

**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 February 22, 2023

Member Georgino called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 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: Georgino, Sneed, Bell, Smith, Espinoza, King

Administrators Present

Art Cunha, Superintendent

Connie Wu, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Richard Lohman, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Administrators Absent

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. Student Discipline Case No. 23-001 Student #*****3572(Education Code 48918) Student Expulsion (Confidential Packet)
3. Student Discipline Case No. 23-002 Student #*****4528(Education Code 48918) Student Expulsion (Confidential Packet)
4. Student Discipline Case No. 23-003 Student #*****1874(Education Code 48918) Student Expulsion (Confidential Packet)
5. 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 Smith on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:02 p.m.

**Adjourned to
Closed Session**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Member Sneed, seconded by Member Smith on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

**Reconvened to
Open Session**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

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

Recording of Meeting

Camellia Festival Queen Camden Chavez & King Clifford Chen led the flag salute.

Flag Salute

In closed session with a motion by Bell, seconded by Espinoza and by a unanimous vote, the Board approved the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement and Remediation Plan for Student #1020003572.

Action Taken in Closed Session

In closed session with a motion by Sneed, seconded by Smith and by a unanimous vote, the Board approved the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement and Remediation Plan for Student #1030004528.

In closed session with a motion by Bell seconded by Smith and by a unanimous vote, the Board approved the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement and Remediation Plan for Student #1010001874.

Item # 30 Accept donations from Consent Agenda was moved after Item #16.

Changes to tonight's Agenda

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

Approved Agenda

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

Camellia Festival Royal Court-Dawn Tarin and General Chairperson Sabrina Macy

Special Recognition/Presentation

Banner Carriers
Dia Velazquez, Hiroyoshi Sakamoto, Alyssa Marie Ureta and Lucas Jurick
Princess Jasmine Lane & Prince Camden Long
Princess London Dang & Andrew Huerta
Queen Camden Chavez & King Clifford Chen

Camellia Festival Committee Members: Mary Sneed, Donna Georgino, Clark Macy, Jerry Jambazian and Gina Aparicio

Cloverly Dance Volunteers- Stephen Edo and Kelly Morrison

Mr. Edo shared that Eliza and Christy are former dance students that have taken it upon themselves to give back and volunteer to help coach the 100 plus kids. Kelly shared that these young ladies were her dance students at Oak and now she is grateful that thy volunteer and help coach.

Eliza Mata
Christy Yamasaki
Jannah Salas

There was no public comment.

Public Comments

- The Camellia Festival is February 24-26. Decisions about any cancellations will be made on a day- by-day basis and the information will be posted on the Camellia Festival website. Weather permitting, there will be an all-class TCHS reunion Saturday night at 7pm in the beer garden.

**Item #14
Community Update**

- TCNLL Opening Day is Friday at 5:30pm. Because of the weather, it has been moved from Longden to the TCHS gym.
- Tickets are on sale for this year's musical: High School Musical. Purchase online <http://tchs.seatyourself.biz>
- The State of the City will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 6pm at the Woman's Club Hall.

**Item #15 District
Updates**

Connie Wu

- The new Director of Fiscal Services, Matthew Hendle started this week. Before joining us, Matthew spent his entire career at LACOE and worked at various positions including principal accountant, payroll manager and system implementation expert. We are so glad to have him.
- Empowered Solutions, the district contractor has finished district wide HVAC assessment according to CalSHAPE grant phase one. We are preparing for the next phase of the project.
- It started to rain this afternoon. The maintenance team has checked district wide gutters, drains and pumps to minimize impact of the rain. Maintenance Department staff will support school sites whenever needed.

**Business Services
Update**

Richard Lohman

- Federal Program Monitoring (FPM)
We are in the final days of document/evidence gathering for our FPM review That looks at our Title Funds, Homeless students, and our English Learners. While we are gathering needed information, CDE is commenting on our current practices and making recommendations to address any deficiencies they note. As they continue to address issues, they will provide us a report of findings that will allow us another 45 days to make any needed changes. The process has been eye opening for not only Educational Services but for TCUSD as a whole. What has become apparent is that we will have findings that will need to be addressed in all areas of review. What we are encountering is issues with systems and processes that range back at least 5 years if not longer with very few issues truly being addressed prior to my team stepping in in August. As we come out of the process and know where we are, I want to thank my team with a special thanks to Scott for all they have done to address some historical issues.
- LCAP
We are in the initial process of the 23-24 LCAP. Our first LCAP parent meeting will be held at the beginning of March with a presentation on LCAP basics. More information to follow as we begin the process of review, evaluation, and goal setting. Each school site has submitted a parent representative who will serve on the LCAP Parent Committee to help guide the process of review, evaluation, and goal setting.
- Attended the Patriotic Assembly at Emperor Elementary today and it was such a joy to watch the kids singing the same songs that he sang as a child.

**Educational
Services
Update**

Juris Burgos
Not Present

**Human Resource
Services Update**

Shelley Scanlan, TCEA – *No comments this evening*

**Item #16
Bargaining Unit
Comments**

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

Art Contreras, CSEA #823 –Shared an update on labor negotiations with the district and not pleased with the results so far. Looking to be more collective and collaborative on next bargaining meetings.

On motion of Member Espinoza, seconded by Student Member King on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Voted to Accept Donations.

**Item #30 Accept
Donations**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

This item was pulled from Consent Agenda

Jordan Lessem thanked Oak Avenue PTA for an unbelievable sizable donation to two causes that are dear to us as a faculty at Oak and dear to me as principal. The counseling Wellness Center and the PBIS room, they heard our cries, and they got a donation to really help us renovate both of those rooms and do amazing things for our students. Oak is eternally grateful, and Mrs. Garner is here, one of our PC members and so is Harmony former PTA president from last year when most of the money was raised.

Member Sneed

**Item #17 Board
Member
Comments**

- I attended the Camellia Festival Coronation. It was a wonderful evening to celebrate our 79th Royal Court. The General Chairman this year is a second-generation General Chairman, following in her father's footsteps. Welcome to the Camellia Festival Royal Court. I hope they enjoy their reign!
- Thanked our schools and students who are building floats for the Camellia Parade. Rain or shine, they will compete Saturday morning. Many thanks to Cloverly & La Rosa, Longden, and students from Oak and TCHS who are building a float as members of the Kiwanis Builders and Key Clubs.
- Attended the Patriotic assembly at Emperor this morning. Great job 1st grade!
- Congratulated several teams from TCHS: Junior State of America, for hosting a one day convention and having 3 students win gavels for being the best speakers in their rounds; the 21-22 Girls Softball team for receiving their championship rings; Pep Flags for their 1st & 2nd place finishes in their latest competition; the Future Business Leaders of America who were the 3rd winningest school overall at their competition; and finally, the Science Olympiad team continued their winning ways, placing 5th overall at the Golden State Science Olympiad Invitational at UC Berkeley.
- Lastly, congratulated all the volunteers who were recognized with Honorary Service Awards this past Saturday night. Thank you for all you do for our students and schools. And thanked Council PTA for creating a beautiful evening.

Member Georgino

- Attended Founder's Day last weekend. Thanked PTA for putting on such a nice event and congratulated all the award recipients. As we heard during the award ceremony, our volunteers do a lot for our students and are the heart of our district.
- Attended the girls' softball 2022 CIF ring ceremony last week. Congratulations to them and best of luck this year.
- TCHS Future Business Leaders of American competed in Southern California Gold Coast Section and were the 3rd winningest school. Congratulations to those students.
- Congratulations to our TCHS Science Olympiad team. They participated in the Golden Gate Science Olympiad and placed fifth overall.
- Congratulations to Pep flags for participating in the MDDT West Competition. They took first in 2 flags and 2nd in one flag division.
- Congratulations to TCHS Indoor Drumline. They had their first competition and tied for 5th place.
- Last but not least, congratulations to Student Board Member King and the TCHS Junior State of America for hosting a successful convention at TCHS.

Member Bell

- Recognized the Camellia Festival Royal Court.
- Thanked the Cloverly Elementary Dance volunteers, they are former dance students that are now giving back and helping with the dance club. Thanked Ms. Kelly Morrison for inspiring generations of kids and making lasting memories for them.
- Science Olympiad competed in Berkeley for the first time and Temple City did well. Thanked Elena Li for escorting a lot of our students. Everybody had a great time some of our former captains who are current students up in the Bay Area or graduated and living up there actually came back to join us for our ceremony. It was a nice moment because you know it was always a dream for Temple City to be able to compete at that level and to finally see it was meaningful.
- Finally, Founders Day, all five of us board members at some point in our lives and still are currently active as volunteers. It is where we all started and I'm thankful for that. Thanked Maria Gardner for putting that event together and for being the chair of this event a few times.

Member Espinoza

- Thanked the Camellia Royal Court for coming to visit.
- Thanked Cloverly Dance Program volunteers for their work and engagement and such a popular and fun program.
- Thanked the organizations that donated, and PTA continues to shine in terms of the meaningful work they do to support our students.
- Attended the February Council PTA meeting on February 16th where I was able to see the first public appearance of the Camellia Court which was a lot of fun.
- Attended the second round CIF playoff soccer game on February 17th and although they did not win, they played with a lot of heart.
- Hopefully we can celebrate all the winter sports teams that had strong seasons at a future board meeting.

- Attended the Founders Day event and was very grateful for the award that I received.
- Recognized Council PTA for the work that they put into planning such an event and again continuing to shine and show the strength of our district is in our volunteers.
- Shared concerns about the TCHS stadium.

Member Smith

- Congratulated and thanked the Camellia Festival Royal Court.
- Congratulated the Cloverly dance volunteers for tonight's recognition and thanked them.
- Attended the Founders Day Service Awards dinner this past Saturday, great job on the recognition for so many people and so many different things-greatly appreciated.
- Thanked the seven individuals and organizations who are on our agenda tonight for donating eight thousand fifty dollars. We know that five thousand of that came from Oak Avenue PTA.

Amir King

- Thanked the Royal Court for presenting at the Board meeting. Temple City High School's ASB Leadership has been working on their Camellia festival float for this entire week.
- Reported on the JSA Chapter Convention. The theme was "Live, Laugh, Love". There were various debate topics touching on familial, platonic, and romantic love. Over 80 students from Temple City, Oak Avenue, and 12 schools across Southern California were in attendance. State Senator Susan Rubio was a keynote speaker at the event, providing information on her legislation to protect survivors of assault and in prevention of teen violence. Over seven candidates declare for regional positions in Southern California JSA. Multiple clubs from Temple City High School also held an activism fair.
- Spoke about Temple City High School ASB Leadership Elections. Each grade is hearing speeches from their ASB President & Vice President, Student Board Member, and Class Representative Candidates. Results should be posted this coming Monday.

**Student Board
Member
Comments**

Thanked the PTA for the Founders Day event and Oak Avenue PTA for the donation, shared that Harmony was one of the individuals who was recognized at Founders Day but was unable to attend.

Recognized that the students that are involved in the musical production put in a huge amount of work and time aside from their regular schoolwork, they are practicing and rehearsing. There is also have a group of kids who are behind the scenes, and they are building the sets that are phenomenal. In speaking to Elias, he said 90 of them were built by students which is another amazing thing and a skill that we are able to pass on to students. There are also the adults who stay after school to supervise and are regularly working until nine o'clock every night it's a lot of work, so just wanted to say thank you to that group that continues to give their time.

**Superintendent
Comments**

Thanked the Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) team, the educational team took on FPM although it is not specifically an educational services focus, it hits every department within the district. Appreciates Amy, Scott, Chris, Cary, Irene, and Geoff for the work that they're putting into it because they are taking the lead on this and feel like they have ownership of it. This is a district function and so as we fix the findings it will be a district effort to fix those findings.

Looking at ways that we can improve transparency in the district, and we have had conversations and it is about making sure that this is not a top-down decision driven district. We need the input from individuals who our decisions affect, so I had a conversation with Andy yesterday regarding some technology changes that are going to have to take place within the district but we will need to form a committee and have every site represented, we need to have staff, and we need to have our union leadership there so that when the decisions are made they are made by the people who are going to be affected by them. We will also be forming a Superintendent's Advisory Group which I will ask our Union leadership to be part and the main focus or reason for this is because I don't want budget to be something that we only talk about at the time of negotiations, we should be talking about budget the entire year because we present budget four or five times a year and so I want to make sure that you guys are all part of that process as well. We will also include something in regard to safety as well and form a committee on safety too because those impacts all of us. Speaking of safety, I attended the special meeting of the City Council today in which the sheriffs gave their report on what's going on in the city. Thanked our city partners for always thinking about the district. There was a conversation by Mayor Sternquist and council members in the direction of how we can improve the safety of schools and a school resource officer came up. This is something that we'll continue to talk about but more as a solution-oriented process. The mayor had already talked to Anthony Portantino's office and has reached out to Supervisor Barger's office about how they can help fund it so that it is a joint effort and no one municipality is really taking the brunt of the cost.

There was no written communication.

There was no Discussion Information Items

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Bell on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Voted for Delegate, Kathleen Cross for the 2023 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Election.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Member Sneed, seconded by Member Smith on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Voted for Delegate, Dr. Gary Scott for the 2023 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Election.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

**Written
Communications**

**Discussion/
Information Items**

**Discussion/
Action Items**

**Item 21a Voted for
Delegate, Kathleen
Cross for the 2023
California School Boards
Association Delegate
Assembly Election.**

**Item 21b Voted for
Delegate, Dr. Gary Scott
for the 2023 California
School Boards
Association Delegate
Assembly Election.**

On motion of Member Espinoza, seconded by Member Smith on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the Board Adopted Resolution 2223-22 Proclaiming March as "Arts Education Month".

Item 22 Adopted Resolution 2223-22 Proclaiming March as "Arts Education Month".

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

Aye: Espinoza, Sneed, Georgino, Bell, Smith

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

On motion of Member Sneed, seconded by Student Member King on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Temple City Unified School District and The Hear Center.

Item 23 Approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Temple City Unified School District and The Hear Center.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Member Bell, seconded by Member Espinoza on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Approved SY2023-24 Annual Renewal of Services Super Co-op Joint Power Authority.

Item 24 Approved SY2023-24 Annual Renewal of Services Super Co-op Joint Power Authority.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Espinoza on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Approved San Gabriel Valley Food Services Cooperative Purchasing Group Annual Membership Agreement 2023-24.

Item 25 Approved San Gabriel Valley Food Services Cooperative Purchasing Group Annual Membership Agreement 2023-24.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Member Espinoza, seconded by Member Sneed on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Authorized Oak Intermediate School Safety and Access Control Project.

Item 26 Authorized Oak Intermediate School Safety and Access Control Project.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

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

Consent Agenda

Items 27, 28, 29, 31, 32 Approved Consent Agenda (Note Item #30 was pulled and voted on separately after Item #16)

27. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education February 8, 2023
28. Certify Approval of School Site Councils' Comprehensive Safety Plans
29. Payroll Documents, Warrants, Contracts, and Purchase Orders
30. Accept Donations **(This item was pulled and voted on after Item #16)**
31. Certificated Personnel Order 2223-11
32. Classified Personnel Order 2223-11

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: Aye

There were no board member requests or comments.

Board Request or Comments

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Temple City Unified School District Board of Education of
February 22, 2023

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

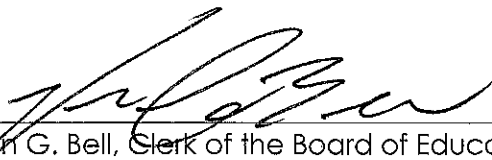
Future Items

**Additional Public
Comments**

Adjournment

On motion of Member Sneed, seconded by Member Espinoza on a 5-0-0 vote,
the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE



Vinson G. Bell, Clerk of the Board of Education

Future Board of Education Meetings

March 8 and 22, 2023
April 26, 2023

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