

**TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
May 18, 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, Trina Colteryahn, Holly Mizer, James Hurt, Billy Smith and Dallas Slay.  
Also Present: Superintendent: Josh Ballinger; Principals: Keith Kirkland, Pam Moore & Jana Hansen;  
Absent: TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman
- II. Invocation and Pledge – led by Billy Smith
- III. Student Recognition
  - A. Middle School – Kallie Isbell – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade /Ms. Crystal Clark
  - B. High School – Zander Zafar - State Golf / R.Smith, State Track Boys Team / B.Burruss & Girls Team
- IV. Open Forum for Public Comments – Wiley Alexander & Mary Alexander
- V. District Recognitions
  - A. Board Member Seat Review & Oath of Office  
Seat 3 (Walters), Seat 5 (Mizer) , & Seat 7 (Colteryahn) Sworn in for new term ending May 2029.  
*TEAM of 8 Training on June 24<sup>th</sup> – 6-9 PM*
- VI. Discussions & Presentations
  - A. TEA Division of Governance & Intervention Conservator Report – Dr. Wiesman – unable to make the meeting.
  - B. Discussion had regarding Current Property Values, Local Funding & Preliminary Tax Rate Revenue – preliminarily 809K additional tax revenue.
  - C. Mr. Ballinger discussed our current Enrollment and Programming Review for the 2026-27 School Year. Need to replace a CTE teacher that is leaving with another CTE teacher to keep our weighted funding as we've had in the past. Lost Gifted and Talented program during RIF, which is another weighted program that we need to get re-established. Current enrollment at 605.
  - D. Instructional Topics and Student Activities Update – Principals
    - High School/Kirkland – One Act Play finished 5<sup>th</sup> in State, Represented at the State level in 45 different events with @ 60 students. UIL Academic team, UIL Theatrical Design, and Barbara Jordan Historical Essay competition – Mackenzie Lewter took 1<sup>st</sup> place. Accounting Team placed 4th in State. This week is full with Athletic Banquet, Senior Recognition, FFA/FCCLA Banquet, Band Concert/Banquet. And next week is the Theatre Banquet. CPR & Stop the Bleed training taking place in Biology classes. And EOC test results coming in the end of this week. 24 students received their associate's degree before gaining their high school diploma and two received their cosmetology certification.
    - Middle School/Moore – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science/Tiff Robinson building roller coasters, Fewell/Social Studies – building models of different battles. Trevin Robinson/ Health class working on CPR certifications. For 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Book Fair completed last week. Celebrated two retirees today. MS Band students will join with the HS Band for end of the year Concert. Final AR incentive award party and final attendance party coming up, 8<sup>th</sup> grade recognition and dance June 1<sup>st</sup> with their field trip on Tuesday. MS Awards on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, MS Fun Day on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> with lunch and kickball and basketball tournaments and other none athletic type events as well.
    - Elementary/Hansen – Enrollment stayed the same with 241 students and a 96.3% attendance rate with 4<sup>th</sup> grade receiving the highest rate with 97%. Kinder every day have a new fun learning activity, 1<sup>st</sup> grade had a park day, catching bugs and discussing their habitats and characteristics. Just finished researching an animal project. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade working on their annual chocolate entrepreneur project. 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Living History Museum and last Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> graders went to Austin to the State Capital and InnerSpace Caverns. 4<sup>th</sup> grade now learning about budgeting, economy and marketing. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade finished a STEM activity designing a mini putt putt golf course and now they are working on their science showcase for May 26<sup>th</sup>. Field Day later this week.

**VII. Business Items Requiring Board Action**

- A. Consider Reorganization and Elect Board Officer Positions  
*Motion made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Billy Smith for the board positions to remain as is with Dallas Slay/President, Trina Colteryahn/Vice-President and Ryan Walters/Secretary.*  
*FOR: Slay, Oliver, Colteryahn, Hurt & Mizer*  
*AGAINST: None*
- B. Consider Out of Fund or Function Budget Amendment for Balancing of FY2026 Budget  
*No Action*
- C. Authorize administration to sell surplus items by open (email documented) bids, as direct or third party sale, or to dispose of any property not sold. Property includes technology, custodial, maintenance and livestock equipment and will all be advertised by mass call/email with a minimum bid.  
*Motion made by Billy Smith and seconded by Nick Oliver to authorize administration to sell surplus items by open bid as presented.*  
*FOR: Slay, Mizer, Colteryahn, Walters & Hurt*  
*AGAINST: None*

**VIII. Consent Action Items**

- A. Approve Minutes from Previous April 20 Regular Meeting
- B. Consider 2026-27 MOU's from Grayson College for College Prep, Dual Credit Agreement, Texoma Promise, Data Sharing Agreement & Financial Aid
- C. Approve by Resolution the Purchase of Property by the Grayson Central Appraisal District for parking, not to exceed \$150,000  
*Motion was made by Holly Mizer and seconded Trina Colteryahn to approve the consent items as presented.*  
*FOR: Oliver, Hurt, Smith, Slay & Walters*  
*AGAINST: None*

**IX. Superintendent's Report**

- A. Reviewed the Financial and Tax Collection Reports for April
- B. Discussed the 2026-27 Budget Development and Adoption in June Meeting  
In the midst of budget season and balancing accounts. Anticipate having a surplus budget even with diminished enrollment.

**\*\*\*Adjourned to Executive Session at 8:06 PM – Returned to Open Session at 8:37 PM**

**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

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

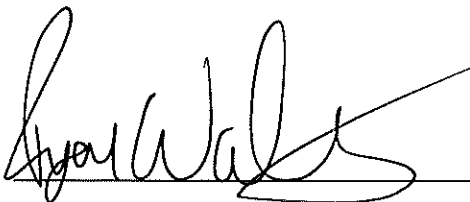
- A. Consider Professional Contracts for 2026-27  
*Motion made by Billy Smith and seconded by James Hurt to approve the contracts as presented.*  
*FOR: Slay, Oliver, Mizer, Walters & Colteryahn*  
*AGAINST: None*

**XII. Adjourn**

- *Motion made by Ryan Walters to adjourn the meeting and seconded by James Hurt.*  
*FOR: Mizer, Smith, Oliver, Slay & Colteryahn*  
*AGAINST: None*
- *Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.*

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Dallas Slay, Board President



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Ryan Walters, Board Secretary