

**TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARDROOM
9700 LAS TUNAS DRIVE, TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA**

Approved Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 22, 2023

Member Sneed called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Board Members Present

Mary Sneed, Vice President
Vinson Bell, Clerk
Matt W. Smith, Member
Melissa Espinoza, Member
Amir King, Student Board Member

**Roll Call by ROLL
CALL VOTE**

Board Members Absent

Donna Georgino, President

Roll: Sneed, Bell, Smith, Espinoza

Administrators Present

Art Cunha, Superintendent
Connie Wu, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Richard Lohman, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Tamar Kataroyan, Assistant Superintendent Human Resource Services

There were no public comments.

**Public Comments
on Closed Session
Agenda Items**

Disclosure of Item(s) to be Discussed in Closed Session
(Board action in Closed Session must be taken by ROLL CALL vote.)

**Disclosure of
Item(s) to be
Discussed in
Closed Session**

1. Personnel Matters (Government Code 54957)
Public Employee Appointment, Discipline, Dismissal, Release
2. Labor/Negotiations (Government Code 54957.6)
Update: Direction to District Negotiators (Art Cunha, Connie Wu and Tamar Kataroyan for TCEA, CSEA 105, CSEA 823 and Management)

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Bell on a 4-0-0 vote, the Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m.

**Adjourned to
Closed Session**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Espinoza on a 4-0-0 vote, the Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

**Reconvened to
Open Session**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

Member Sneed announced that tonight's meeting was being digitally recorded.

**Recording of
Meeting**

Student Board Member Amir King led the flag salute.

Flag Salute

There was no action taken in closed session

**Action Taken in
Closed Session**

There were no changes to tonight's agenda.

On motion of Member Bell, seconded by Member Espinoza on a 4-0-0 vote, the Board approved tonight's agenda.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

There was no public comment.

- Family Literacy Night – April 6 – 5:30-7 @ Longden – for grades TK thru 6th– Dress as a book character (parade), book swap, games & activities, author talks, food truck start @ 5 p.m.
- Elementary Science Olympiad will be held at Oak Ave on April 22. The Intermediate and high school students have competed so It will be great to see our elementary students in competition now.
- Parks & Rec Spring Day Camp – March 27-31 -7 am-6pm – Space is limited
- Parks & Rec Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, April 8 – Breakfast 8:30-11 am – egg hunt by ages.
- Elementary Orchestra Spring Concert – April 12 and Elementary Band Concert – April 13
- On April 29th – Temple City's Got Talent will take place – auditions were this past week.
- Temple City's 100th Anniversary is coming in May. Stay tuned for activities throughout the coming year.

Connie Wu

- Congratulated Mrs. Maria Garner for Golden Apple Award recipient. We appreciate her service, commitment and leadership to our schools and community.
- Business Services Department is working with Ed Services and HR on the expansion of after school programs funded by Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant. Food Services Department will offer snacks to the students in the programs.

Richard Lohman

- Parent Groups
District English Language Advisory Committee and Parent Advisory Committee for the LCAP. Educational Services has been hosting and will continue to host a number of group meetings as well as each site hosting groups that allow for our parents and educational partners to have a voice in the overall planning of District and site programs. Thank you to all the parents who participate and for those who share their voices for the benefit our TCUSD students.
- Curriculum Updates for the 23-24 School Year
- Curriculum orders are being compiled this month to make sure that materials are delivered during a time frame that allows media clerks plenty of time to process book orders so that all students and teachers

Changes to tonight's Agenda

Approved Agenda

Public Comments

Item 13 Community Update

Item 14 District Updates

Business Services Update

Educational Services Update

begin school with the board approved curriculum and supplemental materials.

- Expanded Learning Options Program
Ed Services is excited to be bringing this program to our families. Special thanks to Amy for all the hard work she has put in and she will share more information with you later in the meeting.
- VI Program
Our visually impaired program was visited by the world renowned Perkins Institute for the Blind last Wednesday. After site tours and a debrief at TCHS, the take away was that our visitors were impressed with our inclusive program, our staff and students. Special thank you to Geoff and his team for all they do for our students.
- Thursday April 6th Family Literacy Night at Longden 5:30-7:30
- Friday April 14th STEAM Night at La Rosa 5:30-7:30

Tamar Kataroyan

- Thanked all our staff that nominated our site teachers of the year so I do want to announce them and then we'll go on to the district teacher of the year. Diana Lam- Longden, Nicole Medina- Emperor, Richard Slaymaker- Cloverly, Andrew Jahan- DDSLC, Winnie Joe- Oak, Mihee Kim- TCHS, Lisa Hoiby- La Rosa, and Debbie Paulino- Virtual Academy
- Last week a group of us went and did some observations in the classroom and what we saw in these classrooms was phenomenal direct instruction, classroom engagement, creative ways to really bring in the kids and most of all a passion for teaching and learning. In choosing our district teacher of the year we were torn between excellence. Proud to announce our district Teacher of the Year-Mihee Kim from TCHS our ceramics teacher.

**Human Resource
Services Update**

Shelley Scanlan, TCEA – *No comments this evening.*

Robin Penn, CSEA #105- *No comments this evening.*

Art Contreras, CSEA #823 – *No comments this evening.*

Member Georgino-Absent

Member Bell

- Echoed Dr. Kataroyan about the teachers and recognizing them, they are an inspiration as he tries to live up to their standards, with the caring and the kindness that they give to our students each and every day.
- Recognized Maria Garner as a wonderful individual and the recipient of the Golden Apple Award. Maria Gardner is the appropriate person to receive this award on behalf of Temple City. Being at the awards at Santa Anita Racetrack was able to see all these other schools there and recognizing their wonderful volunteers, it says a lot about our society and that there are so many great individuals who want to donate their time their energy on behalf of students.
- Two Saturdays ago our high school and our middle school teams competed at the Regionals which was so wonderful and now

**Item 15 Bargaining
Unit
Comments**

**Item 16 Board
Member
Comments**

everybody's getting ready for the state tournament which is going to be held at Caltech on April 8th.

- Had a chance to stop by at the high school Spring Festival that was a Band and Orchestra Festival last Wednesday. It was nice and it's just great to have people come back and come together. Thanked Mr. Jambazian for being a part of this event.
- This past Saturday a small group of high school kids ran the Math Olympiad which turned out to be fun. They did a small event with three schools. They enjoyed competing in different kinds of math related events and somehow, they turned Tetris into a math related event.

Member Espinoza

- Recognized World Down Syndrome Day and the members of our community with Down Syndrome and the light that they bring to this world.
- Dedicated a week to volunteering at the Mission Playhouse, a favorite thing to do. Congratulated the students for a fun, successful and entertaining musical production. The students worked so hard and it resulted in an amazing show. I was so happy to see such a diverse cast and one that included most grade levels in our district it also included many different student groups coming together for a common goal. The wood shop students build sets, we had advanced orchestra students in the pit, we had production crew Dragonflicks doing all the backstage production, we had kids from Brighter Side Choreo, Cheer, Auxiliaries, and football players it was incredible to see all the students collaborating and what they accomplished together. Thanked the entire production staff Elias Bourjeili, Mike Kidd, Felix Avitia, Sydney Taylor, Maggie Ferntheil, Susan Takeda, Miss Alderman, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Jon Howie and all the parents who volunteered their time, you are all amazing.
- Attended the ACSA Region 15 Golden Apple award ceremony where TCUSD recognized Maria Garner for her dedication to volunteering in our district. If anyone was deserving this honor it was Maria she has served on PTA at Emperor being PTA president two terms at least or more, served on Oak Avenue PTA and she has been serving on Council PTA. She has been president for two years on Council PTA and is still serving on Council PTA. She is on the Personnel Commission another volunteer job and those are just her official titles she does so much more than that and she cares deeply about the district and all the students.
- Thanked those who have contributed and donated to our district this time month.

Member Smith

- Attended the musical on March 10th at the Mission Playhouse, it was a really nice show and really great performance by a lot of students.
- Attended the Oak Avenue Festival Concert March 16th and it was really sort of a trial run for the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA) competition which was yesterday.
- As Melissa just said with regard to World Down syndrome day yesterday I appreciate that we received a little treat here tonight from somebody.
- Attended the ACSA Golden Apple Awards at Santa Anita Racetrack and congratulated Maria Garner as TCUSD's Golden Apple Recipient.

- Yesterday was the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA), I am not sure how the high school did but I do know that all the groups from Oak Avenue were rated Superior and four out of five of them were unanimous superiors from every judge.
- Last night the Kiwanis Club had their monthly student of the month recognition and it is always a nice event, Jerry always does an excellent job.
- Congratulated Mihee Kim who was named as the TCUSD Teacher of the Year and congratulated all the other individual site teachers who were recognized as Teachers of the Year.
- Today is the start of the holy month of Ramadan and if you know somebody who is a practicing Muslim you should say "Ramadan Mubarak" which means Happy Ramadan.
- Recognize the 11 individuals who are identified on our agenda tonight that have donated \$ 570.00.

Member Sneed

- Congratulated and thanked our ACSA Golden Apple Award Winner Maria Garner. She is the finest example of someone who gives back in so many ways to support all our students, staff and families.
- Congratulated Elias Bourjeili, Michael Kidd, the entire staff, and the actors, dancers, musicians, and technical crew who had a hand in bringing the "High School Musical" to life. What a fantastic show! It was an amazing return to a fully staged musical. Temple City has the most amazing kids around! Great job!
- Thanked the Kiwanis for again recognizing our students. It's always so much fun to see how proud the parents are of their kids.
- Glad that Emperor went ahead with their "Mini-Camellia Parade". They had a majority of the Royal Court as students so it was fun for them to have their own parade.
- Speaking of Emperor, Congratulated Principal Myra Ruedel for being recognized as one of the "Women of Impact Award" winners by Assemblyman Mike Fong's office. We're very proud of you! Thank you for your leadership!
- Congratulated our site Teachers of the Year: Diana Lam, Nicole Medina, Richard Slaymaker, Andrew Jahan, Winnie Joe, Mihee Kim, Lisa Hoiby, and Debbie Paulino. And congratulations to our district Teacher of the Year Mihee Kim.
- With Spring Break coming up, I hope everyone has a restful week off. Take some "me time" and enjoy the break!
- Reported on Newly Elected Student Body Leadership for Temple City High School.
- Congratulated the Performing Arts Program (Drama, Band, Orchestra, Choreo, Woodworking, Dragon Flicks, and more), Students, Staff, Volunteers, and Parents for an incredible High School Musical Production.
- Congratulated Science Olympiad for their recent accomplishments and wished them the best of luck at State.
- Wished Orchestra and Band the best in their seasons as well.
- Wished everyone a safe and restful Spring Break.

**Student Board
Member Comments**

Thanked the Chan family for dropping off the ribbons for World Down Syndrome Day and Nathan's mom was one of the parents that reached out to us just to make sure that we were recognizing World Down Syndrome Day and to put it in our newsletter which we will continue to observe annually.

Attended the ACSA and I agree with everybody Maria Garner is so deserving of this award. We actually would have put something on the agenda for today to recognize Maria but that would have been posted on Friday and she would have seen it. I had so many things that I wanted to share about Maria when I was up speaking about her but I know how uncomfortable she is being recognized and so I didn't want to continue to keep her up there but no matter what I shared it still would have understated all that Maria does for this District. I am very happy being here I wish that every day was a dream but there are some days that are tougher than others but then you get these moments where you're just so proud to be part of this District, I loved the event today at Emperor and I thought that was just the coolest thing with a short little Parade route but the smiles on the kids' and parents' faces. I received a lot of thanks afterwards and I just want to make it very clear this was not me, all I had to do was say yes. Myra called me and asked what do you think if we did this and I was that's a great idea go for it. Thanked the Emperor staff, our city partners and our sheriff's department.

Proud of our Science Olympiad team for their success, our Skills USA competitors for their success and our musical. Was in awe of the sets, the work that our students put in and the diversity of our cast. I was so amazed by all of it and our staff dedicates a lot of time and our parents dedicate a lot of time to making sure that those things are successful. Appreciates all of that and those are the moments where I think it is so good to be part of this district and so I am very proud to be part of Temple City I look forward to many more successes.

**Superintendent
Comments**

There was no written communication.

**Written
Communications**

There was no Discussion Information Items

**Discussion/
Information Items**

Expanded Learning Options Program Presentation-Amy Gerling
[Presentation Link](#)

Item 20

What is ELOP?

- Expanded Learning Opportunity Programming

ELOP After School Program Details

- Optional enrollment
- ELOP Sites: Cloverly, Emperor, La Rosa and Longden
- Capacity
- Hours of Operation

ELOP Program Components for TK-6

- Academic Support
- Enrichment programs
- Social Emotional Support
- Nutrition

Intersessional ELOP Summer Programs

Transportation Plan-Connie Wu

[Presentation Link](#)

Item 21

Transportation History

- Historically home-school transportation not fully funded
- AB 181 and AB182 Learning Recovery Bill passed in June, 2022
 - 22-23 final budget provides \$637 million ongoing specifically tagged for transportation
 - LEAs can be funded up to 60% of transportation costs less LCFF allocation
 - Transportation Plan required for reimbursement

TCUSD Board Policy- BP 3540-transportation

Accessibility

Transportation Services

Community Consultation

Parent Feedback

TCUSD's Plan

Estimated Reimbursement

**Discussion/
Action Items**

On motion of Member Espinoza, seconded by Member Smith on a 4-0-0 vote, the Board Received Board Policies for First Reading:

- a. BP 6020- Parent Involvement
- b. BP 6171- Title I Programs.

**Item 22 Board Received
Board Policies for First
Reading:**

- a. BP 6020- Parent Involvement
- b. BP 6171- Title I Programs.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Member Espinoza, seconded by Student Member King on a 4-0-0 vote, the Board Approved New Elective Course for Oak Avenue Intermediate-Diversity, Equity, Leadership.

**Item 23 Approved New
Elective Course for Oak
Avenue Intermediate-
Diversity, Equity,
Leadership.**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Student Member King, seconded by Member Bell on a 4-0-0 vote, the Board Approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Partnership Agreement Between Temple City Unified School District Expanded Learning Program and Action Youth America (AYA) Expanded Learning Options Program.

**Item 24 Approved
Memorandum of
Understanding (MOU)
Partnership Agreement
Between Temple City
Unified School District
Expanded Learning
Program and Action
Youth America (AYA)
Expanded Learning
Options Program.**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Espinoza on a 4-0-0 vote, the Board Approved Transportation Plan.

**Item 25 Approved
Transportation Plan.**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Member Bell, seconded by Member Smith on a 4-0-0 vote, the Board Approved 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026 Instructional Calendars.
Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

**Item 26 Approved
2023-2024, 2024-2025,
2025-2026 Instructional
Calendars.**

Consent Agenda

On motion of Member Espinoza, seconded by Student Member King on a 4-0-0 vote, the Board Approved the following Consent Agenda as follows:

**Items 27-34
Approved Consent
Agenda**

27. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education March 8, 2023
28. Approval of Field Trip April 13-16, 2023 Brighter Side Singers to Pt. Loma, San Diego
29. Approval of Field Trip July 7-10, 2023 TCHS ASB to CADA Camp @UCSB
30. Approval of Field Trip TCHS July 28-31, 2023 Year Book Camp CS Long Beach
31. Payroll Documents, Warrants, Contracts, and Purchase Orders
32. Accept donations
33. Certificated Personnel Order 2223-13
34. Classified Personnel Order 2223-13

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

Member Espinoza thanked Nathan Chan and family for the gift and pin for World Down Syndrome Awareness Day. Student board member King mentioned that Nathan's sister Joanne wrote a beautiful article in the TCHS Rampage about Down Syndrome Awareness.

**Board Request or
Comments**

- Dual Language Immersion Program
- Review Governance Handbook-Mission, Vision, and Goals
- TCHS Stadium Discussion
- School Board Meeting Dates and times

Future Items

**Additional Public
Comments**

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Bell on a 4-0-0 vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Adjournment

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE



Vinson G. Bell, Clerk of the Board of Education

Future Board of Education Meetings

April 26, 2023
May 10 and 24, 2023
June 14 and 28, 2023