

TIOGA SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting

February 20th, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Tioga High School Cafeteria

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, Paul Rodarmer
Members present: Paul Rodarmer, Stacy Price, Dugan Rainey, Ryan Walters, Dallas Slay, Brandon Miller and Mica Bates
- II. Invocation and Pledge were led by Rickey Kemp
- III. Open Public Comments: Troy Mott, Bill Norwood, Ella Norwood, Heather Nesmith, Casey Cassell, Rachel Nalls, Trina Colteryahn, Kevin Colteryahn
- IV. Student Recognition
 - Lonnie Cooper – Second year to make qualify for the State Cross Country Meet
 - 1st ever – UIL Congress team in Tioga made it to the State Contest: Faith Tepfer, Lizbeth Fraire, Garrett Melson, Jessi Aguirre
 - Eight FCCLA teams advanced to the State Contest next month
- V. Interim Superintendent's Report
 - A. School Safety Grant Update: This has not been funded to date. There are a lot of school safety mandates coming out, most unfunded.
 - B. Budget Development & Deb Payments Update: Decision was made to pay all debt payments that were due on February 15th totaling @ \$1.8 million
 - 1.2M TAN from August
 - 555K Lease Purchase for High School
 - 48K UMB Bank & 37K US Bank for 2006 Bond for Elem/MSBudget development process was previously a 6-7-week process; will now be a 7-8-month process with complete transparency.
 - Decision was made to stay with the July 1st fiscal year
 - C. May Board Election Update – May 6th, 2023 Candidates
 - Seat 1: Kelle Hinson, Rick Staples, Mica Bates
 - Seat 3: Ryan Walters, Shaun Pittman
 - Seat 7: Trina Colteryahn, Jamie Chamberlain
 - D. Enrollment Update: – currently 710 students and holding steady. Our ADA is under 96% and this is where our school funding comes from, so we need this to improve.
 - E. Facility Projects Update
 - Thanks to the PTO for the fantastic Gala held this past weekend there will be an awning built where the student drop-off and pick-up is in the front of the Elementary/Middle School campus.
 - High School gym floor is being repaired – ½ of the floor is being removed and replaced due to water damage and awnings will be built over doorways to help with water leaking into building.
- VI. District Update
 - A. Keith Kirkland Update for High School:
 - 8 teams (16 students) advanced to the FCCLA State Contest next month

- Basketball wrapping up and moving into our spring sports: Track, Golf, Tennis, Baseball and Softball
 - Ag Department prepping for stock show season
 - Stressed the importance of students being at school especially with so many out for extra-curricular activities in the spring.
- B. Athletics Report & National Academic Excellence Award 2A State Championship
Mr. Ballinger reported that we will miss the Rogers family and the team effort on the balance between academics and athletics emphasis that apparent with the football team earning the 2A State Champions for the NFF National Academic Excellence Award.
- C. Agricultural Science Report
Jessica Sanders/Brad Bland presented update on Ag program
- In 2021/2022 Tioga ISD went from one Ag teacher to two Ag teachers doubling the number of classes available. There were 139 students enrolled in Ag classes that year.
 - In 2022/2023 Tioga ISD now has 200 students enrolled in CTE Ag classes and has also added a dual credit Ag Science course.
 - Estimated 30 students will take the Welding Certification test this year
 - \$41K raised at the FFA/FCCLA Fundraiser earlier this month
- D. Business/Finance Report – Sondra Hall
- Update given on tax collection
 - Our Grayson County Property Tax total collections through the end of January 2023 are \$1,847,587.21. So far in February we have collected an additional \$318,788.34, Bringing our total collection to date to \$2,166,375.55. Leaving another \$254,004.28 to be collected.
 - December check register and deposit reports were distributed along with current bank account balances report.

VII. Discussion and/or Action Items

- A. Motion was made by Stacy Price to approve and accept the Tioga Education Foundation 501c3 Memorandum of Understanding. Seconded by Mica Bates – Motion Carried unanimously. (7-0)
- B. Motion was made by Brandon Miller to submit a two-day waiver for the four days of school missed January 31st through February 3rd due to bad weather and the other two days will be made up on April 17th and April 24th. Seconded by Stacy Price. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0).
- C. Review of TASB Board Policy Update 120 – First Reading – No Action Taken
- D. Motion was made by Brandon Miller and seconded by Dugan Rainey to approve both applicants: Patty Parks and Jessica Lindley to serve on the TISD Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- E. Motion made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Dallas Slay to approve the School Defender Guidelines/Policies. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- F. Reviewed Board Policy EIC (LOCAL) Academic Achievement: Class Ranking – No Action Taken

- G. Reviewed the 2021-2022 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) – it will be posted to website tomorrow, 2/21
- H. Discussed 4-Day School Week Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year
- Majority of teachers remain in support of the 4-day week; those not excited originally have changed their minds
 - Students have enjoyed being able to connect more with family and be at home more
 - Will proceed with creating 2 to 3 options to send out
- I. Motion was made by Stacy Price and seconded by Dallas Slay to approve the budget amendment(s) that require out of function adjustments allowing for the transfer of \$198,474.93 from the General Operating account to the Debt Service account. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- J. Motion was made by Brandon Miller and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve with a single motion, the January check payments, bank financial reports and minutes from the previous meeting. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

VIII. Open Public Comments: Tawny Hurst, Diana Castillo

Board entered Executive Session at 9:13 p.m. and ended at 11:28 p.m.

IX. Executive Session

(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)

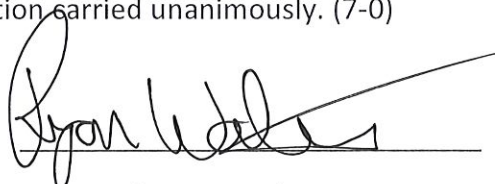
X. Action Regarding Matters discussed in executive session

- A. Motion was made by Stacy Price and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve the candidates that have completed the requirements of board policy CKC and DH LOCAL – as employee's authorized to possess a firearm inside Tioga ISD facilities. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).
- B. Motion was made by Stacy Price and seconded by Mica Bates to approve a Level 3 Parent Hearing Plan/Resolution directed by Josh Ballinger and Keith Kirkland. Motion passed unanimously (7-0)
- C. Motion was made by Ryan Walter and seconded by Dugan Rainey to approve a two-year contract for Josh Ballinger as Superintendent at the same salary he is receiving after the pay decrease in December 2022. Motion passed unanimously (7-0)
- D. Discussed Financial Exigency methods – no action taken.

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:33 p.m. – Motion was made by Ryan Walters, seconded by Stacy Price. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)



Paul Rodarmer, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary