

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

**Approved Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 28, 2021**

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

Call to Order

Board Members Present

Matt W. Smith, President

Melissa Espinoza, Vice President

Mary Sneed, Clerk

Mike Lin, Member

Donna Georgino, Member

Kianna Le, Student Board Member

Roll Call by ROLL  
CALL VOTE

ROLL CALL: Smith, Sneed, Espinoza, Georgino

Not Present: Member Lin

Member Lin arrived to Closed Session at 6:30 p.m.

Administrators Present

Kimberly Fricker, Superintendent

Hannah Geddy, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services

Mercedes Gomez, Chief Business Officer

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. Public Employee Appointment (Government Code 54957, sub. (b)(1):  
Position: (2) Curriculum Coordinator
3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9,  
subd. (d)(2): One case

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

Adjourned to  
Closed Session

Aye: Smith, Sneed, Espinoza, Georgino

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Not Present: Lin

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

Reconvened to  
Open Session

Aye: Sneed, Espinoza, Georgino, Lin, Smith

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Not present: None

Member Smith announced that tonight's meeting is being digitally recorded.	Recording of Meeting
Student Board Member Kianna Le led the flag salute.	Flag Salute
The Board took the following action in Closed Session with a: Motion by Member Georgino and a Second by Member Espinoza and by a 4-0-0 vote the Board appointed Curriculum Coordinators Amy Gerling-Elementary and Scott Sherman –Secondary.	Action Taken in Closed Session
Aye: Smith, Espinoza, Sneed, Georgino Nay: None Abstain: None Not Present: Lin	
<b>Announcement of Changes to tonight's Agenda</b>	Changes to tonight's Agenda
Community Member Recognition will be postponed for an in-person Board Meeting.	
On motion of Member Lin, seconded by Member Georgino on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the Board Approved tonight's agenda.	Approved Agenda
Aye: Sneed, Espinoza, Georgino, Lin, Smith Nay: None Abstain: None Not present: None	
<b>Principal Recognition</b> – Video prepared by Mr. Bob Westgate	Special Recognition/ Presentation
Dr. Fricker thanked the staff and principals for all the work throughout the pandemic and all that was accomplished. Thanked Bob Westgate for preparing the video.	
There were no public comments.	Public Comments
Member Smith announced that Relay for Life will be held on Saturday November 6, 2021 from Noon until 8:00 p.m. Look out for fundraisers and encourages all to participate.	Community Update
Mercedes Gomez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Busy with various year end activities as well as processing all of the additional payroll due to summer school and verifying accuracy for the retro checks which have begun going out and should be received by TCEA, 105, and management this week.</li> <li>• Working on our new software interface Smarte as this was the first board meeting we had contracts and POs in and so the contract and PO list provide a little bit more detail aiding in greater transparency.</li> <li>• Thanked Diana and Maria for their patience in learning how to run reports and queries in Smarte to prepare these reports.</li> </ul>	Business Services Update

Mercedes Gomez	Educational Services Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wrapped up summer school.</li><li>• The next big push is on the STEP program, virtual academy, and the start of the year.</li><li>• Thanked everyone and knows that Temple City will continue to demonstrate educational excellence daily.</li></ul>	
Hannah Geddy	Personnel Services Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Personnel team working on hiring to fill all positions.</li><li>• California credential monitoring system has opened up and is working on compliance.</li></ul>	
Hannah Geddy	Student Services Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enrollment has been a little difficult to monitor as we get influx and then groups leave to reallocate.</li><li>• Technology working on reimaging computers and thanked Andrew Jennex set up cloud base system to ease log in for all students</li><li>• Thanked the Board for consistent support; to Dr. Fricker for opportunities to learn; that Ed tech team and counselors; my personnel team and union leadership.</li></ul>	
Kyla Hjertstedt, TCEA: Thanked both Hannah and Mercedes who pulled off some minor Miracles during this pandemic. Appreciative of all the work they have done.	Bargaining Unit Comments
Robin Penn, CSEA #105: Glad to hear about retro-checks and the department processing them for their hard work. Thanked Hannah and Mercedes for everything and appreciates all that they have done for the classified staff.	
Art Contreras, CSEA #823: Not present tonight.	
Member Espinoza	Board Member Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attended the small summer graduation ceremony for a small group of seniors and I just want to wish them well. You did it and you know the district is proud of your efforts.</li><li>• Attended the dine out for Relay For Life</li><li>• Thanked Hannah and Mercedes for your leadership throughout the years that they have been with us. They were an integral part of getting us through one of the most difficult years in the history of education but they have been part of some creative solutions that are long lasting and have made it a better place for students. Applauded them and thanked them.</li></ul>	
Member Georgino	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thanked Dr. Geddy and Dr. Gomez for their commitment to District and for what they have this past year-and-a-half is just unbelievable.</li><li>• Worked fireworks booths for some of our high school clubs and feels they did pretty well this year. Looking forward to them being able to use the money and have some activities during the next school year</li></ul>	

- Participated in the state budget webinar, which was quite interesting, and we had some good news for the coming year but unfortunately, it is just for one year.
- Attended the Doctor Doug Sears Learning Center summer graduation and congratulations to those students for hanging in there and making their graduation.
- Participated in the City of Temple committee meeting on aging and suggested different ways the district could reach out to the senior community throughout the year.
- Congratulated Mikala Sanchez who was a junior at Temple City High School. She was selected to the all-area softball team; also congratulations to Kassandra Gewecke who was a freshman last year and she played on the softball team and she was selected all-CIF division 4
- Congratulated Temple City Amateur Softball Association because these programs are feeder programs to our high school and we see that we have our girls softball team's doing very well and that's because we have a strong softball a program in our community and that is why I support you Sports in our community so congratulations to them!

Member Lin

- Echoed Dr. Fricker's special recognition to the staff and teachers for all their hard work and those they continue to provide an excellent education to all students.
- Thanked Mr. Westgate for the wonderful video compilation.
- Congratulated Amy Gerling and Scott Sherman on appointment to Curriculum Coordinators, the vote would have been 5-0-0 had he been there to vote.
- Thanked our site and district administrators, in particularly thanked Dr. Gomez and Dr. Geddy for their service and contributions we appreciate the outstanding work that you did for us and wish you the best.

Member Smith

- Echoed all the appreciation that everybody has shared for all of our employees for getting us through the year and special thanks to Hannah and Mercedes, we really came out of this thing good compared to many situations.
- Thanked the three people or organizations who donated over \$6,500 to our district. Recognized Janet Collins for donation toward the Jen DeVito Garden.
- Attended two budget presentations first one by LACOE conducted by Capital Services and the good news that we are getting a 5.07% about half of that 2.31% is for last year which we didn't get in till now and another 2.76 for this year so that's all good news. The second one attended was a 3-hour presentation from School Services California the following day.
- Shades at the school sites are looking really nice and great to see it all coming together.
- Will be attending the City and District Standing Committee meeting tomorrow evening.

Member Sneed

- Attended the summer graduation at the DDSLC and thanked the staff at the DDSLC for their passion and dedication to the students.
- Congratulated the players on the Temple City Amateur Softball Association team for winning the state championship and Kassandra on selection to the All CIF Southern Section Team.
- Congratulated Mia Oberlander who was the theme winner for the 2022 Camellia Festival. Theme is "Small Town Big Dreams"
- Pride of Temple City is looking for volunteers for Band Camp from August 9 through the 13th from 3 to 6 p.m. Anyone interested can contact Jennifer Pedraza or can email Band at [POTCbandbooster@gmail.com](mailto:POTCbandbooster@gmail.com) - come masked and ready for fun!
- The band is also selling beautiful lapel pins that were designed by Lisa Kidd they' are selling them at the park during the concerts on Wednesdays for \$7 or two for \$10.00 they are beautiful.
- Welcomed Linda Heredia the new principal at LaRosa wished her well.
- Congratulated Tamar Kataroyan, Richard Lohman, Amy Gerling and Scott Sherman to their new positions.
- Thanked Dr. Geddy and Dr. Gomez for going beyond for us during your time in the district. Especially this last year when there were many challenges and you just came through so beautifully.
- Wished them both success in their future journey.

Kianna Le

- TCHS and other campuses summer school session have just concluded.
- Athletics teams have resumed practicing across the campuses to prepare for fall season.
- ASB just held their annual summer retreat where they outlined mission statement and planned events for the upcoming school year.
- Thanked fiscal services for all the hard work to close out fiscal year.
- Yearbooks are still available although, less yearbooks were produced there was a surplus that left a five thousand dollar shortage that was covered through the student activities funds.
- Thanked Dr. Geddy and Dr. Gomez for the hard work, dedication and commitment to the students.

Student Board  
Member  
Comments

Dr. Fricker

- Gave a shout out to the city of Temple City community where data shows that vaccination rates are up, about 71% and 62% of student population of the community are vaccinated.
- Bell schedules at TCHS, Oak Avenue and the DDSLC are slated to change in accordance with SB 328. We have staggered a drop-off and pick-up in order to alleviate traffic congestion around those three schools. More information will be communicated out through Parent Square.
- Thanked Dr. Hannah Geddy and Dr. Mercedes Gomez for the contributions to TCUSD and appreciates all the efforts of the long lasting legacy of Canvas, moving to 1:1 district literally within 90 days and for all the work with classified staff. Thanked them and their families for the sacrifice to the district.

