

MINUTES
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING-THATCHER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4
Thursday, March 14, 2024 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 Dr. Gary Sorensen at 5:30 p.m. All board members are present. Pledge of allegiance led by Board Secretary, Marie Peru.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes of February 8, 2024

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, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Summary of Current Events & Activities

Superintendent Matt Petersen advised-

- Staff Recognition-Appreciation to Directors and Administrators for their part in making TUSD No. 4 as most recognized in putting the most dollars into classrooms as indicated in the Auditor General Report
 - Clay Bowman-Director of Business, Angie Adams-Director of Educational Support, Ashlee Griffin-Director of Special Services, Blaine Morris-Director of Operations, Amy West-Director of Network Systems, Lin Gifford-JDPS Principal, Michelle Ferrin-TES Principal, Jessica Medlin-TMS Principal, Ryan Conrad-THS Principal & Tye Stewart-THS Assistant Principal and Athletic Director
- Current District Wide Enrollment
 - JDPS 437, 428 last year
 - TES 532, 537 last year
 - TMS 293, 281 last year
 - THS 491, 541 last year
 - EOA 65, last year 37
 - Total 1818, last year 1824
- MAG Report-School Facilities Board-currently updating square footage to show accurate amounts for future requests
- 5 Year Purchasing Plan-expires 03/14/2024. Will begin looking at next year's requests
- Spring Break Projects
 - TES & TMS parking lots
 - THS parent drop off
- Summer Projects
 - JDPS awning
 - Floors-district wide
 - Painting-district wide

Call to the Public

N/A

Approval/Ratification of Financial Matters

Motion by Kenny Smith to approve/ratify payroll and expense vouchers dated (February 9, 2024 thru March 14, 2024) & budget balance reports ending (February 29, 2024).

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

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

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve staff changes as submitted.

Classified:	Sherri Larson/TES Inclusion Aide, Tarah Barney/JDPS Inclusion Aide, *Alexis Cassidy/TMS Inclusion Aide , Steven Reed/Janitorial	
Certified:	SY24/25 Misty Whisman/TES 3 rd Grade Teacher	
Transfers:	*24/25 Rachel Allred/TES 5 th Grade Teacher to TMS Mathematics, Kelly Montoya/TMS Inclusion Aide to JDPS Inclusion Aide, Teresa Ferguson/JDPS Inclusion Aide to JDPS Front Office Clerical Aide	
Resignations:	Micah Mleynek/JDPS Kindergarten Teacher, Makenzie Stringfellow/JDPS Inclusion Aide, Sherry Brady/TMS Spanish Teacher, Jessica Higginbotham/TES Instructional Aide, Ruth Young (resignation rescinded), Christian McGrath/Janitorial, Michael Cochran/Substitute Teacher (effective 03/19/24)	
Extra-Curricular:	THS Tennis:	Brandon Udall/Volunteer
	Game Help:	Dan Jones, Jaylenn Jurado
	THS Football-SY24/25:	Dan Jones/Head Coach, Danny Battrow/Assistant Coach, Russ Jones/Assistant Coach, Billy Farris/Assistant Coach, Jake Robbins/Assistant Coach, Kody Taylor/Assistant Coach, Bret Hunt/Volunteer Coach, Trace Goodman/Volunteer Coach, Ethan Estes/Volunteer Coach, Michael Romney/Volunteer Coach
	TMS Softball:	Savanna Solberg/Volunteer, Sadee Skousen/Volunteer, *Emma Workman/Umpire (TMS Game Help), *Jordyn Romero/Umpire (TMS Game Help), *Jocelyn Hobbs/Umpire (TMS Game Help)
	THS Softball:	Adrienne Lopez/Assistant Coach
	THS Baseball:	Michael Romney/Volunteer

Second by Jenni Bryce.

Discussion: Superintendent Petersen gave clarification to a few listed positions. (*indicates verbal change on the record)

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Fundraisers

N/A

Approval of Salary Increases (certified 6%, administrative & support 5%, extra-curricular 5%)

Motion by Kenny Smith to approve the salary increases for certified teaching staff of 6% to include educational advancements, administrative & support staff of 5% and extra-curricular of 5%.

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of Salary Schedules for SY24/25 (certified, administrative & support, extra-curricular & extra-duty)

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the salary schedules for certified, administrative & support staff, extra-curricular activity and extra-duty.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of Delegate ASBA Assembly

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve Dr. Gary Sorensen to represent Thatcher School District No. 4.

Second by Kenny Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval to Reclassify 3-8 Intermediate Assistant Principal to 3-6 Assistant Principal/District Safety Coordinator

Motion by Dr. Gary Sorensen to approve the reclassification of 3-8 Assistant Principal to 3-6 Assistant Principal/District Safety Coordinator.

Discussion: Board Clerk Jenni Bryce and Board Member Kate McCluskey requested more information. Superintendent Petersen clarified and expressed the benefits of the change.

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval to Replace District Assessment Coach with TMS Dean of Students

Motion by Dr. Gary Sorensen to approve the current position of District Assessment Coach to TMS Dean of Students.

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Discussion/Information of New ASBA Policy Advisories 763-786-FIRST READING

Policy Advisory No. 763	Policy BEDB--Agenda
Policy Advisory No. 764	Regulation BGC-R Policy Revision and Review
Policy Advisory No. 765	Policy BGE--Policy Communication/Feedback
	Regulation BGE-R Policy Communication/Feedback
Policy Advisory No. 766	Regulation CCB-R Line and Staff Relations
Policy Advisory No. 767	Policy CFD--School-Based Management
Policy Advisory No. 768	Regulation EB-R--Environmental and Safety Program
Policy Advisory No. 769	Policy EBAA--Reporting of Hazards/Warning Systems
Policy Advisory No. 770	Policy EBC--Emergencies
Policy Advisory No. 771	Policy ECB--Building and Grounds Maintenance
Policy Advisory No. 772	Policy EEAA--Walkers and Riders
Policy Advisory No. 773	Regulation EEAE-R--Bus Safety Program
Policy Advisory No. 774	Policy GBEF--Staff Use of Digital Communications and Electronic Devices
Policy Advisory No. 775	Policy GDC--Support Staff Leaves and Absences (Removal/Reference Only)
Policy Advisory No. 776	Policy IHA--Basic Instructional Program
Policy Advisory No. 777	Policy IKA--Graduation Requirements
Policy Advisory No. 778	Policy IMA--Teaching Methods
	Regulation IMA-R--Teaching Methods
Policy Advisory No. 779	Policy JFABDA--Admission of Students in Foster Care
Policy Advisory No. 780	Policy JH--Student Absences and Excuses
Policy Advisory No. 781	Regulation JHD--Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance
Policy Advisory No. 782	Regulation JIH--Student Interrogations, Searches, and Arrests
Policy Advisory No. 783	Policy JJE--Student Fund-Raising Activities
Policy Advisory No. 784	Exhibit JK-EA--Student Discipline
Policy Advisory No. 785	Exhibit KB-EB--Parental Involvement in Education
Policy Advisory No. 786	Policy KEC--Public Concerns/Complaints About Instructional Resources

Approval of the Evaluation of Superintendent for Awarding of Performance Pay (Pursuant to ARS 38-431.01 (A)(1), Personnel Matters, this item may be discussed in executive session)

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to adjourn into executive session.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Dismissed into executive session at 5:50 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Kenny Smith to reconvene regular session at 6:42 p.m. and awarding the performance pay of Superintendent Petersen.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS/CALENDAR REVIEW/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next regularly scheduled board meeting: April 11, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.
District Administrative Center
3490 West Main Street
Thatcher, Arizona 85552

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Dr. Gary Sorensen to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.
Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.
Voted, passed, unanimous.

Dr. Gary Sorensen, President

Mrs. Jenni Bryce, Clerk