

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

Approved Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 9, 2022

Member Espinoza called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Board Members Present

Melissa Espinoza, President
Donna Georgino, Vice President
Mary Sneed, Clerk
Mike Lin, Member
Matt W. Smith, Member
Kianna Le, Student Board Member

Roll Call by ROLL
CALL VOTE

ROLL CALL: Espinoza, Georgino, Sneed, Lin, Smith

Administrators Present

Kimberly Fricker, Superintendent
Tamar Kataroyan, Assistant Superintendent Human Resource Services
Connie Wu, Assistant Superintendent Business Services
Susan Hemans, Executive Director Educational Technology
Christopher Holmes, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Educational 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): Two cases
3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd.
(d)(2): One Case #B-5872
4. Student Discipline Case No. 1040005864(Education Code 48918)
Student Expulsion (Confidential Packet)
5. Labor/Negotiations (Government Code 54957.6)
Update: Direction to District Negotiators (Kimberly Fricker for TCEA, CSEA 105,
CSEA 823 and Management)
6. Personnel Matters (Government Code 54957)
Superintendent's Evaluation Check-In

On motion of Member Sneed, seconded by Member Lin on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL
vote, the Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:02 p.m.

Adjourned to
Closed Session

Aye: Lin, Espinoza, Smith, Georgino, Sneed, Lin

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Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

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

Reconvened to
Open Session

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

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

Member Espinoza announced that tonight's meeting is being digitally recorded.

Recording of
Meeting

Member Smith led the flag salute.

Flag Salute

On the motion of member Smith, seconded by member Georgino to Expel in Expulsion Case No. 1040005864

Action Taken in
Closed Session

Based upon the Board's review in closed session of the findings of fact and recommendation for expulsion submitted by the Administrative Hearing Panel, the Board adopts the findings and accepts the recommendation of the Administrative Hearing Panel. **It is the Decision of the Board to expel in Expulsion Case No. 1040005864**, based on violation of Education Code Section(s) 48900(B), 48900(R) 48915 (B)(1). The Board sets the Board meeting of December 2022, as the date on which the Board will review the student for readmission in accordance with the provisions of Education Code section 48916 and District rules and regulations. The Board recommends the plan of rehabilitation set forth in the Panel's recommended decision with Counseling Services. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that an educational program is provided to the pupil for the period of the expulsion as required by Education Code section 48916.1(a).

The Superintendent or designee shall provide written notice in accordance with Education Code section 48918(j) of this decision, of the right to appeal to the County Board of Education, of the education alternative placement to be provided to the pupil during the time of the expulsion, and of the obligation of the parent, guardian, or pupil under subdivision (b) of Education Code section 48915.1. The Superintendent or designee shall additionally provide to the pupil and the pupil's parent or guardian a description of the of the District's rules and regulations for the filing and processing of requests for readmission.

ROLL CALL Vote in Favor: Sneed, Lin, Georgino, Smith, Espinoza

Item #22 Curriculum would present before Item #21 during the Discussion Information portion of the meeting.

Changes to
tonight's Agenda

Member Espinoza announced that tonight's agenda has a Public Hearing and that members of the public are welcomed to send an email or request to participate in hearings by sending request to publiccomments@tcusd.net

Member Georgino announced that there would be a Special Meeting of the Board of Education immediately following tonight's Regular Meeting.

On motion of Member Sneed, seconded by Member Smith on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the Board Approved tonight's agenda.

Approved Agenda

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

Aye: Lin, Georgino, Smith, Espinoza, Sneed

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Lunar New Year Celebration Presentation – Emperor Elementary Myra Ruedel

Special
Recognition/
Presentation

Group presentation included Lunar New Year, Black History Month, Kindness Week and Buddy Classes and Counselor Appreciation activities and artwork from students.

Nolan, Leslie, Tristan shared about Lunar New Year and Year of the Tiger.

Mrs. Naylor shared about Buddy Classes and introduced students.

Miles and Makayla shared about Black History month and working with little buddies on projects. Mia read from a book she shared with her buddy. Cylus shared poster about Kobe Bryant that he made with his buddy. Bella shared about poet Amanda Gorman. Kamryn shared about the projects that were done for kindness week.

There were no public comments.

Public Comments

Member Espinoza shared that the City of Temple City will be hosting the State of the City Address on February 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. which will be broadcasted on Facebook and YouTube. The City of Temple City and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Community Advisor Council is hosting a COVID-19 walk-up testing on Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Temple City Park and no appointment is needed. COVID-19 testing available Tuesdays and Thursdays at the District Office for staff and students from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.- no appointment is needed. There is a Rams on the Run virtual bike-run-walk happening through the end of February. Registration is available on Instagram and funds will go to all sports teams. She recognized all of the sports teams who have gone to CIF playoffs and finished first in the league and have worked really hard during this particular season. Acknowledged all upcoming sports teams such as the Girls Soccer team, they won first place in CIF and they were featured in the Pasadena Star. The Girls Water Polo team won their first round CIF and then on Friday is when the Boys Soccer players also advanced to CIF playoffs.

Community
Update

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Connie Wu

Business Services
Update

- The Board of Education approved the No Kid Hungry grant application for the Food Service Department kitchen equipment. Reported that we received a grant award notification today of \$49,000, equivalent to \$7,000 per school site. Thanked Marisol Cortez, the Director of Food Services for her hard work. Although we are facing labor storage and food distribution challenges, the cafeteria staff still provide meals to our students each school day.
- Introduced Marvin Lee, the District's new Director of Fiscal Service, who started this week. Marvin came from Garvey School District. Before Garvey, He spent over four years at LACOE. He is very familiar with district fiscal service department operation.
- LPA Architecture firm is working on the District's facility master plan. District Demographic study is one of the most important components of the facility master plan to project the future facility needs. We are working on the Request for Proposal and hope to bring to the Board approval next board meeting.
- Working with Anthony Salazar, the Interim Director of Facilities and Maintenance and Mickie Wong, Preschool Director for preschool campus repair and modernization project.

Christopher Holmes

Educational
Services
Update

- iReady Diagnostic 2 is ending and important student progress data will be generated.
- ELPAC Summative testing begins – and will last until May 31 - Important for reclassification of students.
- Math Pilot is continuing and there is an update this evening.
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC) training has ended for this year. Thanked secondary teachers for all the hard work
- LCAP update will be presented next board meeting.

Dr. Kataroyan

Human Resource
Services Update

- Sent out her favorite email today, which is the Teacher of the Year Nomination Form and is set to close on February 22.
- Intent to return forms have also been sent to all our certificated and classified employees. This will truly help us with staffing needs as we prepare for the 2022-2023 year.
- Working on expanding our sub pool as we've had about 30 more applicants ever since the Governor reduced the requirements.
- Thanked our union leadership- Kyla and Christy with TCEA, Tessi, Robin and Jeanette with CSEA 105 and Art and Ray with CSEA 823. All have been working collaboratively to make it through some difficult times. We are a great team and on behalf of our leadership team, thanked them all.

Chris Holmes

Student Services
Update

- Sports update for TCHS team that are entering the playoff run

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- Thursday - Girls Water Polo second round at Esperanza, Friday - Boys Soccer at home - 5 pm, Saturday - Girls Basketball at home at 2 pm and Girls Soccer at 3 pm.

Susan Hemans

Educational
Technology

- TCVA enrollment update: Elementary - 338 students. Secondary up in numbers to 123.
- Wi-Fi update has begun at TCHS. Full tech team will be on site tomorrow after school to begin upgrade of access points and switches.

Kyla Hjertstedt, TCEA: Shared concern about the letter that was received from LACOE regarding the First Interim Report. Expressed the importance of a budget committee and meetings to understand the budget and the reserves.

Bargaining Unit
Comments

Tessi Ridley, CSEA #105: Chapter is eager to get back to negotiations and shared that some neighboring districts have already settled and shared the amounts.

Art Contreras, CSEA #823: Chapter is also looking to return to and finish up negotiations and would also like to see a budget advisory committee.

Member Espinoza

Board Member
Comments

- Hoped everyone had a wonderful Lunar New Year
- Recognized all of our wonderful counselors for their hard work since it's a tough year in general but especially in the area of counseling. Reassured that they are appreciated for all that they do each day.
- Happy to see recognition of Black History Month and as our country is diverse we are able to connect to each other through the different recognitions of different ethnicities and races which brings us closer together.
- Attended the Girls Varsity Soccer game on Senior Night.
- Attended the Council PTA meeting.
- Will be attending the CSBA Board Presidents training

Member Georgino

- Thanked the students and the staff from Emperor School for their presentations which is her favorite part of the meeting.
- Recognized our school counselors and let them know that they are appreciated year round.
- Shared information on the decrease in Developer Fees.
- Congratulated all the TCHS sports teams: Boys Soccer was first place, Girls Soccer was first place in the Rio Hondo League, Girls Water Polo tied for first place in Rio Hondo League, Girls Basketball was second place and Boys Basketball was third place – All teams had an outstanding year.
- Encouraged everyone to sign up for Rams on the Run, you can walk, run or ride and all the proceeds go to support our sports teams.
- Wished best of luck to the TCHS Science Olympiad team, they will be competing in San Marino on Saturday.
- Wished everyone Happy Presidents' Day to everyone, Happy Valentine's Day, Happy New Lunar New Year. Recognized Black History Month and the Hundredth Day of School.

Member Lin

- Gave kudos to the Emperor Eagles for the endearing and inspiring presentations on multicultural literacy, diversity and inclusion and kindness week activities.
- Expressed appreciation and gratitude to our amazing counselors for all the work that they've been doing and their dedication.
- In observance of Black History Month commemorated all the people and events in the history of African Americans including the contributions, achievements, heritage and struggles of African-Americans in American history that are preserved for us to study and commemorate.
- Wished everyone in advance a Happy Presidents' Day long-weekend coming up next week and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day on Monday.

Member Smith

- Thanked Myra Ruedel, the students and staff from Emperor for the presentation tonight about Lunar New Year and Black History Month.
- Thanked the counselors for all they do for our students and since this is National Counseling Week recognized and acknowledged our counselors for all they do and for emails about concerns and things we should be doing and it is much appreciated.

Member Sneed

- Thanked Miss Ruedel and Emperor School for the presentation tonight. You always have such fun activities for your students, and it was great to hear about what she's been doing tonight.
- Congratulated the HS Girls Varsity Soccer Team – League Champs, and to the Ramrodder Varsity Athletes of the Week, Kayla Day, Abby Clark and Lana McNulty and Junior Varsity Nicky Garcia and Sammy Wong.
- Congratulated the girls water polo team who are advancing to post season play.
- Longden Science Olympiad took second place this past weekend. Congratulated these students and their Advisors, Mrs. Chang and Mrs. Hsieh.
- This is Nation School Counselors Week. We are so blessed by the wonderful counseling staff we have within our district. Appreciates the dedication you all have shown to our students and staff.
- February is Black History Month, a time when we honor the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who shaped our nation. It celebrates the rich cultural heritage, triumphs and adversities that are part of our country's history. It celebrates people like Ruby Bridges, who at 6 years old helped integrate public schools; or Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman elected to Congress and the first woman to run for the Presidential Nomination of her party; and Mae Jemison, the 1st African American woman into space. It is Amanda Gorman, last year's Inaugural poet, who reminded us:
*When day comes and we step out of the shade,
afire and unafraid,
the new dawn blooms as we free it.
For there is always light,*

*if only we're brave enough to see it.
If only we're brave enough to be it.*

Kianna Le

Student Board
Member
Comments

- Met with Ms. Goold and shared some of the things happening at Oak such as: Celebrating African American history month by celebrating a person/event in the morning bulletin, the Equity Committee is holding a writing contest for oak students, and ASB is holding trivia games at lunch. Character Camp Room: new recreational room where early in the morning, students can come in to relieve stress by using the stationary bikes; predicts a decreased trend in behavioral incidents as students relieve stress before class through exercise! Looking into offering new elective classes, Oak's PTA is holding a shoe drive until next Friday; please donate your used/new shoes before/after school, hoping to plan an outdoor Spring Dance.
- Met with Ms. Ruedel from Emperor earlier this morning to give a brief preview of their presentation tonight.
- Working with the School Safety Committee and have been working on revising the Comprehensive School Safety plan and the dress code
- Congratulated our Boys and Girls Soccer teams!
- Congratulated Girls Water polo! Just won their first CIF game against Valley View High School. Their next CIF game will be tomorrow at Esperanza High School.
- Congratulated our Girls Basketball team for placing 2nd in the league and to our Boys Basketball team for placing 3rd in the league!

Dr. Fricker

Superintendent
Comments

- Thanked all of our counseling staff as it is National Counseling Week, commended and applauded all of their efforts for taking care of the social emotional needs of our students especially during these challenging times.
- Thanked Connie Wu and her team for her diligence in working through the budget and making sure that she is working in conjunction with all of us and our union leadership as well as we navigate moving forward and setting the budget in spring.
- Thanked all of our principals for all of the work that they have done through this incredibly difficult time during the month of January with the Omicron surge.

Written
Communications
**Discussion/
Information Items**

Student Wellness-TCHS Counseling Team-Nate Slaymaker and Kristen Castro

Item 21

**TCHS Crisis Counseling Update
Role of a school counselor
Response to January's tragedy**

Categories of Crisis Counseling-

Suicide ideation emergency, suicide ideation crises, self-harm consultations and student safety emergencies.

Shared Possibilities to address this Crisis

Counselor duties realignment

Social and emotional learning needs

Parent education

Mental wellness center and additional FTE,

District Committee for mental wellness.

Board members had questions and comments and asked for a long term plan to address this counseling need.

Mathematics Curriculum Adoption Presentations by Vendors:

- **Carnegie Learning link to information: [Click here](#)**
- **Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) link to learning information: [Click here](#)**

Item 22

**Discussion/
Action Items**

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Georgino on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the Board Adopted Resolution 2122-20 Recognizing a State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Teleconferenced Meetings Pursuant to AB361.

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

Aye: Espinoza, Lin, Sneed, Georgino, Smith,

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Item 23. Adopted Resolution 2122-18 Recognizing a State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Teleconferenced Meetings Pursuant to AB 361.

On motion of Member Georgino, seconded by Member Lin on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the Board Approved Opening of a Public Hearing to Gather Input on Potential Trustee Area Maps-Second Public Hearing.

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

Aye: Georgino, Sneed, Espinoza, Smith, Lin

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Item 24a. Approved Opening of a Public Hearing Gather Pre-Map Input on Trustee Areas.

Opening Time: 8:54 p.m. Closing Time: 8:55 p.m.

(Presentation and maps are available on District Website)

On motion of Member Sneed, seconded by Member Lin on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the Board Approved Closing of a Public Hearing to Gather Input on Potential Trustee Area Maps-Second Public Hearing.

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

Item 24b. Approved Closing of a Public Hearing to Gather Input on Potential Trustee Area Maps.

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

On motion of Member Lin, seconded by Member Georgino on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the Board Approved Notice of Completion (NOC) Forms Relating to Districtwide Shade Structure Project.

Item 25. Approved Notice of Completion (NOC) Forms Relating to Districtwide Shade Structure Project.

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

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

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Lin on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the Board Approved Receipt of Bids and Award of Contracts for Bid Number 2122-002P Architectural Services.

Item 26. Approved Receipt of Bids and Award of Contracts for Bid Number 2122-002P Architectural Services.

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

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

Members Georgino and Smith had questions.

Consent Agenda

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

Items 27-30
Approved Consent Agenda

27. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of January 26, 2022
28. Payroll Documents, Warrants, Contracts, and Purchase Orders
29. Certificated Personnel Order 2122-10
30. Classified Personnel Order 2122-10

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

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

Board Request or
Comments

- Accelerated HS-College Policy
- Dual Language Immersion Program

Future Items

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- Budget Strategy
- Facility Master Plan
- Counseling Update
- Budget Committee Update

There were no additional public comments.

Additional Public
Comments

On motion of Member Lin, seconded by Member Smith on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL
vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Adjournment

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

Aye: Sneed, Smith, Espinoza, Georgino, Lin

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None



Mary Sneed, Clerk of the Board of Education

Future Board of Education Meetings

February 23, 2022
March 9 and 23, 2022
April 27, 2022

May 11 and 25, 2022
June 8 and 22, 2022