

# **MINUTES**

## **GOVERNING BOARD MEETING-THATCHER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4**

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**Thursday, November 10, 2022 5:30 p.m.**  
**District Conference 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 Dr. Gary Sorensen at 5:30 p.m. All board members are present with the exception of Board Member Kenny Smith.

### **Approval of the Agenda and Minutes of October 13, 2022**

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the agenda and minutes as submitted.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

### **Summary of Current Events & Activities**

Superintendent Mr. Petersen advised-

- Staff Recognition
  - Recognition wall revealed of past and present Superintendent's that have served TUSD No. 4. Appreciation to all that assisted in finalizing the project.
- Current District Wide Enrollment-1849 students, last year 1832
  - JDPS current 430 students, last year 403
  - TES current 540 students, last year 562
  - TMS current 292 students, last year 292
  - THS current 557 students, last year 559
  - EOA current 30 students, last year 16
- Future Partnership with Eastern Arizona College
  - Updated football facility
  - Future presentation to the Governing Board
- School Resource Officer officially started with the District on October 24, 2022
- Staff Trainings
  - AzSCA Conference
    - Counselors Stephanie Unger and Sarah Skemp to present
  - ESSA Conference
    - Teacher Jessica Pruszynski and Administrator Ryan Conrad to present
- Current Fundraisers
  - THS Choir-Pumpkin pie sales
  - THS Basketball-Silent Auction

### **Call to the Public**

N/A

### **Approval/Ratification of Financial Matters**

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve/ratify payroll and expense vouchers dated (October 14, 2022 thru November 10, 2022) & budget balance reports ending (October 31, 2022).

Second by Jenny Bryce.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

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

Motion by Dr. Gary Sorensen to approve staff changes as submitted.

Classified: Vicki Rolfson/TES Inclusion Aide, Lydia Gary/Sub-Janitorial

Resignations: Dakota Alexander/Maintenance Department, Gerald Larson/THS Woodshop

Extra-Curricular: Track: Nathan Estes/THS Assistant Coach, Beth Green/THS Assistant Coach

Soccer: Jeffery "Travis" Smith/THS Girls Volunteer, Victoria Castro/THS Girls Volunteer

Basketball: Chad Smith/TMS Coach

Wrestling: Monty Ray/TMS Coach, Waldo Gutierrez/TMS Volunteer

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Discussion: Board Member McCluskey inquired as to continuous monthly changes. Superintendent Petersen clarified.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

**Approval of District Schools Letter Grade (information only)**

Information: Mr. Petersen provided a detailed description as to the current year grade along with the history of TUSD No. 4. Information included data of surrounding districts to show a comparison. TUSD will be submitting an appeal of the current letter grade due to an oversight of some exhibits submitted were not considered in the review. TUSD is awaiting the hearing and decision.

**Approval of New ASBA Policies-SECOND READING**

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the new ASBA Policies PA 737 & PA 738.

**SECOND READING PA 737 JLCB& Regulation JLCB-R--Immunizations of Students**

**PA 738 KDB-R—Public’s Right to Know/Freedom of Information**

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Discussion: Board member Kate McCluskey requested more information as to the new policy submitted. Superintendent Mr. Petersen clarified.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

**Discussion/Information--ASBA Policy Advisories Awaiting Adoption-February 2018 & August 2019**

**FIRST READING (information only)**

**PA 605 Policy GCCH — Professional / Support Staff Bereavement Leave**

**PA 610 Policy IKAB — Report Cards/Progress Reports**

**PA 614 Exhibit JK-EA — Student Discipline**

**PA 652 Policy DJE — Bidding/Purchasing Procedures**

**PA 653 Policy GBEA — Staff Ethics**

**PA 654 Policy GBEB — Staff Conduct Regulation GBEB-R**

**PA 655 \*NEW\*--Policy GBEFA — Staff Use of Digital Wireless Communications or Electronic Devices While Operating a Motor Vehicle**

**PA 656 Policy GBI — Staff Participation in Political Activities**

**PA 658 Policy GCFC — Professional Staff Certification and Credentialing Requirements (Fingerprinting Requirements) Exhibit GCFC-E**

**PA 659 Policy GCO — Evaluation of Professional Staff Members**

