

**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 December 14, 2022**

Member Espinoza called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Call to Order**

Board Members Present

Donna Georgino, President

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**

Roll: Espinoza, Georgino, Sneed, Smith, Bell, King

Administrators Present

Art Cunha, Superintendent

Connie Wu, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Richard Lohman, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Juris Burgos, Director, 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. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd.  
(d)(4): One Case
3. Labor/Negotiations (Government Code 54957.6)  
Update: Direction to District Negotiators (Art Cunha, Connie Wu and Juris  
Burgos for TCEA, CSEA 105, CSEA 823 and Management)

On motion of Member Sneed, seconded by Member Bell on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:03 p.m.

**Adjourned to  
Closed Session**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Bell on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:06 p.m.

**Reconvened to  
Open Session**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

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

**Recording of  
Meeting**

Oak Avenue ASB President Jasmine Lee 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.

**Changes to  
tonight's Agenda**

On motion of Member Espinoza, seconded by Member Sneed on a 5-0-0 vote,  
the Board Approved changes to tonight's agenda.

**Approved Agenda**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

***Oak Avenue Intermediate – PBIS Jordan Lessem, Diane***  
**Presentation Link**

**Special  
Recognition/  
Presentation**

Principal Lessem shared PBIS roll out and update of this year's theme:

Compassion – Integrity – Responsibility

Deanne Sciarrotta and Cecilia Ballardo shared about the "Den and Table Talks" at  
Oak Avenue.

Students shared their thoughts and feelings about the PBIS program at Oak Avenue.

Amelie Jin

Jasmine Lee

Addison Garner

Rosetta Li

Sophia Acevedo

Ethan Le

Mia Oberlander

Charles Li

Garrett Meyer

Jayden Hu

Stanley Qiu

Program has been running off donations received by Ken Knollenberg's Estate,  
Temple City Schools Foundation, corporate and private donors.

There were no public comments.

**Public Comments**

- Holiday Boutique is going on at Temple City High School in the media center it was today through Friday December 16 from 8:30 to 4:00.
- The Camellia Festival is accepting applications for the Royal Court to qualify you need to be a first grader and live within the boundaries of Temple City or the Temple City Unified School District. The deadline is Monday January 9, 2023, and the selected Court will get to preside over the Camellia Festival.
- The Temple City Historical Society Museum is open now every second Sunday of the month and we'd like to open it even more, but we need docents. If you know of anybody who'd be interested in being trained to be a docent, please contact the Historical Society or Mary Sneed.
- The Holiday Concert is tomorrow night at Oak Avenue at 7 p.m.
- The Oak Avenue Auxiliaries and Cloverly Dance Club holiday performance is next Wednesday December 21st at Oak Avenue at 6:30 p.m.
- Tomorrow night, December 15, 2022, there will be a Town Hall on School Safety at Temple City High School at 6:00 p.m. in Room 601.
- Vocal Arts will be having an E-Waste on January 7th and 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Temple City High School so if you get any new electronics for Christmas and you want to get rid of your old ones you can take them to the E-Waste, and it'll benefit our Vocal Arts programs.

**Community Update**

Connie Wu

- The Business Services Department submitted the final state expenditure report for the Longden Modernization Project the first week of this month.

**Business Services  
Update**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Temple City Unified School District Board of Education of December 14, 2022

- Christy White Associates, a CPA Firm, has finished the following district facility projects close-out performance audit without any findings:  
Temple City High School: Project No. 50/65052-00-003, 57/65052-00-11  
Doug Sears Learning Center: Project No. 50/65052-00-002  
Cloverly Elementary: Project No. 57/65052-00-009  
La Rosa Elementary: Project No. 57/65052-00-10
- The Facility Master Plan is scheduled to finish in early March. LPA, the architect firm, will release the draft of educational specifications this week for our input. If any Board member is interested in the report, please let Dr. Cunha know.
- The Board approved consultant will start the district wide HVAC unit assessment during winter break. The project is funded by CalSHAPE grants.
- Attended the winter music show with the district's other administrators this past Tuesday. Thanked all teachers, staff and students' hard work.

