

**TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 23, 2026 7:00 p.m.
Tioga High School Library**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President, Dallas Slay.
Members present: Ryan Walters, Nick Oliver, Billy Smith, Trina Colteryahn, Holly Mizer, James Hurt and Dallas Slay.
Also Present: Superintendent: Josh Ballinger; Principals: Keith Kirkland, Pam Moore
Absent: Principal, Jana Hansen and TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman
- II. **Invocation and Pledge** – led by Billy Smith
- III. **Open Forum for Public Comments** – None
- IV. **Discussions & Presentations**
 - A. Mr. Ballinger gave update on the 2024-2025 & 2025-2026 Assignment of TEA Accreditation Commissioner Abatement – official letter not received as of today but will be forthcoming.
 - B. Instructional Topics and Student Activities Update – Principals
 - Middle School/Moore –3rd 9 weeks grading period ended last week and grades are due today. Finishing up STAAR Benchmark testing – cross-curricular working together to get students prepared. MS Track Meet coming up on Monday (TISD hosting). Continuing to work on our truancy prevention measures. End of Year Awards coming up on June 3rd.
 - High School/Kirkland – Baseball & Softball in District play. Booster Club needs volunteers for concessions at MS District Track Meet. We had 8 students advance to State Theatrical Design Contest. AG/FFA students have been busy with Houston and Austin Stock Shows. Interim testing finished up right before Spring Break and we have our first EOC (STAAR) on April 16th. Focusing on getting good results to move up to great results!
 - C. Safety and Security Update with District Vulnerability Assessment – Mr. Ballinger advised the district had it Vulnerability Assessment audit on March 11th. It was a three hour process on campus on top of the many hours spent looking over our documented processes and procedures before his arrival but overall our results were good. One area that we will need to work on is our phone system needs some updating.
- V. **Business Items Requiring Board Action**
 - A. Consider the cancellation of the May 2, 2026 School Board Election for Tioga ISD Board Member(s) Seat 3 (Walters), Seat 5 (Mizer) & Seat 7 (Colteryahn) and Terms of All Members Beginning May 2026.
Motion made by Ryan Walters and seconded by James Hurt to cancel the May 2nd, 2026 School Board Election due to all seats running unopposed.
FOR: Slay, Oliver, Colteryahn, Smith & Mizer
AGAINST: None
 - B. Consider 2025-26 Rates for the Tioga Early Childhood Development Center and School-Side Pre-Kindergarten Program.
Motion made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Billy Smith to accept the rates for the ECDC and the School-Side Pre-Kindergarten as presented. (School Side remains the same at \$2430 per semester and the ECDC at \$155 per week.
FOR: Slay, Hurt, Oliver, Walters & Mizer
AGAINST: None
- VI. **Consent Action Items**
 - A. Approve Minutes from Previous Board Meeting February 16,2026
 - B. Consider Black Creek K-9 Services Contract for 2026-27
Motion was made by Billy Smith and seconded Nick Oliver to approve the consent items as presented.
FOR: Mizer, Hurt, Slay, Colteryahn & Walters
AGAINST: None

VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Reviewed Financial and Tax Collection Reports for February – Discussed overpayment from TEA due to ADA down @ 70 students, which will be @ \$600K that will come off of total state aid for 26-27 school year.
- B. Review documents for the Tioga ISD and PFC Municipal Report for Bond Obligations
- C. Discussed upcoming Board Training Opportunities & Upcoming Budget Workshop on Saturday, 3/28 (9AM) – We will need to schedule a Team of 8 training soon.

****Remained in Open Session****

VIII. Executive Session

Executive Session: If during the course of the meeting covered by this agenda the Board 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

A. Consider Professional Contracts and At-Will Agreements for 2026-27

- Motion to accept the Professional contracts and At-Will Agreements as presented made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walters.
FOR: Slay, Mizer, Oliver, Smith and Hurt
AGAINST: NONE

X. Adjourn

- *Motion made by Trina Colteryahn to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Nick Oliver.*
FOR: Mizer, Hurt, Slay, Smith & Walters
AGAINST: None
- *Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.*



Dallas Slay, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary