

TIOGA SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Tioga Secondary School Library

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President, Stacy Price
Members present: Stacy Price, Ryan Walters, Dugan Rainey, Dallas Slay, Brandon Miller, Mica Bates & Trina Colteryahn. TEA Conservator Karen Wiesman was present with board members and Superintendent, Mr. Ballinger.
- II. Invocation and Pledge – were led by Dallas Slay
- III. Open Public Comments - None
- IV. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Volunteer Project(s) Updates - Mr. Ballinger advised that the spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in Tioga. There are several projects around the district that are being worked on by volunteers. One of them being the baseball field where the Rainey family and Tri-Tex Grass have been working to get the field ready for the upcoming season.
 - B. 2023 AFR Update - Mr. Ballinger gave a brief update including the downgrades on Moody & Standard & Poors financial ratings.
 - C. Discussion held regarding maintenance contracts versus in-house maintenance. Three bids received for HVAC maintenance: Brad Bates, McDaniels and Trane
No action was taken.
- V. District Updates
 - A. Jana Hansen advised 340 enrollment at the elementary campus with a 96% attendance rate this month. Elementary UIL hosted contact with eight other districts attending and Tioga placed 5th overall. 3rd - 5th grade will be taking an interim STAAR soon.
 - B. Keith Kirkland advised that Semester Exams would be on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Exemptions were established tied to attendance. We had good participation for the Middle School UIL, but would like to see more students get involved. Our Forensics classes just completed a crime scene Gingerbread project and our FCS classes created characters based on books written by our elementary students. Basketball is beginning district play. FCCLA Leadership shopped for the Angel Tree and our Girls Basketball teams participated in the Wreaths Across America.
- VI. Discussion and/or Action Items
 - A. Public Hearing for annual financial management report for fiscal year 2022 as it relates to the FIRST rating for '22-'23 and overview provided by Mr. Ballinger
 - B. Dr. Karen Wiesman (TEA Conservator) provided a financial update as well as discussed Lone Star Governance information.
 - C. Mr. Ballinger advised that the next General Election including Tioga ISD Board Trustees is May 4th, 2024 with the first day to file an application for a place on the ballot being January 17th and the last day to file an application is February 16th. More details are available on the Tioga ISD website Election page.
 - D. Motion was made by Mica Bates and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to approve the TASB Board Policy Update 122. The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

- E. Discussion held on next steps with the renovation and remediation in the closed elementary hallway now that it has been declared asbestos free.
- F. Discussion held regarding district calendar options. Surveys will go out to parents and staff for calendar options for the 2024-2025 school year. First of classes will be August 26th Results of surveys will be presented at the January board meeting.
- G. Motion was made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to approve with a single motion, the November check payments, bank financial reports and minutes from the previous meetings. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

VII. Open Public Comments - None

VIII. Executive Session - NONE

(Executive Session: If during the course of the meeting covered by this agenda the Board of Trustees 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)

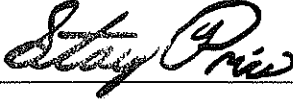
IX. Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session

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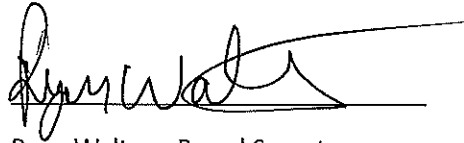
X. Adjourn

Motion was made by Mica Bates to adjourn the meeting and seconded Trina Colteryahn. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM



Stacy Price, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary