

TIOGA SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting

April 17th, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Tioga High School Library

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, Paul Rodarmer
Members present: Paul Rodarmer, Stacy Price, Dugan Rainey, Ryan Walters, Dallas Slay, Brandon Miller and Mica Bates
- II. Invocation and Pledge were led by Dugan Rainey
- III. Open Public Comments: None
- IV. Student Recognition – Middle School Student Council and sponsors Charla Schaffer & Loree Eddleman
- V. Superintendent’s Report
 - A. Update was given meeting with Region 10. Director spent an afternoon with Mr. Ballinger on Tuesday, 4/11. They are working with us to get us on-line with the Summary of Finance template and the building of our budget for 2023-2024 continues. Mr. Ballinger met with TEA on Wednesday, 4/12 regarding the Fiscal Financial Review. They want to know our plan to correct the problems that have occurred over the past several years. TEA wants to see us succeed.
 - B. Board Election Update – All voting location information, dates and times as well as a sample ballot have been shared through the newspaper, website and social media. Early voting starts next week – Monday, April 24th. A Candidate Forum is being hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary in the High School cafeteria on April 18th at 7 PM.
 - C. Enrollment/Attendance – Attendance continues to dip with is negatively impacting our ADA which affects our funding.
Enrollment – Pre-K = 29, Kinder-12th = 671 & Off-Campus = 5 TOTAL = 705
- VI. District Update
 - A. Jana Hansen Update for Elementary/Middle School:
 - MS Band received ratings of 2 (Excellent) at the UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest
 - UIL Academics Ceremony – 58 awards were given out
 - Pre-K & Kindergarten Round-Up – April 26th from 8 AM till 6:30 PM
 - STAAR Testing this week on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
 - MS Theatre presenting a Dinner Theatre fundraiser on Saturday, April 29th
 - May 1st– 5th is Teacher Appreciation Week
 - B. Keith Kirkland Update for High School/Athletics: (provided by Mr. Ballinger)
 - Mr. Kirkland is with two of our students, Zander Zafar & Tyler Henley at the Regional Golf tournament.
 - We are hosting the Area Track Meet this Wednesday, April 19th with 15 other districts participating. Shout Out to Coach Hunkapillar for organizing!
 - Our One Act Play will compete at the Region Contest this Thursday, April 20th
 - HS EOC/End of Course (STAAR) testing will begin next week on Thursday, April 27th
 - 4 Students advanced to the Regional UIL Speech & Academic Meet and will compete this Friday, April 21st.

- C. Finance Committee Update -
Finance committee met on April 13th
- Reviewed Historical Information on Tax, District Value, Debt Load and Enrollment
 - Discussed Predicting ADA and Adjustments Influenced in Summary of Finance Document
 - Discussed Information from April 11th Region 10 Administrator Meeting on Tioga
 - Discussed Information from April 12th TEA Administrator Meeting on Tioga

D. Business/Finance Report – Sondra Hall

- Update given on tax collection

Our Grayson County Property Tax total collections through the end of March 2023 were \$2,228,197.69. So far in April we have collected an additional \$13,100.07, bringing our total collection to date to \$2,241,297.76 leaving approximately another \$179,082.00 to be collected.