Superintendent  
Comments

There were no written communications.

Written  
Communications

**Discussion/  
Information Items**

**Temple City Unified School District School Connected Organization / Booster Club Manual**

Item 21

Topics Included:

Purpose

Goals

School Connected Organizations/Booster Club Manual Contents

Timeline for Approval between July 28, 2021 and September 22, 2021

Board members asked questions, gave comments, suggestions and will send feedback.

**Review Williams Complaints Quarterly Summary for April 1 through June 30, 2021**

Item 22

There were no complaints this quarter.

**Discussion/  
Action Items**

On motion of Member Georgino, seconded by Member Lin on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the Board Received Board Policies for First Reading.

Item 23. Received  
Board Policies for First  
Reading  
a. BP 1313 – Civility  
b. BP 6158 -  
Independent Study (Kim  
Fricker)

a. BP 1313 – Civility (Kim Fricker)

b. BP 6158 - Independent Study (Kim Fricker)

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

Aye: Espinoza, Georgino, Lin, Smith, Sneed

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

New Civility policy has incorporated our old policy and CSBA recommendation together.

On motion of Member Espinoza, seconded by Member Lin on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, Approved Board of Education Governance Handbook.

Item 24. Approved of  
Board of Education  
Governance Handbook

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

Aye: Georgino, Lin, Smith, Sneed, Espinoza

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Member Smith gave a brief overview of the preparation of the Governance Handbook. Member Lin had a comment

On motion of Member Lin, seconded by Member Espinoza on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the Board Approved Consolidated Application for 2021-2022.

Item 25. Approved  
Consolidated

Application for 2021-  
2022

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

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

Dr. Gomez explained the Consolidated Application process and timeline.

On motion of Member Sneed, seconded by Member Lin on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the Board Approved Renaming Temple City Alternative School to Temple City Virtual Academy.

Item 26. Approved  
Renaming Temple City  
Alternative School to  
Temple City Virtual  
Academy

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

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

Dr. Fricker gave a brief explanation of the change from Alternative School to Virtual Academy.

On motion of Member Lin, seconded by Member Sneed, and on a 5-0-0 ROLL Call vote, the Board Approved 2020-2021 Budget Adjustments.

Item 27. Approved  
2020-2021 Budget  
Adjustment.

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

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

On motion of Member Georgino, seconded by Member Lin on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the Board Approved Local Assignment Authorization.

Item 28. Approved of  
Local Assignment  
Authorization

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

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

Dr. Geddy gave a brief background on monitoring system.

On motion of Member Lin, seconded by Member Georgino on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the Board Approved the Executive Director of Instructional Technology Position.

Item 29 **Approved**  
Approval of Executive  
Director of Instructional  
Technology Position.

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

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

Dr. Fricker gave a brief outline of the plan for the Educational Technology department growth. Member Lin had a comment regarding title alignments.

## Consent Agenda

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

Items 30-36  
Approved Consent  
Agenda

- 30. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of June 26, 2021
- 31. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of June 23, 2021
- 32. Board Policies to be Rescinded/Deleted
- 33. Payroll Documents, Warrants, Contracts, and Purchase Orders
- 34. Accept Donations
- 35. Certificated Personnel Order 2122-01
- 36. Classified Personnel Order 2122-01

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

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

Members Espinoza and Georgino had questions and comment on item 33.

Member Georgino asked about the crossing guard situation.  
Member Lin congratulated the Administrators Tamar Kataroyan Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services, Richard Lohman Assistant Superintendent Educational Services and welcomed Ms. Linda Heredia Principal at La Rosa Elementary. Congratulated Scott and Amy the new curriculum coordinators. Member Sneed thanked all staff and administrators for a job well done.

Board Request or  
Comments

Discussion on Crossing Guards.

Future Items

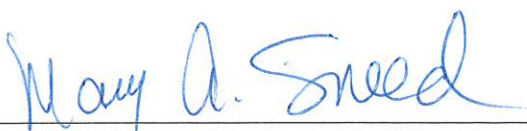
Additional Public  
Comments

On motion of Member Espinoza, seconded by Member Lin on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Adjournment

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

Aye: Smith, Sneed, Espinoza, Georgino., Lin  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None



Mary Sneed, Clerk of the Board of Education



Future Board of Education Meetings

Future Board  
Meetings

August 18, 2021  
September 8 and 22, 2021  
October 13 and 27, 2021  
November 10, 2021  
December 8, 2021  
(Annual Organizational Meeting)

January 26, 2022  
February 9 and 23, 2022  
March 9 and 23, 2022  
April 27, 2022  
May 11 and 25, 2022  
June 8 and 22, 2022