

**TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 17, 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, Trina Colteryahn, Billy Smith and Dallas Slay.
Also Present: Superintendent: Josh Ballinger; Principals: Keith Kirkland, Ammie Scott, Pamela Moore and TEA Conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman
- II. **Invocation and Pledge** – led by Billy Smith
- III. **Open Forum for Public Comment** – NONE
- IV. **Public Hearing(s)**
 - A. Discussed the Proposed 2026 M&O and I&S Property Tax Rates along with the Property Appraisal Reports
 1. Maintenance & Operations Rate - \$0.7206
 2. Interest & Sinking Rate - \$0.50
- V. **Discussions and Presentations**
 - A. Discuss Board Seat # 5 Opening & Policies (LEGAL) BBA and BBC.
Board policies were reviewed and timelines covered by Superintendent Ballinger. No special election, opt for appointment within 180 days.
 - B. TEA Division of Governance & Intervention Conservator Report. Dr. Wiesman reported the District is has received a preliminary 70 on the 2025 FIRST Report. Been working with Sondra on rectifying out of compliance letters from TEA Auditors by correcting some Program Intent Coding. Contacting Stifel to see about using excess funds on I&S side to refund some bonds.
 - C. Instructional Topics and Student Activities Update
 1. Elementary/Scott – Enrollment – 226 students / 16 Pre-K
Meet the Teacher on Wednesday (5-7PM)
 2. Middle School/Moore – Finalized Master Schedule – difficult due to shared staff. Removed advisory and extended each class another 5 minutes. 52 students for ESL.
 3. High School/Kirkland – Our new hires amount of experience is fantastic. Tweaking Master Schedule still taking place, Schedule pick up this coming Wednesday & Thursday. Meet the Bulldogs on Thursday night.
 - D. Discussed the 2026 TEA Academic Accountability Reports – Tioga ISD received an “A”!
 - E. Reviewed the 2026-27 Student Handbook & Administrative Rules
 - F. Reviewed the TISD Investment Policies and Strategies
- VI. **Business Items Requiring Board Action**
 - A. Consider the Resignation of Trustee, Member Holly Mizer (Seat 5)
Motion made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Nick Oliver to accept the resignation of trustee, Holly Mizer (Seat #5).
FOR: Slay, Smith, & Colteryahn
AGAINST: None
 - B. Consider the Adoption of the 2026 Tax Rate By Resolution (See Addendum).

Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walter to adopt the 2026 Tax Rate by Resolution as presented.

FOR: Slay, Smith, & Oliver

AGAINST: None

- C. Review & Renew the "Good Cause" Exemption for the District Defender/Guardian Program

Motion was made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Billy Smith to renew the "Good Cause" Exemption for the District Defender/Guardian Program as presented.

FOR: Slay, Oliver & Walters

AGAINST: None

- D. Consider the 2026-27 Student Code of Conduct

Motion made by Billy Smith and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve the 2026-27 Student Code of Conduct as presented.

FOR: Slay, Oliver & Colteryahn

AGAINST: None

- E. Consider Approval of Innovative Course – Team Sport Officiating

Motion made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve the addition of the Team Sport Officiating course as presented

FOR: Slay, Smith, & Oliver

AGAINST: None

- F. Approve Out of Fund/Function Budget Amendment(s)

Motion made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Trina Colteryahn to approve the Budget Amendments as presented

FOR: Slay, Smith & Oliver

AGAINST: None

VII. Consent Action Items

- A. Approve Minutes from the Previous Regular Meeting of July 20, 2026

- B. Approve Texas 4-H for Extracurricular Status as TISD Adjunct Agrilife Faculty

- C. Consider 2026-27 T-TESS Appraisal Calendar for Professional Staff

- D. Accept World Language Credentialing Policy for Student Placement

Motion was made by Nick Oliver and seconded by Billy Smith to approve the consent items as presented.

FOR: Slay, Walters & Colteryahn

AGAINST: None

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Discussion had regarding Preliminary 2026 FIRST Financial Rating for 2024-25 School Year - Highest score we can get is a "70" due to repayment plan until year 2029 unless repayment is completed early.

- B. Van and Bus Purchase Update

- C. Reviewed Financial Reports & Tax Collection Reports for July.

****At 8:04 PM the Board moved into Executive Session*

**** At 8:34 PM the Board reconvened into Open Session*

IX. 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

A. Interview Potential Candidates for the Open TISD Board Member Seats

B. Consider New Qualifiers for the District Defender/Guardian Program

X. Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session

A. *Motion made by Trina Colteryahn and seconded by Billy Smith to appoint Judith Owens to the Board of Trustees, Seat #5.*

FOR: Slay, Walters & Oliver

AGAINST: None

B. No New Qualifiers for the District Defender/Guardian Program to Approve

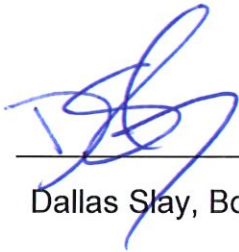
XI. Adjourn

● *Motion made by Ryan Walters to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Nick Oliver*

FOR: Smith, Slay, & Colteryahn

AGAINST: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.



Dallas Slay, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary