

**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 October 12, 2022**

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

**Call to Order**

Board Members Present

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

**Roll Call by ROLL  
CALL VOTE**

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

Administrators Present

Dr. Katherine Thorossian, Interim Superintendent  
Connie Wu, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Tamar Kataroyan, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resource Services  
Richard Lohman, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

**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 Labor Negotiators (Government Code 54957.6)  
Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent  
Board Negotiator: Melissa Espinoza
3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9,  
subdivision (d)(4): Three cases

On motion of Member Sneed, seconded by Member Smith on a 5-0-0 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 Bell 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 Espinoza announced that tonight's meeting was being digitally recorded.

**Recording of  
Meeting**

Longden student Olivia Taylor led the flag salute.

**Flag Salute**

There were no actions taken in Closed Session.

**Action Taken in  
Closed Session**

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There were no changes to tonight's agenda.

**Changes to  
tonight's Agenda**

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

**Approved Agenda**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

Presentation introducing and celebrating Emperor teacher Ashley Dimkich as  
District Teacher of the Year presented by Principal Myra Ruedel. The Board  
expressed their pride, gratitude, and congratulations to Ms. Dimkich, and  
presented Ms. Dimkich with a Certificate of Recognition.

**Special  
Recognition/  
Presentation**

The Board presented Certificates of Recognition and roses to the following 12  
Temple City High School (TCHS) Tournament of Roses Candidates:

Kianna Le	Dominique Bhatti	Faith Perez
Ava Espinoza	Shreya Sriram	Liana Kong
Elizabeth Haynes	Kirsten Ngo	Valerie Smith
Madison Kidd	Liana Garcia	Jacqueline Reyes

"PBIS at Longden" presentation presented by Principal Kyle Bender, Counselor  
Kathleen Betts, Counselor Danny Ramirez, and Longden students. The Board  
presented Certificates of Recognition to the following Longden students:

Gavin Kelley	Avery Hsu	Olivia Taylor
Aubrianna Baker	Sawyer Kelley	

There were no public comments.

**Public Comments**

- Dine Out at Chick-fil-A, sponsored by Temple City School's Performing Arts – October 18, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at 400 S. Baldwin Ave., Suite 738L, Arcadia.
- Relay for Life Paint the Town Purple - Saturday, October 22, 8:30 a.m., at Temple City Park.
- Red Ribbon Week – October 23-31, 2022.
- Relay for Life Cancer Survivor & Caregiver Dinner - Saturday, October 29, time TBD.
- Relay for Life of Temple City 2022: Saving the World, One Cure at a Time - Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., at Temple City Park.
- Relay for Life is collecting soda cans and water bottles to recycle.
- Relay for Life is selling Luminarias for \$10.00.
- Member Espinoza expressed gratitude toward Interim Superintendent Katherine Thorossian and thanked her for the work she has done within the District. Member Espinoza presented Dr. Thorossian with a gift.

**Community Update**

Connie Wu

- Reported that October 5, 2022, was the census day (official enrollment data for the 2022-2023 school year) and that there were 5,197 students enrolled in TCUSD from grades TK-12 as of that date. Compared the District's past enrollment data with the current data to show a decline in

**Business Services  
Update**

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enrollment and funding since the 2013-2014 school year. Hopes that the Temple City Early Learning Academy, dual-immersion program, and other programs will increase enrollment.

- Reported that two (2) HVAC units were replaced in the 500-building at TCHS and they are working great. Five (5) units were replaced in the 600- and 700-buildings, and although the units are working, they need additional work. Information regarding the two (2) 40-ton units for the Media Center will be provided at a future presentation.
- Reported that the second Office Manager Meeting was held to provide important information and to discuss various topics to improve collaboration and processes.
- Announced that October 20, 2022, is the Great California ShakeOut.
- Announced that October 2, 2022, was National Custodian Day and shared appreciation towards all of the District's custodians for their hard work in keeping all sites safe and clean.
- On behalf of Business Services, thanked Dr. Thorossian for her leadership, support, passion, love, and service to the District.

Richard Lohman

- On behalf of Educational Services, Student Services, and Special Education, thanked Dr. Thorossian for her support, guidance, and mentorship.
- Thanked the Special Education team for their hard work and welcomed Dr. Geoffrey Zamarripa, Director of Special Education.

**Educational  
Services  
Update**

Dr. Tamar Kataroyan

- Announced that the District celebrated Administrative Appreciation Week, and that she had a great time visiting sites and delivering goodies. She thanked TCUSD administrators for the selfless work they do each day.
- Announced that the District is hiring and that banners are displayed at all sites. Welcomed new hires into the TCUSD family.
- Thanked Dr. Thorossian for her support, coaching, guidance, and impact on the District.

**Human Resource  
Services Update**

Shelley Scanlan, TCEA

- Announced that TCEA's bargaining teach met for the first time, are excited to start negotiations, and are preparing Sunshine items.
- Thanked Dr. Thorossian for her efforts within the District and welcomed Dr. Cunha.

**Bargaining Unit  
Comments**

Tessi Ridley, CSEA #105

- Reported that the payroll issues have been resolved.
- Thanked Dr. Thorossian for her encouragement, patience, and insight and welcomed Dr. Cunha.

Art Contreras, CSEA #823

- Thanked Dr. Thorossian for her service and telephone calls, and welcomed Dr. Cunha.

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- Reported that CSEA #823 has submitted their proposals and would like to begin negotiations soon to ensure a few sessions are done prior to Winter Break.
- Reported that many CSEA #823 positions are being flown/filled, but shared concerns regarding the vacancy of the lead grounds position. Encouraged the District to fill all of the CSEA #823 positions, as it allows employees to learn and promote to higher paying positions.

Member Sneed

**Board Member  
Comments**

- Thanked Dr. Thorossian for her leadership and guidance.
- Congratulated Ashley Dimkich for being District Employee of the Year.
- Thanked the District's administrators and custodial staff.
- Congratulated the Tournament of Roses Candidates.
- Congratulated Longden on receiving a silver award from the PBIS School Recognition program, commended the students who presented tonight, and thanked them for the goodies they passed out.
- Thanked Dr. Kataroyan for attending the Grand Re-Opening of the Historical Society Museum of Temple City. Announced that October 18, 2022, will be a teacher preview.
- Hopes that more agreements will be made between TCHS and TC Youth Development.

Member Smith

- Congratulated Ashley Dimkich for being District Employee of the Year and for being within the top 16 finalists in Los Angeles County.
- Congratulated the Tournament of Roses Candidates and applauded their courage.
- Commended the Longden team and their PBIS presentation.
- Requested that a VAPA booster issue be placed on the agenda for a future Board meeting.
- Thanked Dr. Thorossian for her insight and ideas, and welcomed Dr. Cunha.
- Congratulated and shared his appreciation to all District administrators.
- Pleased to see that the District celebrated the District's custodial staff.
- Attended a meeting on the topic of fentanyl via Zoom.
- Reported that the Kiwanis recognized 13 students.

Member Bell

- Recognized and shared appreciation to all District administrators and custodial staff.
- Congratulated the Tournament of Roses Candidates and applauded their courage.
- Expressed pleasure in viewing Longden's PBIS presentation.
- Shared appreciation and thanks to the Cosca Group and Board Members for the work pertaining to finding the District's new Superintendent. Especially thanked Member Espinoza for the guidance she provided during the search/hiring process.
- Welcomed Dr. Cunha.
- Congratulated Ashley Dimkich for being District Employee of the Year and emphasized the impact that teachers have on students.
- Thanked Dr. Thorossian.

Member Georgino

- Attended a subcommittee meeting with Temple City council members, and the City agreed to help TCHS host the Southern California Science Olympiad Tournament in January 2023.
- Announced that the City is going to offer Stars Club, which is an after-school program provided at a low-cost, and will contact the District to create a joint-use agreement.
- Attended the Grand Re-Opening of the Historical Society Museum of Temple City, and thanked Dr. Kataroyan for attending.
- Announced that Temple City will be celebrating its 100-year anniversary of its founding in May 2023, and encourages the District to plan activities so that students can learn the history of Temple City.
- Recognized and shared appreciation to all District administrators and custodial staff.
- Announced that the Lady Ram Gold Team is undefeated and recommends recognizing them at the end of the school year.
- Congratulated TCHS students Mandy, Jackie, Julia, Karine, Amanda, and Jamie for being selected as Tournament of Roses flag carriers, and Jessica as a banner carrier, and recommends recognizing them at a future board meeting.
- Announced that TCHS student Joey Cooper was selected to participate in the PCC Honor Band, which will be marching in the Tournament of Roses, and recommends recognizing him and other students who will be marching.
- Thanked Dr. Thorossian for her hard work and efforts.
- Announced that TCHS Grad Nite will be back on campus for the 2022-2023 school year and volunteers are needed.

Member Espinoza

- Recognized National Coming Out Day, which was on October 11.
- Wished District administrators a wonderful Administrators Appreciation Week and shared appreciation towards their passion and expertise.
- Recognized the National Custodian Appreciation Day and shared appreciation towards the custodial staff's hard work in keeping campuses safe and clean.
- Thanked the Cosca group for their efforts in hiring a new Superintendent.
- Attended the Fall Festival on October 1, 2022, and enjoyed the performances.

Amir King

- Wished everyone a happy Administrator's Week.
- Thanked the District custodial staff for always being helpful and keeping the sites clean.
- Thanked Member Espinoza for recognizing National Coming Out Day.
- Congratulated Ashley Dimkich for being District Employee of the Year and for being within the top 16 finalists in Los Angeles County.
- Shared happiness in seeing two of his past teachers, Ms. Betts and Ms. Laughlin, in the audience.
- Congratulated the Tournament of Roses Candidates.
- Thanked the Longden students for their presentation.

**Student Board  
Member  
Comments**

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- Thanked Dr. Thorossian for her guidance, support, and kindness.
- Welcomed Dr. Cunha and looks forward to working him.
- Announced that TCHS's next football game is a Home Game at 7:00 p.m. on October 14 versus San Marino, and that Senior Night and the Homecoming Game will be at 7:00 p.m. on October 21 versus La Canada.

Dr. Katherine Thorossian

- Reported that on September 30, 2022, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed legislation that declared April 24 as Genocide Remembrance Day, making it a State Holiday.
- Shared her enjoyment and appreciation for working at TCUSD and for staffs, and welcomed Dr. Cunha.

**Interim  
Superintendent  
Comments**

There were no written communications.

**Written  
Communications**

**Discussion/  
Information Items**

Review Williams Complaints Quarterly Summary for July 1, 2022 through  
September 30, 2022 (Connie Wu)

**Item 21**

Connie Wu reviewed and explained that there was 1 complaint this quarter  
which has been since resolved.

"Early College Access" presentation by Assistant Superintendent of Educational  
Services, Richard Lohman.

**Item 22**

- Closing opportunity gap through higher education-statistics
- CA Community College enrollment for minors-dual enrollment
- Dual Enrollment Pathways to College and Career Ready Graduates
- Opportunities and benefits for students
- Educational Partnership Programs with Pasadena City College-Dual enrollment
- Quick View-MOU
- Next steps

**Discussion/  
Action Items**

On motion of Member Georgino, seconded by Member Bell on a 5-0-0 ROLL  
CALL vote, the Board Adopted Resolution 2223-14, Resolution Re-Authorizing  
Electronic Meetings of the Governing Board During a State of Emergency.

**Item 23  
Adopted Resolution  
2223-14, Resolution Re-  
Authorizing Electronic  
Meetings of the  
Governing Board During  
a State of Emergency.**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

Aye: Espinoza, Sneed, Georgino, Bell, Smith

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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On motion of Member Sneed, seconded by Student Member King on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Received the following Board Policy for First Reading.

BP 6200 – Adult Education

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Espinoza on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Received the following Board Policy for Second Reading and Approved.

BP 3350 – Travel Expenses

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Member Georgino, seconded by Member Smith on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL vote, the Board Approved the Employment Contract for Superintendent.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

Aye: Smith, Bell, Georgino, Sneed, Espinoza

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Espinoza on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Approved Term and Stipend Extension for Additional Job Responsibilities, Assistant Superintendent Business Services.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Member Georgino, seconded by Member Bell on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Approved Appointments to the West San Gabriel Special Education Local Plan Area Community Advisory Committee.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

On motion of Student Member King, seconded by Member Georgino on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Approved Opening of a Public Hearing to Discuss the Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials.

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

Opening Time: 8:37 p.m.

On motion of Member Sneed, seconded by Member Smith on a 5-0-0 vote, the Board Approved Closing of a Public Hearing to Discuss the Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials.

Preferential Vote: Student Member Le: AYE

Closing Time: 8:38 p.m.

**Item 24**  
**Board Received the**  
**following Board Policy**  
**for First Reading.**  
**BP 6200 – Adult**  
**Education.**

**Item 25**  
**Board Received the**  
**following Board Policy**  
**for Second reading and**  
**Approved.**  
**a. BP 3350 – Travel**  
**Expenses.**

**Item 26**  
**Approved the**  
**Employment Contract**  
**for Superintendent.**

**Item 27**  
**Approved Term and**  
**Stipend Extension for**  
**Additional Job**  
**Responsibilities,**  
**Assistant Superintendent**  
**Business Services.**

**Item 28**  
**Approved**  
**Appointments to the**  
**West San Gabriel**  
**Special Education Local**  
**Plan Area Community**  
**Advisory Committee.**

**Item 29a**  
**Approved Opening of a**  
**Public Hearing to**  
**Discuss the Sufficiency**  
**of Textbooks or**  
**Instructional Materials.**

**Item 29b**  
**Approved Closing of a**  
**Public Hearing to**  
**Discuss the Sufficiency**  
**of Textbooks or**  
**Instructional Materials.**

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On motion of Member Georgino, seconded by Member Espinoza on a 5-0-0  
ROLL CALL vote, the Board Adopted of Resolution 2223-15 Certifying the  
Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials (Williams Act Requirement).

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

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

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Bell on a 5-0-0 vote, the  
Board Approved Notice of Completion (NOC) for Preschool Building "F"  
Alterations Project Bid Number 2122-006P.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

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

31. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education September 28,  
2022
32. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education September 25,  
2022
33. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education September 24,  
2022
34. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education September 19,  
2022
35. Payroll Documents, Warrants, Contracts, and Purchase Orders
36. Accept donations
37. TCHS/TC Youth Development Yosemite Outdoor Education Trip February  
12-17, 2023
38. Certificated Personnel Order 2223-05
39. Classified Personnel Order 2223-05

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

Member Georgino requested information regarding AB2449.

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

There were no additional comments

On motion of Member Georgino, seconded by Member Sneed on a 5-0-0 vote,  
the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: AYE

**Item 29c**  
**Adopted Resolution**  
**2223-15 Certifying the**  
**Sufficiency of Textbooks**  
**or Instructional Materials**  
**(Williams Act**  
**Requirement).**

**Item 30**  
**Approved Notice of**  
**Completion (NOC) for**  
**Preschool Building "F"**  
**Alterations Project Bid**  
**Number 2122-006P.**

### **Consent Agenda**

**Items 31-39**  
**Approved Consent**  
**Agenda**

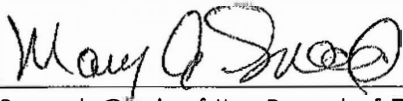
**Board Request or**  
**Comments**

**Future Items**

**Additional Public**  
**Comments**  
**Adjournment**



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Mary Sneed, Clerk of the Board of Education

Future Board of Education Meetings

October 26, 2022  
November 9, 2022  
December 14, 2022  
(Annual Organizational Meeting)  
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