

TIOGA SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting

March 20th, 2023 7:30 p.m.

Tioga High School Library

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:42 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 Rickey Kemp
- III. Open Public Comments: Britney McKinney & Rickey Kemp
- IV. Student Recognition – Middle School (Student unable to attend)
- V. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Update was given on existing and anticipated Debt Payments for the 2023-24 School Year
 - \$2,565,013.01 existing
 - \$3,165,013.01 with anticipated Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)
 - B. Budget Development - we are moving along with the budget development for the 23-24 school year. Met with administrative staff regarding campus allocations and will be using a line item process instead of zero balance budgeting that was recommended. A large part of the budget is athletics so we want to get the new athletic director in place and have his input as well.
 - C. Tri-Tex Grass & Water Well – Mr. Ballinger contacted Tri-Tex owner who was unaware that Tioga ISD was receiving a bill to pay for water used from the well. He indicated it must have happened when the transfer of ownership took place when the school purchased the property. Tri-Tex currently issues the school district a check between \$6-9K annually depending on the amount they make for harvesting the acreage they still farm, which was the verbal agreement made with Dr. Holloway at the time of purchase. Mr. Ballinger will contact Tri-Tex with an official proposed lease that includes the water expenses for the well.
 - D. Enrollment Update: Currently 708 students (down two from last month). Attendance rate is at 95.25% which is what TEA bases our ADA on for funding. Stressed the importance of students being in school to get our attendance rate to improve.
 - E. Moody's Bond Rating Update – Mr. Ballinger met with analysts last week and they provided district information but the updated report is not available yet. He will provide a public review at next month's board meeting.
- VI. District Update
 - A. Jana Hansen Update for Elementary/Middle School:
 - Several Track Meets where students have performed well already
 - Stock Show season in full swing
 - MS Band Contest @ Princeton received an Excellent & Superior Ratings and are preparing for the UIL Sight Reading & Concert Contest coming up in April
 - B. Keith Kirkland Update for High School:
 - Busy season with spring sports: Track, Golf, Tennis, Baseball and Softball
 - Ag Shows in Houston, San Antonio & Fort Worth over the past few weeks

- One Act Play advanced through Area and District and will be competing at Bi-District this Thursday (3/23)
- Two freshmen female Powerlifters advanced to the State Meet last week and performed well – looking forward to seeing them compete the next few years.
- 8 teams (16 students) advanced to the FCCLA State Contest

C. Athletics Report

Mr. Ballinger reported that the search committee narrowed down the 50+ applicants that were received for the Athletic Director position to the top eight and interviewed those eight the Friday before Spring Break. From there, they narrowed it to the top two finalists which were interviewed by the school board at a special meeting this afternoon. The board will discuss the interviewees during the executive session this evening to decide which candidate will be offered the position

D. Finance Committee Update -

Finance committee met on March 6th

- Reviewed Budget worksheet documents for FY23 and Potential FY24
- Reviewed PRE-K-K Guidelines and District
- Reviewed Early College Guidelines
- Reviewed TISD Teacher Pay Scale
- Reviewed Debt Obligations for July 1st, 2023 through June 30th, 2024
- Prioritized future programming option for Tioga ISD students
- Created agenda items for board consideration at regular March meeting regarding items reviewed above.

E. Business/Finance Report – Sondra Hall

- Update given on tax collection

Our Grayson County Property Tax total collections through the end of February 2023 were \$2,191,247.67. So far in March we have collected an additional \$24,260.01, bringing our total collection to date to \$2,215,507.68 leaving another \$204,872.15 to be collected.

VII. Discussion and/or Action Items

- Motion was made by Brandon Miller and seconded by Dallas Slay to adopt the TASB Board Policy Update 120. Motion Carried unanimously. (7-0)
- Motion was made by Stacy Price and seconded by Ryan Walters to adopt the Tioga ISD 2023-24 School Year District Calendar. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0).
- Public Notice was read for Accreditation Warned Status due to FY20 & FY21 "F" Rating on FIRST. Notice was read word for word just as the document is typed and was broadcasted publicly through Facebook Live. Commentary from Mr. Ballinger also included:
 - The district knew this status was potentially coming due to the FIRST ratings from previous years and the status was not appealed
 - A TEA monitor has also been appointed to oversee district and board actions/operations, but as of today there has not been contact established other than through the Region 10 Service Center staff.

- D. District of Innovation Committee met on March 8th, 2023
- Reviewed 20-23-24 Calendar as it relates to DOI for TEC 11.251-11.255 & 25.0811
 - Reviewed 2023-24 Student Handbook as it relates to DOI for TEC 28.004 – Wording of highly caffeinated/energy drink allowance during school and at extracurricular activities for students.
 - Reviewed Certification Required, Educator Preparation, Presentation & recording of Certificates and Parental Notification – TEC 21.003(a), TEC 21.044, TEC 21.053, TEC 21.057
- E. Discussion regarding Pre-K Program Restructure – Motion was made by Brandon Miller and seconded by Dugan Rainey to restructure the Pre-K program to a fee based program charging \$2,250 per semester for non-qualifying students. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0) **Federally qualified students will continue to be free.
- F. Discussion regarding the Early College High School program – Motion was made by Stacy Price and seconded by Dallas Slay to change the Early College High School program to a tuition- charged program based on the current cost per college hour charged by Grayson College for non-qualifying students, with current Juniors grandfathered into the free tuition program. (The motion carried unanimously. (7-0) ** Qualifying students will be based on the Free/Reduced Lunch Program and will pay anything above 9 hours per semester.
- G. Motion was made by Stacy Price and seconded by Mica Bates to approve the budget amendment(s) that require out of function adjustments allowing for the transfer of \$98,042.60 from the General Operating account to the Debt Service account. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- H. Motion was made by Stacy Price and seconded by Ryan Walters to approve with a single motion, the February check payments, bank financial reports and minutes from the previous meeting. The motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

VIII. Open Public Comments: Jamie Chamberlain gave update on Tioga Education Foundation plant fundraiser

Board entered Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. and ended at 10:52 p.m.

IX. Executive Session

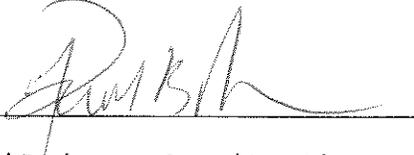
(Executive Session: If during the course of the meeting covered by this agenda the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071)

X. Action Regarding Matters discussed in executive session

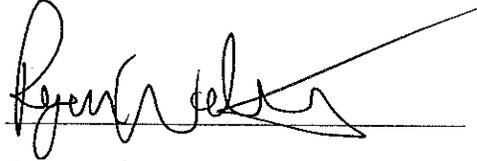
- A. Motion was made by Stacy Price and seconded by Dallas Slay to name Zach Birdwell as the Tioga ISD Athletic Director – Head Football Coach for contracted school years of 2023-24 & 2024-25. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- B. Motion was made by Stacy Price and seconded by Dallas Slay to table the Tioga ISD Administration Contracts for 2023-24 & 2024-25 until action can be

taken at a later TISD School Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
(7-0)

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:55 p.m. – Motion was made by Dallas Slay
seconded by Stacy Price. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0)



Paul Rodarmer, Board President



Ryan Walters, Board Secretary