

TIOGA SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Board Meeting
October 16, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Tioga Secondary School Cafeteria

- 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 Dallas Slay
- III. Open Public Comments: Greg Ringness, student safety; Jessica How, female student safety; Sherry Gray, child safety; Janelle Davis, student advocate for several districts; Chanda Babbitt, statements supporting Brad Strickland; Jackie McBroom, safety for students in Tioga High School; Duane McGurk, student safety; Erika Heights-?
- IV. Student Recognition – Melissa Elliott presented student Charlie Nevins from her class
Jana Hansen recognized all robotics team students who competed at the state fair and were coached by Michael Hernandez (more detail in her report).
- V. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Student Enrollment – 688 PK-12th grade increase of 9 students since the September meeting.
 - B. Financial advisor, David Webb, visited the district on Saturday, September 30 and toured the district. Impressions of the district and how to move forward with needs were provided.
 - C. Settle-up process with TEA was covered and how the overpayment from the 2022-23 school year was going to be handled with a 5 payment method in September each year.
- VI. District Updates
 - A. Instructional Reports: Beginning of the Year Reading & Math Testing in September –K-2 nd grade (mClass 3 rd -6 th grade (Map) EIT Meetings held last week of September – went over testing and made plans for students that need interventions. Teachers have been scheduling Parent/Teacher conferences. UIL Teams – meeting & practicing weekly Good Morning Tioga – Oct. 27 th Tioga Education Foundation Fall Festival – Oct. 28 th @ HS starting at 3:00 Veteran's Day Program – Friday, Nov. 10 th Enrollment – 336 Students on my campus (gained 4 new students) Average attendance – 97% We have a robotics team this year through 4-H. A couple of weeks ago, they went and competed at the State Fair. They placed 3 rd and advanced to the finals. They ended up placing 2nd in the finals. These 3 rd -5 th grade students beat out over 30 other teams in the state which included several middle school students. Their next competition will be at the Ft. Worth Stock Show in January. Reserve Champion Robotics Team:
Allee Shelton – 3 rd grade
Sara Dane – 4 th Grade
Tye Wilson – 5 th grade
Kallie Isbell – 5 th grade
Cason Hanks – 5 th grade
Coach: Mike Hernandez

Keith Kirkland 7th and 8th grade completed MAP testing for the beginning of the year assessment and that data is being discussed in team meetings.

Teachers are utilizing multiple online platforms to increase student engagement. Quizziz was purchased for the entire district and all grade levels are excited about this.

I have met with several families either wanting to transfer or planning to move to Tioga.

Attendance update (MS: 115 HS: 236). Working on more attendance incentives for students beyond the semester exam exemptions. Several days in a row with 97-98% attendance rates over the last few weeks

Volleyball and football district games are underway.

Alexis Santoyo Pina advanced to regional cross country meet by finishing 4th at district meet

UIL academic participation is good at both HS and MS

UIL academic virtual meet was well attended and had several kids finish at football practice and then come over to compete.

Began having bi-weekly team meetings with middle school teachers to discuss students and how best to serve them through intervention.

VII. Discussion and/or Action Items

- A. Update from TEA Monitor, Karen Wiesman: Not present due to a last minute conflict.
- B. Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Dallas Slay to approve the resolution allowing for the renovation of the Grayson County Central Appraisal District Office. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- C. Mr. Ballinger discussed the safety and security of both campuses and any issues that have been found this year as compared to last school year at this time. Our door checks and safety sweeps go above and beyond the state requirements. He also mentioned Garry Burchett and all he has done to help the district with random projects with the latest being a restroom in the ag shop.
- D. The Grayson College Memorandum of Understanding to provide dual credit opportunities for Tioga ISD was reviewed from an earlier meeting with an emphasis on a new rule regarding free/reduced lunch qualifications and there are now no limitations on the amount of hours allowed to be taken at once, per semester: No action was taken.
- E. A review of the delinquent tax report was provided by Mr. Ballinger from the Linebarger Law Firm with an analysis of 2023 provided. Collections of taxes within the school district remain very high for Tioga ISD. No action was taken.
- F. An annual review of local board policies that should be discussed each year was covered by Mr. Ballinger and a document provided that displays which local policies should be on this yearly list. The reference of changing the graduation honor timeframe and policies earlier in the summer was used as an example.
- G. An open discussion of whether or not to contract our groundskeeper duties was led by Mr. Ballinger and all board members provided insight of whether to hire a district employed groundskeeper or contract it out with a company. A motion

was made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Mica Bates to accept the bid of Jack Mills Mowing, as detailed in the contract. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

H. Motion was made by Dallas Slay and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve the budget amendment(s) that require out of function adjustments allowing for the transfer from the General Operating account to the Debt Service account. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

I. Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Dallas Slay to approve with a single motion, the September check payments, bank financial reports and minutes from the previous meetings. Brandon Miller requested the Due To/Due From reports be included in the financial statements. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

VIII. Open Public Comments started at 8:15 PM: Britney McKinney, student safety; Brandon Miller questioned Josh Ballinger during this time regarding not disclosing all of the information with the Strickland hearing that was scheduled for the upcoming executive session. After multiple comments were exchanged between Brandon Miller and Josh Ballinger, a motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Stacy Price to enter into executive session. The board entered into executive session at 8:25.

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. Consultation with the Board's attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 for consultation with the District's attorney; Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 for deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer and/or employee; and Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0821 for deliberation regarding a public school student matter if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation for the following:
1. Consultation regarding the procedures for the Level Three appeal filed by Mary and Wiley Alexander pursuant to Board Policy FNG (LOCAL).
 2. Conduct a hearing regarding the Level Three appeal filed by Mary and Wiley Alexander pursuant to Board Policy FNG (LOCAL).
 3. Consultation and deliberation regarding the Level Three appeal filed by Mary and Wiley Alexander pursuant to Board Policy FNG (LOCAL).

X. Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session

The board returned to open session at 11:48 PM.

Dallas Slay addressed the audience that were still present, specifically the Alexander family. Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Brandon Miller to move that the board grant the appeal in part as the board found board policies were violated and deny the appeal in part modifying the relief as follows: We the board direct administration to bring a recommendation

regarding proposed action related to Mr. Strickland's contract in accordance with applicable policies.

The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

XI. Adjourn

Motion was made by Dallas Slay to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Trina Colteryahn. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0) Meeting adjourned at 11:50.

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Stacy Price, Board President

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Ryan Walters, Board Secretary