

TIOGA SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting

September 18, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Tioga High 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
- II. Invocation and Pledge – were led by Dugan Rainey
- III. Open Public Comments: Randy Barta – Presented Donation Check for \$400 from St. Thomas Knights Men’s Organization
- IV. Student Recognition – 9th Grader, Ayden Rhymes
- V. Superintendent’s Report
 - A. Advised that TEA has delayed the release of the Accountability Ratings for at least 30 days.
 - B. Tri-Tex Grass Operations – Randy @ Tri-Tex has been working with Red River Ground Water to remove the district from invoicing and will take care of invoice for late fees that was just received.
 - C. Discussed recent meeting with State Senator Springer and Representative Smith that took place with all the Grayson County Superintendents earlier this month. Topics discussed: Safety, What’s Coming with School Finance and Teacher Pay, School Vouchers and Increases in Basic Allotments.
 - D. Advised that the district’s Financial Advisor, David Webb will be here on September 30th for a tour of the district campuses.
 - E. Tioga Education Foundation
 - Advised that the district received a check from TEF from the Fall Plant sale for \$8,497.99.
 - A joint meeting was held about two weeks ago between PTO and TEF
 - Upcoming Fall Festival on October 28th
 - F. Advised its Tioga ISD’s cyclical turn for evaluation of our SPED and Dyslexia which happens every six years.
 - G. Student Enrollment – 679 PK-12th grade / 1st Six Weeks ADA – 648
- VI. District Updates
 - A. Instructional Reports:
 - Jana Hansen bragged on her staff advising that even with full schedules they all go above and beyond to help around the campus.
 - Kelly Robinson starting 4-H program with community service project in October, Robotics projects that will compete at State Fair.
 - Held first Good Morning Tioga assembly on September 8th – started new recognition of class with the least amount of absences for that month and Carrie Hansard’s class won the first one with only two absences in the first 20 days of school.
 - Kids Beach Club after school program hosted on campus by Mt. Carmel Baptist Church returned on September 13th for 48 students participating
 - UIL Academic team sign-ups for 2nd-5th grades happening now

- Keith Kirkland advised things were running smoothly at the Secondary Campus and that his staff and students have all adjusted well to the changes and start of the new year.
 - The first field trip of the year will take place next week with a joint venture with the Biology and Environmental Science classes going to the Dallas World Aquarium.
 - The Theatre Department will present A Midsummer Night's Dream next week (September 23rd, 24th & 25th)
 - Restructured the Dual Credit classes this year to be in smaller group settings and have received positive feedback.
 - Reestablishing our Beta Club organization and changing the direction to a more service oriented program with community service opportunities.
 - Our students are well-rounded. Many students in athletics and also a part of the Theatre program and the band program. Lots of opportunities to participate in multiple extra-curricular activities.
- Zach Birdwell/Athletics Director – They are excited to be here! The first six weeks have passed by in a blur. But they are blessed to be here.
 - HS Volleyball has 25 athletes and three managers
 - MS Volleyball has 20 athletes
 - Cross Country has 20 athletes
 - HS Football has 60 athletes
 - MS Football has 50 athletes
 - Off-Season has @20 boys and 20 girls
 - Approximately 20 colleges have reached out for recruitment information

VII. Discussion and/or Action Items

- A. Motion was made by Stacy Price and seconded by Ryan Walters to Set the 2023 Tax Rate that was approved at the August 21st meeting. The motion carried (7-0)
- B. Update from TEA Monitor, Karen Wiesman:
 - October 16th a couple of TEA officials will be here to visit
 - Working on a Pupil Projection template and some additional Ascender reports to provide the Board that will give a better understanding of the current cash and Statement of Financial positions and will go over them at the next board meeting so that the board understands and knows more of what they need to be watching for each month.
 - Dr. Wiesman will be getting with the district Auditor soon
- C. Motion was made by Stacy Price and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to permit Tioga ISD to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain to provide support, services and program for students and adopts the following addition to DP(LOCAL): SCHOOL CHAPLAINS: In accordance with law, the Board authorizes a campus to employ or accept as volunteer a chaplain. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- D. In regards to HB 3 / School Safety: A motion was made by Mica Bates and seconded by Ryan Walters to claim a good cause exception to the Armed Security Officer requirements. And the District's Security Officer(s) will use its

Defender/Guardian Program to supplement security and ensure the safety of its students and staff. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

- E. Mr. Ballinger discussed the district's response to TEA regarding the FY22 Annual Financial Report (AFR) and provided an update on the FY23 AFR progress and completion. FY23 is still a couple of weeks out from completion. It is due to TEA by November 28th. We are shooting to turn it in by the first week of November.
- F. Mr. Ballinger discussed the preliminary Fiscal Year 2022 FIRST Rating and Appeal of the Rating.
- G. Motion was made by Stacy Price and seconded by Ryan Walters to deny the MOU for JJAEP Services from the Grayson County Juvenile Board. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- H. Motion was made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Dugan Rainey to approve the budget amendment(s) that require out of function adjustments allowing for the transfer of \$,233.68 from the General Operating account to the Debt Service account. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- I. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve with a single motion, the August check payments, bank financial reports and minutes from the previous meetings. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

VIII. Open Public Comments: None

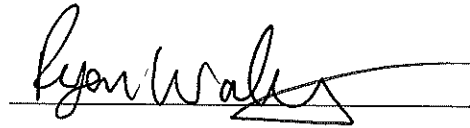
IX. Executive Session

(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)

With no executive session needed and no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to adjourn at 8:35 PM. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)



Stacy Price, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary