

**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 March 8, 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

**Roll Call by ROLL  
CALL VOTE**

Board Members Absent

Amir King, Student Board Member

Roll: Georgino, Sneed, Bell, Smith, Espinoza

Administrators Present

Art Cunha, Superintendent  
Connie Wu, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Richard Lohman, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Tamar Kataroyan, Assistant Superintendent 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  
Classified Management (1)
2. Conference with Legal Counsel Re Existing Litigation (Government Code 54956.9(d)(1)): 3 cases  
OAH Case No. 2022090797, OAH Case No. 2022100861  
OAH Case No. 2022090184
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 Smith, seconded by Member Espinoza 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: Absent

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

**Recording of  
Meeting**

**Joshua Hsu, Science Olympiad Captain led the flag salute.  
Tatiana Liang Science Olympiad member and Brighter Side singer, performed  
the National Anthem**

**Flag Salute**

By a unanimous ROLL CALL Vote, the Board took action to approve a settlement agreement regarding OAH Case No. 2022090797,

**Action Taken in  
Closed Session**

By a unanimous ROLL CALL Vote, the Board took action to approve a settlement agreement regarding OAH Case No. 2022100861

By a unanimous ROLL CALL Vote, the Board took action to approve a settlement agreement regarding OAH Case No. 2022090184

**There were no changes to tonight's agenda.**

**Changes to  
tonight's Agenda**

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

**Approved Agenda**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: *Absent*

**TCHS Science Olympiad**

[Presentation Link](#)

**Joshua Hsu, Science Olympiad Captain**

**Special  
Recognition/  
Presentation**

**National Tournament**

TCHS competes every year, putting forth one of the 17 brightest individuals in the District.

**23 Events**

From biology, chemistry, earth and space science, physics to engineering, students compete in 23 unique events, often with partners.

**Competitions**

On average, TC competes in around 3 invitational, regionals and states each year.

**Science Olympiad Team Members:**

Joshua Hsu	Phoenix He	Jackie Li
Jonathan Zhao	Ethan Li	Tedd Hong
Phoebe Li	Tatiana Liang	Ellen Tang
Hayley Tang	Keilana Pang	Isa Wu
Lauren Tan	Tiffany Phan	Steven Shi
Matthew Kong	Bright Xu	

There was no public comment.

**Public Comments**

- Today is International Women's Day; a global day celebrating the historical, cultural and political achievements of women.
- It's High School Musical week! Tickets are on sale for Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon and can be purchased online at <http://tchs.seatyourself.biz>

**Item 14 Community  
Update**

- Kassandra Geweke, a TCHS softball player, is up for the 2023 national right-handed pitcher of the year. The link to vote for her is on the Temple City High School Instagram and Facebook pages, as well as on my pages. You can vote as many times as you want. When I first saw this she was in 5th place and now she is in 4th place. If everyone watching this meeting votes for her, we can get her to 3rd place by the end of this meeting. Let's do it.
- Finally, Member Georgino will be opening the Temple City Historical Society museum on Sunday from 11-2. Come by and see her!

**Item 15 District  
Updates**

Connie Wu

- Gave update on bond issuance assessment and details for the fiscal year.
- Working on a transportation plan with special education that will be coming to board next meeting.
- Reviewed facility and maintenance projects that will take place during spring break.

**Business Services  
Update**

Richard Lohman

Elementary literacy is an important issue in education at all times as it lays an important foundation for most learning through high school and beyond. Post pandemic, the emphasis on reading skills for Pre-k through 6th grade have gained national and local attention as we recover from school closures.

- Temple City is addressing the needs of early readers with emphasis on iReady data and usage, supplemental curriculum that address foundational reading skills, enhanced training for teachers of struggling readers, and through parent engagement. Earlier this year, Ed Services hosted an iReady webinar for families to assist them in reading and understanding their student's iReady diagnostic from the Fall, as well as how they can encourage and support their student's usage of iReady at home.
- This Spring, Ed Services, in collaboration with teachers, administrators, media center staff, student leaders, and community partners like the TC Library will host a Family Literacy Night that will emphasize building a community of readers, the importance of reading at home, and how families can make reading part of their family routine to support their child's literacy development.
- Please mark your calendars for the "Wild About Reading" event, slated for April 6th from 5:30-7pm. It will include staff authors and illustrators offering book talks and readings, literacy games, TC Library Card sign ups, and food trucks.
- Bargaining Units  
Want to thank all 3 bargaining teams. I truly appreciated the collaboration, professionalism and openness of all 3 teams.

**Educational  
Services  
Update**

Tamar Kataroyan

**Human Resource  
Services Update**

- Teacher of the Year 2023- We have begun the selection process for the site level and District Teacher of the Year. This year the CDE moved up the deadlines and LACOE followed accordingly. We are in the final stages where a team composed of district and union representatives will be visiting the classrooms for each of our site level winners to select the 2023 District Teacher of the Year. The Classified Employee of the Year selection will still occur in April. A districtwide email will be sent next week which will include the names of our top nominees for this year.
- Summer School Certificated Job Opportunities- The Summer School job opportunities for both credit recovery and ESY (extended summer year) for special education students, has been posted. All jobs are posted as a pool and the hiring will be contingent upon student enrollment.
- Negotiations Update- We have reached a tentative agreement with all three unions which will finalize upon board approval in the upcoming month. We are grateful for our continued partnership with our members and union leadership, as we make positive strides for the betterment of our district.

Shelley Scanlan, TCEA – *Not present this evening.*

**Item 16 Bargaining Unit Comments**

Robin Penn, CSEA #105- Stated that negotiations were collaborative this year a lot easier than in the past.  
 Recognized International Women's Day and all of the CSEA 105 executive board and negotiating team. Thanked Jeanette Johnson, Tessi Ridley, Denise Wong, Katherine Bradley, Jennifer Flores, Dee Moreno, Imelda Salazar and Gina Siordia they are just the best and they do their jobs they want the best for our members, the district and the kids.  
 Shared about an employee who lost her grandson and how the loss and her strength puts life into perspective.

Art Contreras, CSEA #823 – Sent deepest condolences to the CSEA sister that lost their grandchild.  
 Thanked the district on finalizing negotiations better than what we've done in the past week. Thanked Richard for joining the table. Like Robin has mentioned bargaining with this district has been great you and gave praise to our district and our board.  
 Welcomed back Tamar and thanked Juris for stepping up, it was awesome to work with her.  
 Thanked Dr. Cunha for the calls and text messages and for the open communication.

Member Georgino

**Item 17 Board Member Comments**

- Attended the ELD Mentor Program Multi cultural event at Temple City High School. It was really fun to learn about the Filipino, Korean, and Afghan cultures.
- Attended the TCNLL Opening Ceremonies that were moved to TCHS because of the rain. Our Superintendent threw out the first pitch and represented our district well.
- Unfortunately, the rain cancelled two days of the Camellia Festival and the Parade, but I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the first graders at our school that served on the Royal Court, the honorary grand

marshals: Ann Seitz, Annette Constantino, and Kathy Mushinski. They are all former TCUSD employees and current TCUSD volunteers. And last but not least, congratulations to Grand Marshal Jon Howie who has been the district's accompanist for 34 years and is a graduate of Temple City High School.

- Attended a signing ceremony for softball player Jessenia. Congratulations to her — she will be playing softball for the University of La Verne next year.
- Attended the Kiwanis Students of the Month for February. And the same day I represented the district at Mayor Sternquist's State of the City.
- Speaking of the city. Last night I attended the City's reorganization. Congratulations to our new mayor William Man.
- Last week I read to second graders at Emperor School. I read a book authored and illustrated by Temple City High School graduate LeUyen Pham. She has written or illustrated over 120 children's books. But, while in Ellen Laughlin's classroom we discovered that LeUyen Pham is also featured in our Wonders text book. The Historical Society is going to see about having her do a book signing at some time, so I will keep everyone posted.
- Congratulations to the Oak Ave. Science Olympiad team. They placed 4th out of 44 team at Rio Hondo College and will now advance to the State competition. Congratulations to the TCHS Science Olympiad team. They placed 3rd out of 58 schools at Rio Hondo college. They placed in the top 2 in 11 events and top 5 in 18 events. They also qualified for the State competition on April 8.
- Congratulations to Pep and Choreo. They participated in the NRG Dance and Cheer competition. Choreo took first in 3 categories and second in 2. Cheer took first and overall highest score — grand champions. Song took first and pep flags took first in each division.
- Last but not least, congratulations to Student Board Member King who was elected to serve as our student board member for another year.

#### Member Bell

- Recognized LeUyen Pham as an incredible phenomenal artist and remembers running into her years ago when she was the Grand Marshal. Blessed to have met so many great people that have continued to give back to our community.
- Has been busy with Science Olympiad competition, Oak Avenue did an amazing job and is so proud of them. Looking forward to helping both teams prepare for their state competitions.
- Recognized International Women's month, thanked other member for mentioning it since he raised by a single mother. She is still inspirational to and inspired by the many women here on the board with him. Glad that they are recognized for all their hard work, commitment, achievements and the love.

#### Member Espinoza

- Recognized that last month was Black History Month and had the pleasure of visiting Emperor's Library recently and was really impressed with the book selection that celebrated Black History Month. It was a substantial and exceptional collection for our students to read and learn.

Gave a shout out to Tim Rodriguez for the importance he places on paying tribute to all aspects of diversity so that every student can see themselves in the books that they read.

- Recognized International Women's Day today, celebrates the strength and leadership that all fellow sisters of all ages and from every part of the world show each day which may sometimes go unnoticed. May we stand together and lift each other up and be examples for our younger generations by showing them the importance of continuing to demand and fight for women's rights.
- Attended the Camellia Festival on February 26th.
- Had the pleasure of reading at Emperor to promote read Across America on February 20th.
- Attended the Kiwanis student of the month on February 28th.
- Since Saturday has been volunteering at the Mission Playhouse each day as the students rehearse for a great show. Come out for the Musical this weekend, tickets are still available.

#### Member Smith

- Recognized the Science Olympiad Team and seeing way these kids on the team get along and play is important.
- Attended the ELD Multicultural event hosted by Teresa Huang at the high school along with Donna.
- Attended the Temple City National Little League opening ceremonies on the 24th At the TCHS gym and it turned out really well.
- Attended the athletic signing event on the 28th.
- On February 28th participated in the Kiwanis student of the month recognition.
- Attended the State of the City by Cynthia Sternquist, she did a really great job.
- Wished all the women in the world Happy International Women's Day.
- Last Saturday went to Laguna Beach for the Patriots Day Parade to see the Oak Avenue band and auxiliaries. Congratulated the Oak Avenue band and auxiliaries who swept almost every category at the Laguna Beach Patriots Day parade.
- The auxiliary front unit and drill team each took home first place in their categories both scoring 93 the band also placed first and had the highest music score in their category, drum major Priscilla Lee took home second place with the second highest score in the entire parade including the high school drum majors.

#### Member Sneed

- Read to the Emperor 3rd graders during Read Across America; then last Thursday I read to some of the Longden 4th graders. I always enjoyed reading to my students, so I appreciated this chance to share a story with the students.
- Congratulated TCHS Science Olympiad team. You just keep moving up and placed 3rd this past weekend and qualified for the state competition next month. I'm glad we can recognize you tonight. We're very proud of you.
- Congratulated the Oak Ave Science Olympiad team who placed 4th out of 44 teams and will also advance.

- Lots of congratulations tonight: In their recent competition, Choreo took 1st & 2nd places; Song and pep flags took 1st; and finally Cheer took 1st and were the Grand Champions.
- Congratulated the Oak Ave Science Bowl Team B for placing 4th in their recent virtual competition.
- Congratulated the Oak Ave Girls Soccer team for their winning season.
- Thanked the staff and students who produced another great edition of the Oak Ave Royal Times. The articles continue to be great examples of student work and they are producing a very professional paper.
- Watched the Kiwanis Students of the Month. Thanked the Kiwanis Club for recognizing our students.
- Looking forward to the Musical this weekend. So happy for the students who are getting back on that stage for a full musical again.
- Great job on the Camellia floats, even though the parade was rained out, the floats were judged that morning. Cloverly & La Rosa Schools won for Best Use of Camellias, Longden won the Theme Award, and the Kiwanis Builders & Key Clubs from Oak and the high school won the Walter Temple Award for Outstanding Artistry & Innovative Design.
- Today is International Women's Day. Thankful for the strong women who have helped shape our world and I'm honored to serve with such fine women leaders on our board.

Amir King-Absent

**Student Board  
Member Comments**

Recognized the Science Olympiad team and how rigorous their schedules are and yet they continue to win. Thanked our Science Olympiad students Keilana Pang, Tiffany Phan, Tatiana Liang, Ellen Tang and Haley Tang for their Temple City Science Outreach where they actually went to Oak to teach a group of students' science concepts.

**Superintendent  
Comments**

In light of International Women's Day, you will notice that all of the students that I mentioned are females and I really am proud to see so many of our female students in STEM and leading the way.

There are also two other women that I would like to acknowledge, I did have the opportunity to go and to part of the Science Olympiad event this weekend and I know we talked about Kevin Slattery and Mr. Bell being part of the Science Olympiad but Winnie Joe and Marlisie Reina were there as well and so proud of their students and how well they competed. These two teachers give their time to make sure that our students have opportunities, so thank you to both of them. Appreciates the support of parents and one of our parents, who is a parent of a child with Down Syndrome reached out and shared with us that March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day. She also shared a post with me prior to our newsletter going out, so keep it on our calendars that one of the events is to wear mismatched socks on that day to show your recognition and support.

There was no written communication.

**Written  
Communications**

*There was no Discussion Information Items*

**Discussion/  
Information Items**

New Elective Course Proposal for Oak Avenue Intermediate- Diversity, Equity,  
Leadership-Jordan Lessem  
[Presentation Link](#)

**Item 21**

Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) Recap-Richard Lohman  
[Presentation Link](#)

**Item 22**

**Discussion/  
Action Items**

On motion of Member Sneed, seconded by Member Espinoza on a 5-0-0 ROLL  
CALL vote, the Board Adopted Resolution 2223-23, Revised Certification of  
Signatures Verifies Signatures of Governing Board Members and Authorizes Dr. Art  
Cunha, Connie Wu, Tamar Kataroyan, Richard Lohman and Matthew Hendle to  
sign Warrants, Contracts, Orders for Payment, Notices of Employment, and  
related documents as approved by the Board of Education.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: *Absent*

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

**Item 23 Adopted  
Resolution 2223-23,  
Revised Certification of  
Signatures Verifies  
Signatures of Governing  
Board Members and  
Authorizes Dr. Art  
Cunha, Connie Wu,  
Tamar Kataroyan,  
Richard Lohman and  
Matthew Hendle to sign  
Warrants, Contracts,  
Orders for Payment,  
Notices of Employment,  
and related documents  
as approved by the  
Board of Education.**

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

**Item 24 Approved the  
2022-2023 Second  
Interim Financial Report.**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: *Absent*

On motion of Member Bell, seconded by Member Sneed on a 5-0-0 ROLL CALL  
vote, the Board Adopted Resolution 2223-24 Governmental Accounting  
Standards Board (GASB) No. 54 and Committed Fund Balance.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: *Absent*

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

**Item 25 Adopted  
Resolution 2223-24  
Governmental  
Accounting Standards  
Board (GASB) No. 54  
and Committed Fund  
Balance.**

On motion of Member Smith, seconded by Member Espinoza on a 5-0-0 vote,  
the Board Accepted Bids and Awarded Contract to F C and Sons Roofing, Inc.  
for Oak Intermediate School Roof Rehabilitation.

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: *Absent*

**Item 26 Accepted Bids  
and Awarded Contract  
to F C and Sons Roofing,  
Inc. for Oak  
Intermediate School  
Roof Rehabilitation.**

On motion of Member Espinoza, seconded by Member Bell on a 5-0-0 vote, the  
Board Adopted Resolution 2223-25 Resolution to Lay Off Permanent Classified  
Employee.

**Item 27 Adopted  
Resolution 2223-25  
Resolution to Lay Off  
Permanent Classified  
Employee.**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: *Absent*



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

**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 28-32  
Approved Consent  
Agenda**

- 28. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education February 22,  
2023
- 29. Approved Overnight Field Trip: Junior State of America, April 1-2, 2023
- 30. Payroll Documents, Warrants, Contracts, and Purchase Orders
- 31. Certificated Personnel Order 2223-12
- 32. Classified Personnel Order 2223-12

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: *Absent*

There were no board member requests or comments.

**Board Request or  
Comments**

- 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**

On motion of Member Espinoza, seconded by Member Smith on a 5-0-0 vote,  
the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Preferential Vote: Student Member King: *Absent*



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