Richard Lohman

- Thanked the Virtual Academy staff for going the extra mile for our kids. They have monthly gatherings to allow our students an outlet to be with their peers in person is great to see.
- Going back to employee of the year, the biggest take away is that our classified staff really do make a huge difference on our campuses by truly knowing our kids. Thanked CSEA 105 and 823 for all they do.
- Our elementary teachers had the opportunity to meet in grade level Professional Learning Communities. Great opportunity for our teachers to align their practices and instruction. Thanked our staff for being open to meeting and embracing the new. Cheers to our teachers.

**Educational  
Services  
Update**

Juris Burgos

- In November we had a very successful luncheon to celebrate our Teachers and Employees of the Year.
- We have started negotiations with our wonderful bargaining units CSEA 105, CSEA 823 and TCEA which has been very positive and collaborative. Looking forward to getting to that informed decision with our teams to make this District more exceptional.
- Thanked Dr. Cunha for assisting with HR it's been challenging with staffing since a lot of people are getting sick but you know we continue with our HR operations. Thanked everybody and Connie and Richard, the Board and staff.

**Human Resource  
Services Update**

Shelley Scanlan and Elias Bourjeili, TCEA

- We had our first bargaining session last week and we all agreed that it was a very positive and great first session. We appreciate the positivity that we felt that both teams displayed and the collaboration that we felt that day and we look forward to continuing. Looking forward to hopefully wrapping it up at our next two sessions at the end of January beginning of February and we truly appreciate your consideration of the hard work that we all do and especially in the last couple of years.
- On a more personal Emperor side it has been a really rough month. At our last meeting our principal was in an accident that night and it was a rough couple of weeks and we felt very supported by so many

**Bargaining Unit  
Comments**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Temple City Unified School District Board of Education of  
December 14, 2022

administrators from not only the district office that were at our school every day but rotating administrators from other schools that came over to make sure that we were taken care of and that our students were taken care of and it was like we felt very supported and very thankful for that and then of course with our loss of our dear friend yesterday or Monday it's been a really rough couple days and just feeling the support from everybody and feeling the support from our principle that I'm confident is a lot her but I know a lot comes from here at the district office as well and so we just appreciate that and are very grateful for it.

Tessi Ridley, CSEA #105

- Believes everyone around the district feels that the district is already running more smoothly; thank you to all for this. Also, thanked all for the support during the last year - listening to the good - and the bad, offering suggestions, creating solutions and staying on top of things.
- This was last address to you as CSEA 105 President and wished all a Happy Holiday Season as well as a safe New Year. Enjoyed serving this year but find time is better spent elsewhere and is not going too far! January 2023 brings you Robin Penn as president.

Art Contreras, CSEA #823

- Announced that he has been re-elected as President of CSEA 823.
- Negotiations have begun but is looking forward to making more time to cover the amount of items that need to be covered. Would like to get wrapped up soon.

Member Bell

- Announced it is a great pleasure to be back here again to serve another four years, feels like home and looks forward to some great progress on behalf of the district, the staff and most importantly our students.
- Attended the CSBA Annual Education where we had an opportunity to interact with other fellow board members throughout the state of California and learn best practices and understand the state of education.
- Also helping the Science Olympiad team get ready for the first tune-up, they went to Temecula to compete, and they did pretty well second place.
- Attended the Holiday Concert which brings it home, I think it's been a while since we had one of those and I think Ava Espinoza was outstanding and amazing and as well as the entire group. It is a pleasure to be there just to experience it.
- Wished everybody a happy holiday and hope you have a restful break.
- Gave love and support to the Emperor family

**Board Member  
Comments**

Member Espinoza

- Expressed deepest condolences on the loss of Leanne Frontuto. Condolences to the Frontuto family and the Emperor family on the loss of a very special teacher who was at the core of the Emperor family, it is a tremendous loss felt by so many people, she will be remembered for pouring her love into her students and her school community that was her extended family.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Temple City Unified School District Board of Education of  
December 14, 2022

- Attended the Veterans Day celebration at Temple City Park
- Attended the Kiwanis Student of the Month in November
- Attended the Temple City Council PTA November meeting
- Attended the Our Town performance on December 12<sup>th</sup>, seeing the kids perform that particular play was very interesting and creative because sets were minimal, and it was all their talents bringing it to life.
- Attended the mental health parent learning session on December 8<sup>th</sup>, which was helpful, and I think it was well attended.
- Attended the holiday concert last night which I want to congratulate all the teachers and thank them for their incredible work the incredible work you do with students is just it does not go unnoticed it's amazing and I truly value the work that you do.
- Wished the entire Temple City Unified Community a very blessed and happy holiday, hopes you enjoy it with your families have some fun adventures and come back well rested and ready to get to the next half of the school year.

Member Smith

- Thanked the Oak Avenue team that was here tonight in the PBIS presentation it looks like a really promising program and I think they seem very excited.
- Attended the Camellia Festival kickoff luncheon in November and the theme this year is "Imagine If".
- Attended the TCUSD Employees of the Year recognition luncheon.
- Attended the CSBA Annual Education Conference December 1<sup>st</sup> through the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Attended all three keynote sessions and then seven breakouts which were about an hour and a half each.
- Congratulated the Temple City High School Science Olympiad finishing in second place in a competition in Temecula.
- Last night viewed the latest LACSTA meeting and they had a focus on mental health support for students and staff.
- Tomorrow night is the holiday concert at Oak Avenue for the elementary schools I look forward to attending.
- TCHS is also having a School Safety Town Hall tomorrow night.
- Oak Avenue is having its concert on December 22<sup>nd</sup> which I think is Tuesday.
- The Temple City Early Learning Academy Winter Showcase is coming up on Friday from 9:15 till 11:00 a.m.
- Shared that Myra puts out these YouTube videos very frequently she put one together with a man I think his name was Mr. Moss who is Jewish, and he did a presentation on Hanukkah and what it's all about it's interesting it was 10-12-minute-long video and I'd encourage people to look at it if you want to learn a little bit.
- Thanked the 29 people and organizations that are in our agenda tonight who donated seven thousand fifty-five dollars (\$7,055.00).
- Wished everybody Happy Holidays, whatever your celebration may be.
- Would like to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Leanne Frontuto.

Member Sneed

- Thanked Melissa for all her work as our Board president.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Temple City Unified School District Board of Education of  
December 14, 2022

- Attended the holiday concert last night. All I can say is Wow!! So much talent on the stage. It was a great way to get us into the holiday spirit and it was great to be back together at the San Gabriel Civic.
- Thanked Oak Ave for joining us tonight to give us an update on PBIS.
- Congratulated HS Science Olympiad team who placed second in their first competition last week. Thanked Board Member Bell for his help with the team.
- Congratulations to Advanced Computer Aided Design class -- tied for 5th place at JPL Invention Challenge finals.
- Congratulated Tyler Williams and Eileen Zhu who were selected as members of the So Cal Regional Honor Choirs for 2022 and qualified for the CA All State Honor Choir.
- Attended the Employee of the Year luncheon last month. I'm glad we had the opportunity to celebrate these special people.
- Appreciated the opportunity to attend the CSBA annual conference at the beginning of the month. I sat in on several breakout sessions dealing with the state budget, current issues facing school boards, dual language immersion and dual enrollment. There is a saying that every journey starts with a first step. While we still have some work ahead of us in several of these areas, I'm glad that our district has started the path to bring new programs to our students.
- Thanked Connie Wu and her staff for all their work on our 1st interim report.
- Finally, however our families celebrate the season, wished everyone a very happy holiday and I look forward to a great 2023.

Member Georgino

- Attended the Historical Society dinner back in November and we had three of our students that provided entertainment by playing the piano.
- Attended the Council PTA dinner for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Attended the employee recognition luncheon, it was really nice to be able to recognize our employees in person for their achievements and everything they do for our students.
- Attended the CSBA Annual Education Conference and I attended several sessions. One on the Superintendent's Evaluation that Dr. Cunha and I attended together, Dual Enrollment and Advocacy.
- Attended the Women's Club meeting the other day mostly because I wanted to see Brighter Side Singers perform.
- Attended the holiday concert last night at the Mission Playhouse.
- Had the pleasure of seeing Cloverly Elementary School perform in the boardroom today.
- Attended Oak Avenue to see the "Giving Bach" program, put on by Jack Taylor and he said he hadn't been able to do it in three years but what a great program. It was really cute they had kindergarteners from Longden there and the Oak students were showing them how to play the instruments.
- Attended the Helping Your Child Succeed Program at the high school last week that was put on by the Temple City Unified School District counselors and the Council PTA and that was really great too.
- Congratulated the Advanced Computer Aided Design class that placed fifth at the JPL Intervention Challenge finals.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Temple City Unified School District Board of Education of  
December 14, 2022

- Congratulated Eileen and Tyler Temple City High School students who are qualified or were chosen for the Southern California Regional Honors choir.
- Congratulated Temple City High School Student Jade who signed to play water polo at Cal State Northridge next year.
- Acknowledged that placing second out of 2,017 teams for the Science Olympiad that is awesome, congratulated the Science Olympiad team they are awesome!
- Wished everyone a nice winter break, hopes it is relaxing and you enjoy time with your family and friend.

Amir King

- Thanked Oak Avenue Students & Staff for the Presentation
- Provided an Update on Attendance of the California School Board Association's Annual Education Conference & Student Member Program
- Congratulated Temple City High School's Advanced Computer Design Team on their recent achievements.
- Encouraged Visiting Temple City High School's Holiday Boutique
- Condolences to the Emperor Staff & Family

**Student Board  
Member  
Comments**

You know it is so appropriate for Oak to be here today to present on PBIS since the first word in there is positive, there's a lot of positivity in this room but I feel for our students because they are surrounded by negativity in the world. Since the negative tends to get the notoriety, I wish we could change that you know there's so much here that I myself am thankful especially at this time of the year. Thanked our staff since these things don't just happen there is so much time that is put into doing these events and presentations and also thanked our parents that I see who are also part of our booster clubs, part of setup, part of getting their students to the extra practices and rehearsals and everything else. Appreciates all of the work that our staff does the extra time that you all put in to make these events happen. At last night's holiday concert Tammy had an opportunity to thank pretty much everybody but I wanted to thank Tammy because this was her first event, and she did a remarkable job up there with the support of all her colleagues.

**Superintendent  
Comments**

At the Employee of the Year luncheon, it was just so great to see just how engaged our staff was and how our administrators knew so much about our honorees and how our honorees know so much about our students. I am a firm believer that our students are a product of our staff and we set the expectations, environment and the attitude. I received my rock from PBIS which says Be Kind and that is one of the things that I think we all can do more of, I don't think we are always kind and especially when we're under a lot of stress. I ask all of my colleagues to choose kindness and to give a little graciousness to one another because we are the models for our students.

My heart goes out to the Emperor family but also to Temple City in general, Leanne was so much more than just a teacher at Emperor she was a product of this community. Lynn was a secretary for a long time at Oak and I know that the Oak staff feels for her loss as well. I just asked that we please keep Larry and Lynn in our thoughts and prayers. I have nothing but praise for how Myra has handled the leadership at Emperor over the last couple months.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Temple City Unified School District Board of Education of  
December 14, 2022

There were no written communications.

**Written  
Communications**

**Discussion/  
Information Items**

TCUSD Response to Fentanyl Crisis Presentation

**Item 21**

Presentation Link

- Fentanyl Crisis Data
- Opioid Misuse in Youth
- Naloxone (Narcan) Saves Lives
- Opioid Overdose Kit

New Course Proposal – Screen Printing-TCHS

**Item 22**

Presentation Link

- Current class sequence
- Proposed new class sequence
- Why do we need this class?
- Course overview
- Unit outlines
- Student driven engagement

- Performing Arts Presentation-Elias Bourjeili

**Item 23**

Presentation Link

- 2022 TCHS Arts Showcase recap
- 2022 revenue vs expense totals
- This year: Temple City Unified presents 3 large scale "Broadway Style" events at the Mission Playhouse each year. TCUSD's Holiday Concert Tuesday, December 13, 2022, TCUSD's Dance Concert Friday, January 27, 2023 and TCUSD's Spring Musical March 10-12, 2023
- TCUSD and community support requested
- TCHS ASB support

Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Amy Gerling and Scott Sherman