VII. Discussion and/or Action Items

- A. Jake Battenfiled from Linebarger Firm gave a report on Tioga ISD Delinquent Tax Collection from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022
- 96-97% of Tioga Taxes get paid on time
- B. Discussed Re-Contracting with Stifel Public Finance as the District Financial Advisor. Mr. Ballinger advised that David Webb from Stifel checks in the him a couple of times each week. He has been a great partner in navigating the Moody's and S&P Ratings. Mr. Webb is hopeful for the districts future as much as we are. Motion was made by Ryan Walters to re-contract with Stifel Public Finance and seconded by Mica Bates. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0).
- C. Discussed the Tioga Public Facilities Corporation Original Articles of Incorporation from December 3rd, 2015. The seven members serving as School Board Trustees are the seven members of the Public Facility Corporation. There is approximately \$20 thousand dollars in the account and it has not been touched since the High School building was completed.
- D. Report given regarding the status of the TISD Trustee Training Hours Since May 2022. All board members except for Mica Bates (who was not yet on the board) went to training at Region 10 this past year receiving all the required training necessary. Mica Bates completed more than the required number of hours on-line and locally right after being sworn into her seat.
- E. Reviewed the Narcan Use Policy for on campus and off campus activities presented by Lisa Neal. Motion was made by Ryan Walters to adopt the policy presented and seconded by Stacy Price. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0).
- F. Discussed Campus Grade Level Structure and need for Elementary Building Updates to the oldest wing of the building due to deteriorating plumbing issues and possible mold issues from continual flooding over the years. All of this would need to be done without students being present in the building. Discussed pros/cons of moving the 7th & 8th Grades to the High School to allow these updates to be completed next year. This would leave approximately 368

student at the elementary campus (Pre-K – 6th) and put approximately 337 students at the high school (7th – 12th). No decision was made.

- G. Discussion had regarding new rate structure for the Tioga Early Childhood Development Center. Motion was made by Brandon Miller and seconded by Dallas Slay to approve the new rate structure. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- H. Discussion had regarding pros and cons of the free breakfast program. Motion was made by Dugan Rainey and seconded by Stacy Price to keep the free breakfast program for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- I. Discussion of the 2023 Preliminary Tax Appraisal estimates received from Grayson County Appraisal District. There is a 33% increase in tax base which will cause changes to the State Aid Template and the funding we receive.
- J. Discussion regarding continuing the discounted rate for staff children for the Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) and for the new restructured Pre-Kindergarten program fees. Motion was made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Dallas Slay to keep the ECDC discounted rate at 50% for staff children and to provide the Pre-Kindergarten program at a 50% discounted fee for staff children.
- K. Discussion of Tri-Tex Grass Leave and use of Water Well. Mr. Ballinger advised that Randy/owner at Tri-Tex was unaware that Tioga ISD was paying a water bill for the well. They are currently working to get this changed over to Tri-Tex paying this water bill. A lease is currently being worked on to cover the approximate 40 acres. No motion was made.
- L. Discussion regarding the Moody's and S&P Global Bond Rating Process and the recent discussions Mr. Ballinger had with them as well as the recent rating downgrade from both Moody's and S&P. Moody's from a Ba3 to a B1 rating and S&P's to a BB- rating.
- M. Discussion regarding the Annual Financial Statement and the need to have it audited by a Licensed Independent CPA firm. Shawn Nesmith will not be doing the 2023 Financial Audit so the board authorized Mr. Ballinger to begin the search for a new CPA. Brandon Miller requested that in order to be open and transparent the district needed to post the recent Financial Report to the website. Mr. Ballinger advised that it would be posted first thing Tuesday morning.
- N. Motion was made by Stacy Price and seconded by Dallas Slay to approve the budget amendment(s) that require out of function adjustments allowing for the transfer of \$11,106.48 from the General Operating account to the Debt Service account. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- O. Motion was made by Stacy Price and seconded by Mica Bates to approve with a single motion, the March check payments, bank financial reports and minutes from the previous meeting. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

VIII. Open Public Comments: Patty Wheeler, Britney McKinney, Abigail Allen

Board exited open session at 9:45 p.m.

The board entered Executive Session at 9:49 p.m. and ended at 11:05 p.m.

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)

X. Action Regarding Matters discussed in executive session

- A. Consider the TISD Board Standard Operating - No Action Taken
- B. Consider the TISD Professional Contracts and At-Will Agreements for 2023-24
Motion was made by Stacy Price and seconded by Dugan Rainey to Approve Contracts and At-Will Agreements as Presented - Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
- C. Consider the TISD Administration Contracts for 2023-24 & 2024-25
Motion made by Ryan Walters and seconded by Dallas Slay to Approve Contracts as Presented - Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:08 p.m. – Motion was made by Stacy Price seconded by Dallas Slay. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)



~~Paul Redinger~~(Or Presiding), Board President
Stacy Price



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary