

**TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
February 19, 2024 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, Dallas Slay, Ryan Walters, Dugan Rainey, Brandon Miller, Mica Bates & Trina Colteryahn. Also Present: Superintendent, Josh Ballinger, Principals, Jana Hansen and Keith Kirkland Present virtually: TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman
- II. **Invocation and Pledge** – led by Dallas Slay
- III. **Student Recognition** – Elementary – 3rd Grader, Austyn Mitchell (Hansard/Clark/Eddleman)
- IV. **Open Forum for Public Comments** - None
- V. **Superintendent's Report**
 - A. Progress of Closed Elementary Hallway – Again, many community volunteers helping to get this part of the building repaired and other areas like the baseball and softball fields prepped and ready for the season. Thank you to Jimmy Anderson, Jared McGill, Garry Burchett and Dugan Rainey for all they continue to do for our schools. Our goal is to keep moving forward in hopes that the closed wing will be usable again for the upcoming school year.
 - B. State Comptroller's Values for Tioga ISD – Property values for Tioga ISD from the Grayson County Appraisal District were verified by the State Comptroller's office and all were good.
 - C. District Cybersecurity Update – Due to rodent issues in our closed wing where servers are located experience some problems. Extra preventative measures put in place. Mr. Khalaf has worked diligently to ensure our systems are secure.
- VI. **District Updates**
 - A. Instructional, Enrollment & Attendance Reports

Elementary School / Mrs. Hansen – Enrollment stayed the same as last month with a 95.23% attendance rate. Nine students will be making up seat time. Preparing for upcoming testing with tutoring before and after school and on some Monday's. Early Intervention Team meetings with grade levels to identify students needing extra help. RTI being done with teachers for those identified. PTO Gala went well. Elementary Spring Open House on March 7th.

Middle/High School / Mr. Kirkland – stayed the same with 230 enrollment. FFA/FCCLA Dinner & Auction held a couple of weeks ago and they raised @ \$41,000.00. FCCLA went to Waco for their Regional contest last week – 21 of the 28 students that went advanced to the State contest. Spring sports are in full swing with Track, Baseball, Softball, Powerlifting, and Tennis. We have our first JV softball team ever. One Act Play getting ready for their contest season.
- VII. **Discussion and/or Action Items**
 - A. Virtually - Dr. Karen Wiesman (TEA Conservator) discussed Bond ratings and indicated that in 5-6 years from now the bond rating should improve. Also indicated that if the Bond Election pass it would put the district in line with every other district in the area. The Lone Star Governance training date is still pending. She will be looking at course requests, ADA and FTE's as we prepare for contract recommendations.
 - B. Dates were set for two Town Hall Meetings to provide information regarding the May 2024 Bond Election – 1) April 4th, 2024 @ 6 :30 PM and 2) May 1st, 2024 @ 6:30 PM both in the Tioga Secondary Campus Cafeteria. Literature/handouts to be created.

- C. Discussion held regarding the Bond Election documents provided by David Webb, Stifel Finance. Questions regarding the interest/principal payments that need more clarification.
- A. Motion was made by Mica Bates and seconded by Dugan Rainey to approve the recommended District Calendar for School Year 2024-25 with the first day of school for students being August 27th, 2024 and the last day of school being June 6th, 2025. Motion passed with 6 votes for and 1 vote by Dallas Slay against.
- D. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Brandon Miller to approve the contract with Grayson County Election Administration for a school board member election to be held jointly with the City of Tioga on May 4, 2024 with a split cost for each entity. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
- E. Reviewed Board Policy EIC (LOCAL) Academic Achievement: Class Ranking – Weighted grade only allowed for new students if the same opportunity was available to Tioga ISD students as weighted. Also, noted that class ranking for graduation purposes is determined at the end of the 3rd nine weeks grading period.
- F. Reviewed financial and tax collections reports for January – discussed new reports and auditor adjustments.
- G. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve with a single motion the minutes from the previous regular & special meeting(s) for January & February. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

VIII. Open Forum for Public Comments – Patty Wheeler

At 8:23 PM the Board moved out of open session into Executive Session

At 9:46 PM the Board returned to open session

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

- A. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Mica Bates to:

2 year contracts were extended one year for:

Zach Birdwell - Athletic Director

Keith Kirkland - Secondary Principal

Jana Hansen - Elementary Principal

Making all 3 of these under contract for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. All three were already under contract for the 2024-25 school year so they were extended a year.

A 2 year contract was approved for:

Josh Ballinger - Superintendent

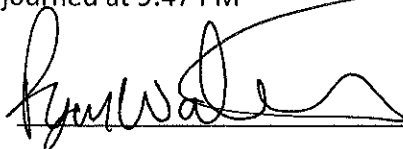
This makes me under contract for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. Current 1 year contract was due to expire on June 30, 2024. This contract was different from the 3 above because at this time last year they were all awarded 2 year contracts and he was awarded a 1 year contract.

The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

- X. Motion made by Ryan Walters to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Dugan Rainey. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0) Meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM



Stacy Price, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary