

MINUTES
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING-THATCHER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4
Thursday, November 9, 2023 5:30 p.m.
District Administrative Center, 3490 West Main Street, Thatcher, Arizona

Dr. Gary Sorensen, President
Kate McCluskey, Member

Jenni Bryce, Clerk
Kenny Smith, Member

Dr. Debbie Chapman, Member
Matt Petersen, Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Board President Gary Sorensen at 5:30 p.m. All board members are present with the exception of Board Member Dr. Debbie Chapman & Board Member Kenny Smith.

Pledge of allegiance led by Board Member Kate McCluskey.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes of October 12, 2023 & October 19, 2023

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve the agenda and minutes as submitted.

Second by Jenni Bryce.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Summary of Current Events & Activities

Superintendent Mr. Petersen advised-

N/A

Call to the Public

N/A

Approval/Ratification of Financial Matters

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve/ratify payroll and expense vouchers dated (October 13, 2023 thru November 9, 2023) & budget balance reports ending (October 31, 2023).

Second by Jenni Bryce.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Staff Changes (*Contingent on file clearance, as applicable)

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve staff changes as submitted.

| | | | |
|-------------------|--|----------------|---|
| Classified: | Ruth Luster/TES Inclusion Aide, Kaylee Whitmire/JDPS Inclusion Aide, Nathan Jurado/Vehicle Mechanic I, Dyllan Anderson/Bus Driver | | |
| Certified: | Melissa Howard/TES 6 th Grade Teacher | | |
| Resignations: | Clarissa Kincaid/TES Teacher, Hannah Stauffer/JDPS Inclusion Aide, Christina Sotelo/JDPS Inclusion Aide, Sarah Pace/Business Office Specialist | | |
| Extra-Curricular: | TMS: | Referee: | Elena Tellechea, Dustyn Brown, Brooks Knight |
| | | Boys B-Ball: | Brenin Angle/7 th Grade Coach |
| | | Girls B-Ball: | Leslie Locke/Coach |
| | THS: | Soccer: | Shawn Nelson/Volunteer |
| | | Game Help: | Vincent Peru, Spencer Lamoreaux, Esther Romero, Angie Polley, Rebekah Pease |
| | | Football: | Sam Nicholas/Volunteer |
| | | Boys B-Ball: | Russell Carter/Freshman Assistant Coach |
| | | Girls B-Ball: | Glen Orr/Freshman Coach |
| | | FBLA & Annual: | Maya Martinez |

Second by Jenni Bryce.

Discussion: Superintendent Petersen advised that employee Sarah Pace will remain as temporary part-time status managing the district website, marquee and hotel reservations until the position is filled.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Fundraisers

Motion by Jenni Bryce to accept the fundraiser for THS girls' and boys' basketball fundraiser.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passes, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Additional SPED/Self Contained Teacher at JDPS for SY24/25.

Motion by Jenni Bryce to approve an additional SPED/Self Contained Teacher at JDPS for SY24/25.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Discussion: Superintendent Petersen updated the board as to the correct date of the addition would be for the 24/25 school year and not 23/24 school year as stated on the agenda.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Additional Eagle Online Academy Teacher

Motion by Jenni Bryce to approve an additional Eagle Online Academy Teacher.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Discussion: Superintendent Petersen informed the board that the position will be part-time, 8-10/week.

Seven were interviewed for the position, decision to be made shortly.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of ASBA Policy Advisory 748-762 (SECOND READING)

Motion by Dr. Gary Sorensen to approve the ASBA policy advisories except for PA753.

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Policy Advisory No. 748 | Policy BCB —Board Member Conflict of Interest |
| Policy Advisory No. 749 | Policy BDA — Board Organizational Meeting |
| Policy Advisory No. 750 | Policy BE — School Board Meetings |
| Policy Advisory No. 751 | Policy BEDA — Notification of Board Meetings |
| Policy Advisory No. 752 | Policy BEDB — Agenda |
| Policy Advisory No. 753 | Policy CBI — Evaluation of Superintendent |
| | NEW - Exhibit CBI-EB — Evaluation of Superintendent |
| Policy Advisory No. 754 | Policy EBC — Emergencies |
| Policy Advisory No. 755 | Policy GCG — Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment |
| Policy Advisory No. 756 | Policy IHA —Basic Instructional Program |
| | Exhibit IHA-E —Basic Instructional Program |
| Policy Advisory No. 757 | Policy JFABDA — Admission of Students in Foster Care |
| Policy Advisory No. 758 | Policy JK — Student Discipline |
| Policy Advisory No. 759 | Policy JKD — Student Suspension |
| Policy Advisory No. 760 | Policy JKE — Expulsion of Students |
| Policy Advisory No. 761 | Policy JLH — Missing Students |
| Policy Advisory No. 762 | Regulation JRCA-R — Request for Transfer of Records |

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Discussion: Board President Sorensen informed that in regards to PA753, Thatcher will maintain and keep our current policy.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

UPCOMING EVENTS/CALENDAR REVIEW/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next regularly scheduled board meeting:

December 14, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.
District Administrative Center
3490 West Main Street
Thatcher, Arizona 85552

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Kate McCluskey to adjourn at 5:36 p.m.

Second by Dr. Gary Sorensen.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

Dr. Gary Sorensen, President

Mrs. Jenni Bryce, Clerk