TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
July 20, 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, Billy Smith Holly Mizer and Dallas Slay.
Also Present: Superintendent: Josh Ballinger; Principal: Keith Kirkland, and TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman

II. **Invocation and Pledge** – led by Billy Smith

III. **Student Recognition**
   A. **High School –** National Qualifiers from FCCLA were introduced by Christ Crowe with details about their trip to Washington, DC to compete in their events. Results were shared.

IV. **Open Forum for Public Comments -Agenda Related Topic(s) – None**

V. District Recognitions - **None**

VI. Discussions and Presentations
A. Discuss Board Seat # 4 Opening & Policies (LEGAL) BBA and BBC. Board policies were reviewed and timelines covered by Superintendent Ballinger. No special election, opt for appointment within 180 days.
B. TEA Division of Governance & Intervention Conservator Report. Dr. Wiesman reported the District is doing well and the fiscal year ended with well over a million dollar budget surplus. There will be a long term plan for the board in September once the school year starts and student numbers are known. Cash Flow updated and state aid should come out close to balanced after being asked by President Slay.
C. Instructional Topics and Student Activities Update - Principal Kirkland spoke about FCCLA program, 7 on 7 football, summer track, STAAR EOC, schedules and banners for accomplishments from grades 9-12.

VII. **Business Items Requiring Board Action**
   A. Consider the Resignation of Board of Trustees Member James Hurt Seat Number 4
   Motion made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Holly Mizer to approve as presented.
   FOR: Slay, Oliver, Smith, & Colteryahn
   AGAINST: None
   B. Consider Breakfast and Lunch Pricing for 2026-27. Increase to ease deficit at the end of the fiscal year, but still probably not enough.
   Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Nick Oliver to approve as presented.
   FOR: Slay, Smith, Colteryahn & Smith
   AGAINST: None
   C. Consider and Approve the Lease Purchase Financing Arrangements made for a New 77 Passenger International Bus for Approximately $150,000 and a New 15 Passenger Transit Van for Approximately $65,000 from Tioga ISD Bank Depository Huntington Bank. The price for the bus went up $5,000 with less options.
   Motion was made byTrina Colteryahn and seconded by Holly Mizer to approve as presented.

FOR: Slay, Smith, Oliver & Walters
AGAINST: None

D. Authorize the Superintendent to approve all Lease Purchase Arrangements, Documents and Associated Fees Involving the New 77 Passenger International Bus and the New 15 Passenger Van
Motion made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Nick Oliver to approve as presented.
FOR: Slay, Mizer, Smith & Walters
AGAINST: None

E. Consider Compliance Certification for Board Policy Update Involving SB 12. Mention this is a TASB policy developed for our local decisions.
Motion made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Holly Mizer to approve as presented
FOR: Slay, Smith, Oliver & Walters
AGAINST: None

VIII. Consent Action Items

A. 2026-27 Stipends as Part of District Compensation Plan. Ballinger discussed why the stipends had to increase due to a calculation change between the order of extra days and stipends added to salaries.
B. TASB Policy Manual Update 127
C. Minutes from Previous June 15 Regular Meeting
Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded Nick Oliver to approve the consent items as presented.
FOR: Smith, Slay, Mizer & Colteryahn
AGAINST: None

IX. **Superintendent's Report**

A. 2025-26 PEIMS Submission and 2026-27 Enrollment Reports. THe need for gifted, fine arts and remedial to return. Special education rates will increase $40,000 from the Coop.
B. Utilizing New Banking Options - Huntington & First Public (Lone Star Investments). Build a relationship with the new bank for the bus and van loan, but no answer from them with details. Investment account discussed where $2 million has been for 3 weeks.
C. Financial Reports & Tax Collection Reports for June. No questions. Good shape to start the fiscal year.

****Remained in Open Session**** *to discuss new hires with Ballinger information.*

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 TISD Professional Contracts for 2026-27
Motion made by Nick Oliver and seconded by Holly Mizer to approve the contracts as presented. Johna Gordon and Cynthia Hammons
FOR: Slay, Smith, Walters & Smith

AGAINST: None

XII. Adjourn

- *Motion made by Ryan Walters to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Trina Colteryahn*
  FOR: Smith, Slay, Mizer & Oliver
  AGAINST: None
- *Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.*

Dallas Slay, Board President

Ryan Walters, Board Secretary