

**TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - MINUTES**  
**March 18, 2024 7:00 p.m.**  
**Tioga Secondary School Library**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Board President, Stacy Price. Members Present: Stacy Price, Ryan Walters, Dugan Rainey, Brandon Miller, Mica Bates & Trina Colteryahn. Also present were TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman, Superintendent, Josh Ballinger, Principals, Jana Hansen and Keith Kirkland.
- II. Invocation and Pledge were led by Dallas Slay
- III. Open Forum for Public Comments - None
- IV. **Superintendent's Report**
  - A. Mr. Ballinger advised that we received a partial coverage check from the insurance company for @ \$77K for the ground water flooding at the elementary campus, but were denied any coverage for the secondary campus. Jared McGill (at no charge) has replaced the flashing, gutters and roof cap where the moisture exposure has occurred.
  - B. Fantastic work from our host of volunteers for clean-up and improvement of the Softball/Baseball Facilities. Thanks again to TYSA, Josh & Stephanie Hill, Jared McGill and Dugan Rainey.
  - C. Discussed process for the Community Bond Election Town Hall events. Advised that documents are being prepared for distribution to the public at both events on April 4 and May 1. Will be sending out a request for questions ahead of time so that we can ensure we have the information available to answer their questions accurately.
  - D. Provided update of TEA Payment Ledger and Foundation School Program - We are a payment class 1, which means that in April and August we receive zero payments from TEA. Last month (February) we received a larger payment than expected which was due to the make up for loss of homestead exemption.
- V. **District Updates**
  - A. Jana Hansen: Enrollment at the elementary remained at 341 with a 95.23% attendance rate. On 3/7 had our first open house since before covid. it was highly attended by probably 90% of students/parents. Currently working on TELPAS annual testing of the 45 required students. STAAR testing is quickly approaching throughout the month of April and into the first week of May.
  - B. Keith Kirkland: Enrollment stayed the same and has had 7-8 families reach out regarding moving and/or transferring to Tioga ISD. Attendance has improved slightly at 95-96%. We hosted a TMSCA Middle School level contest at secondary campus with @400 students participating from neighboring districts. Mrs. Woodall is taking several students to the State TMSCA contest. Our UIL Academic Meet is April 5th. One Act Play competed at Zone and has advanced to District. They were ranked #1 at zone by all three judges. FCCLA had 21 students advance to the State contest in April and we had several FFA students placing at various contests recently. Our student athletes continue to do well in softball, baseball and track. Secondary EOC/STAAR testing starts mid-April.
- VI. **Discussion and/or Action Items**
  - A. Discussion from TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman - Looking for us to come out of Conservatorship by June 30, 2028. Currently working with Mr. Kirkland to look at course requests to see what our staffing needs will be for the coming school year. The Lonestar Governance training is still pending.

- B. Mr. Ballinger discussed our bond rating from Moody's Bond Rating Process as well as S&P - the values rising on property has helped our big picture and we received excellent news that they would not be downgrading our rating again with this review.
- C. Discuss had regarding TISD Depository/Banking Contract Options Locally - possibly open a local account since Cadence Bank left Tioga and the closest branch is in Celina.
- D. Discussed the Texas Clean School Bus Program Replacement Grant Program w/TCEQ - Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Brandon Miller to apply for two buses through the Texas Clean School Bus Grant Program. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
- E. Discussed the SAFE Grant and that it's time to apply for Cycle 2 of the SAFE grant. We are looking at using the grant funds for security window film and fencing. Recently used the grant funds for a new server to meet cyber-security needs.
- F. Discussed the upcoming Board Member Election on May 4th, Ballot name order drawing held recently and advised the last day to register to vote in the May 4th election is April 4th.
- G. Motion was made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to revise the Board Policy DEC (LOCAL) Compensation & Benefits: Leaves & Absences policy regarding payment for accumulated local leave upon retirement to pay the employee based on their daily rate at the time of retirement (with a maximum of a \$250 daily rate) and a maximum payout of \$5,000.00 upon retirement. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
- H. Discussed that the eight classroom wing that is currently closed at the elementary campus will reopen in August. Discussion had regarding possible options on ways to use the additional rooms for the 2024-2025 school year.
- I. Discussed the Committees & Certifications Previously Covered by District of Innovation and how the loss of this distinction will affect our district starting with the 2024-2025 school year.
- J. Discussion of Staffing Needs for 2024-25: Food Service, ESL, Remedial, SPED, ECDC
- K. Reviewed of Financial and Tax Collection Reports for February
- L. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Dugan Rainey to approve the minutes from the Regular February School Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

**VII. Open Forum for Public Comments - Patty Wheeler**

\*\*\*At 9:52 PM the Board moved into Executive Session

\*\*\* At 11:02 PM the Board reconvened into Open Session

**VIII. 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

**IX. Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session**

Consider the TISD Professional Term Contracts and At-Will Agreements for 2024-25

Motion was made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to approve the term contracts, as presented. The motion passed unanimously. At-Will Agreements were reviewed only, with no action.

Update Ex-Employee/Personnel - Pending lawsuit against Tioga ISD from School Year 2021-22

No Action

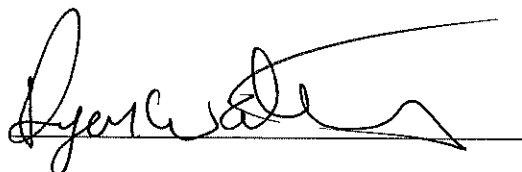
Personnel and Consultation with School District Legal Counsel

No Action

- X. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walters to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0) Meeting adjourned at 11:03 PM



Stacy Price, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary