TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 21, 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, Trina Colteryahn, Billy Smith and Dallas Slay. New Member Judith Owens was sworn in later in the meeting.
Member Nick Oliver was not present.
Also Present: Superintendent: Josh Ballinger; Principals: Keith Kirkland, Ammie Scott, Pamela Moore and TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman, HR Director Kelly Evans

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

III. Student Recognition presented second grade by Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Pool

IV. **Open Forum for Public Comment** – NONE

V. **Public Hearing(s)**

A. Discussed the Passed FIRST Financial Rating for the first time in 5 years. Until the repayment plan from fiscal year 23 is fully paid back to TEA, the highest grade that can be received is a 70. Discussion of paying off early so the score could be higher was conversed between Dr. Wiesman and Mr. Ballinger. To be determined later was the answer for now.

VI. **Discussions and Presentations**

A. Discuss Board Seat # 5 and Judith Owens was sworn into the seat until the May 2027 board member election.

B. TEA Division of Governance & Intervention Conservator Report. Dr. Wiesman reported the District FIRST Report further and discussed refunding/refinance option conversations with Stifel Financial to see about using excess funds on I&S side to refund some bonds and M&O Lease Bonds.

C. Mr. Ballinger discussed a delinquent tax report provided by Linebarger Law Firm. All details were covered and the district still pays taxes at a high rate.

D. Instructional Topics and Student Activities Update - Mr. Ballinger started the conversation with an enrollment report stating from the start of school 2025 to start of school 2026 enrollment went from 618 down to 549 students.

1. High School/Kirkland – Continuing to tweak the Master Schedule, more writing based learning for all subjects, without the use of AI. Use of Chat GPT without cheating. Covered all extra curricular events.

2. Middle School/Moore – Tweaking Master Schedule – enrollment about the same as last year. Attendance awards covered for the year. PTO help and book drive.

3. Elementary/Scott – Spirit Week Activities, Grandparent's Day Success, especially the parade. Constitution Day coming up. Attendance incentives covered. Good Morning Tioga and Successes Celebrated.

VII. **Business Items Requiring Board Action**

A. Final Approval of 2026-27 Multi-hazard Emergency Operations Basic Plan after hitting highlights of changes and thanking Kurt Hall for help. 3 year cycle.
Motion made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walters to accept the plan as presented.
FOR: Slay, Smith, & Owens
AGAINST: None

B. Consider the Reunification for Schools Annex to the EOP after discussion of this is the independent effort made locally, but the Grayson County effort is still there and present to help one another when needed.

Motion made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walters to accept the plan as presented.
FOR: Slay, Smith, & Owens
AGAINST: None

C. Consider the options of debt defeasance presented by Stifel Public Finance with commentary provided by Dr. Wiesman and Mr. Ballinger. No action because the plan is not 100% in place just yet. Look again inOctober and November.

D. Consider Approval of Board Student Outcome Goals for SY 2026-27 – Adjustments made to numbers 4 and 5.
Motion made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Billy Smith to approve the goals with adjustments to the percentages on 4 and 5.
FOR: Slay, Walters, & Owens
AGAINST: None

VIII. Consent Action Items

A. Approve Minutes from the Previous Regular Meeting of August 17, 2026

B. Approve Out of Function Budget Amendment - None for the month.
Motion was made by Billy Smith and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve the consent items as presented.
FOR: Slay, Owens & Colteryahn
AGAINST: None

IX. Superintendent's Report

A. Reviewed Financial Reports & Tax Collection Reports for August. 1st State Aid payment is coming Thursday and it will be wrong because paid based on 655 ADA, not 530 ADA which is the accurate number.

B. Thank you to all of the volunteerism and community support with specifics listed of: City of Tioga, Boosters, PTO, Diane Mincher, Jeff Moncrief, Coryann Johnson, Tioga Fire, Tioga PD, Jared McGill, Kurt Hall, Garry Burchett.

Did not enter into executive session.

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

A. Interview Potential Candidates for the Open TISD Board Member Seat 4

B. Personnel

XI. Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session

No Action

XII. Adjourn

- *Motion made by Ryan Walters to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Judith Owens*
  FOR: Smith, Slay, & Colteryahn
  AGAINST: None
  Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Dallas Slay, Board President

Ryan Walters, Board Secretary