**Item 24**

Presentation Link

- Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) committee 2022-2023
- NGSS Vision and Mission Statements
  - Science Vision  
Temple City Unified School District delivers relatable science education that provides students opportunities to build knowledge and feel empowered in their daily lives; to accurately use research driven and evidence based sources of qualitative and quantitative data to find solutions to everyday problems; and to effectively communicate their conclusions to others.
- Mission
  - Temple City Unified School District provides a rigorous and relatable curriculum and instruction to all students that emphasizes critical and creative thinking, attention to procedures, opportunities for hands-on investigative, innovative, and collaborative learning. Our students utilize questioning techniques to draw conclusions about data, analyze errors, and use error analysis as a learning opportunity.
- NGSS proposed timeline between November 15, 2022 through Spring 2024



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Temple City Unified School District Board of Education of  
December 14, 2022

**Discussion/  
Action Items**

On motion of Member Bell, seconded by Student Member King on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the Board Adopted Resolution 2223-19, Resolution Re-Authorizing Electronic Meetings of the Governing Board During a State of Emergency.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

Aye: Sneed, Espinoza, Bell, Georgino, Smith  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Item 25**  
**Adopted Resolution**  
**2223-19, Resolution Re-**  
**Authorizing Electronic**  
**Meetings of the**  
**Governing Board During**  
**a State of Emergency.**

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Espinoza on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Approved Elementary, Middle School Courses Offered Through APEX.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

**Item 26 Approved**  
**Elementary, Middle**  
**School Courses Offered**  
**Through APEX.**

On motion of Member Bell, seconded by Member Sneed on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Approved APEX Credit Recovery Courses at Temple City High School.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

**Item 27 Approved APEX**  
**Credit Recovery**  
**Courses at Temple City**  
**High School.**

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Espinoza on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Approved of Courses Previously Offered through Temple City Alternative Education.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

**Item 28 Approved of**  
**Courses Previously**  
**Offered through Temple**  
**City Alternative**  
**Education.**

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Bell on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Approved the 2022-2023 First Interim Financial Report.  
[Presentation Link](#)

**Item 29**  
**Approved the 2022-**  
**2023 First Interim**  
**Financial Report.**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Member Espinoza, seconded by Member Sneed on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Approved a Service Agreement with Gerald A. "Jerry" Jambazian.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

**Item 30 Approved a**  
**Service Agreement with**  
**Gerald A. "Jerry"**  
**Jambazian.**

On motion of Member Bell, seconded by Member Espinoza on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Accepted CSEA 823 2022-2023 Amended Interest Statement for Negotiations with the District.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

**Item 31 Accepted**  
**CSEA 823 2022-2023**  
**Amended Interest**  
**Statement for**  
**Negotiations with the**  
**District.**

**Consent Agenda**

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Georgino on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Approved the following Consent Agenda as follows:

**Items 32-38**  
**Approved Consent**  
**Agenda**  
**Note: Item 34 was**  
**pulled and voted**  
**on separately**

32. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education November 9, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Temple City Unified School District Board of Education of  
December 14, 2022

33. Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Education and TCHS  
ASB November 9, 2022

34. Approval of Overnight Field Trip-TCHS JSA Winter Congress Convention

**Item 34 was pulled and voted on separately**

35. Payroll Documents, Warrants, Contracts, and Purchase Orders

36. Accept Donations

37. Certificated Personnel Order 2223-08

38. Classified Personnel Order 2223-08

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: Aye

On motion of Member Espinosa, seconded by Member Bell on a 5-0-0 vote, the  
Board Approved the following Consent Agenda as follows:

34. Approval of Overnight Field Trip-TCHS JSA Winter Congress Convention

**Preferential Vote: Student Member King: Abstain**

There were no board member requests or comments.

- Dual Language Immersion Program
- Review Governance Handbook-Mission, Vision, and Goals
- Visual and Performing Arts Program (VAPA) Strategic Plan
- Dual Enrollment Update

**Item 34 Approved  
Overnight Field  
Trip-TCHS JSA  
Winter Congress  
Convention**

**Board Request or  
Comments**

**Future Items**

**Additional Public  
Comments**

**Adjournment**

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Sneed on a 5-0-0 vote, the  
meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. **In Memory of Leanne Frontuto**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE



Vinson G. Bell, Clerk of the Board of Education

Future Board of Education Meetings

January 25, 2023  
February 8 and 22, 2023  
March 8 and 22, 2023

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