifiers – Bella Lewter, Mackenzie Lewter & Allie Hammer / Mrs. Hertel
- IV. **Open Forum for Public Comments** – Mary Alexander
- V. **Discussions & Presentations**
 - A. TEA Division of Governance & Intervention Conservator Report – Dr. Wiesman advised we have continued to hold on expenditures as needed and are aware & working on a plan for the overpayment from TEA due to ADA shortage for the year.
 - B. Mr. Ballinger reported on the Final TEA Abatement Order Regarding 2024-25 & 2025-26 Assignment of TEA Accreditation for Tioga ISD and what that means for Tioga ISD.
 - C. Food Service and Meal Pricing for 2026-27 – Discussed Meal pricing for next year, but cannot finalize until more details are provided probably in June.
 - D. Report given on TISD Trustee Training Hours Since May of 2025 as Required by TEC 11.159. Trustees; Will need the Team of 8 training again soon.
 - E. Instructional Topics and Student Activities Update – Principals
 - Elementary/Hansen – 241 students with attendance at 96.19% with highest class being 4th grade at 96.85%. STAAR testing began last week and will continue through the next couple of weeks. Held Pre-K/Kindergarten Round-Up today – registered 19 students but expect more over the next month with some unable to come during the day today. May 15th – 4th grade Austin field trip, May 21 & 22 Field Days, Last week of School will have Awards Ceremonies and 8th Grade Recognition.
 - Middle School/Moore – Current enrollment 131 with two new students starting this week. STAAR testing begins this week. Students enjoyed the Women in STEM program. Recently had MS District Track Meet with our 7th Grade Girls ending as District Champions. Had Student Appreciation Week the week before STAAR testing. Students are enjoying the Outdoor Education class where they have recently built fishing lures, built shelters and dabbled in Archery.
 - High School/Kirkland –STAAR/EOC testing started last week and will continue over the next couple of weeks. Our Boys are District & Area Track Champions. Baseball finishes up this week. Golf had two advance to Regionals and one advance the State Tournament. One Act Play advanced to Regional Contest this Thursday at Grayson College. UIL Academics had 12 students advance to Regionals and FCCLA had several students/teams advance to the National Contest this summer.
- VI. **Business Items Requiring Board Action**
 - A. Discussed Programming, Expenditures & Revenue Changes for the Tioga Early Childhood Development Center - No Action Taken
 - B. Discussion held regarding Full Report of TEA District Vulnerability Assessment
Motion made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to accept and approve the Full Report of TEA District Vulnerability Assessment as presented.
FOR: Slay, Oliver, Hurt & Mizer
AGAINST: None

- C. Discussed the 2026-27 Pay Scale for Professional Staff (Teachers, Counselors & Nurses) % Raise for At-Will Staff and Health Insurance
Motion made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Holly Mizer to approve the 2026-27 Pay Scale for Professional Staff as presented and keep district contributions for Health Insurance at \$400.
FOR: Slay, Oliver, Walters & Hurt
AGAINST: None
- D. Discussed Engagement Agreement for the Fiscal Year 2026 AFR Audit Services or Publish an RFQ.
Motion made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Nick Oliver to approve Engagement Agreement for the 2026 AFR Audit Services with Heather LaPoint pending approval by TEA.
FOR: Slay, Colteryahn, Mizer & Hurt
AGAINST: None

VII. Consent Action Items

- A. Approve Minutes from Previous March 23 Regular Meeting and March 28 Special Meeting
- B. Consider Out of Fund and/or Function Budget Amendment for Final Payment to Security State Bank to Payoff 2 Buses & Equipment for HS
Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded James Hurt to approve the consent items as presented.
FOR: Mizer, Slay, Colteryahn & Walters
AGAINST: None

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Reviewed the Financial and Tax Collection Reports for March
- B. Discussed the 2026-27 Budget Development and Finance Workshop Summary – Preliminary Values Received from Tax Assessor
- C. Discussed why we will be remaining Single-Campus District as Tioga School for 2026-27

****No Executive Session Necessary****

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

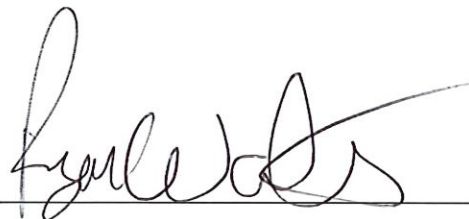
- A. Consider Professional Contracts and At-Will Agreements for 2026-27 - NONE**

XI. Adjourn

- *Motion made by Ryan Walters to adjourn the meeting and seconded by James Hurt.*
FOR: Mizer, Oliver, Slay & Colteryahn
AGAINST: None
- *Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.*



Dallas Slay, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary