

# **MINUTES-DRAFT**

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

**Thursday, February 10, 2026 5:30 p.m.**

**District Administrative Center, 3490 West Main Street, Thatcher, Arizona**

*Dr. Gary Sorensen, President  
Kate McCluskey, Member*

*Dr. Debbie Chapman, Clerk  
Susan Hancock, Member*

*J. Travis Smith, Member  
Matt Petersen, Superintendent*

The meeting was called to order by Board Clerk Dr. Debbie Chapman at 5:30 p.m. All board members are present with the exception of Board President Dr. Gary Sorensen. Pledge of allegiance led by Cindy Rickert.

### **Approval of the Agenda dated February 10, 2026**

Motion by Susan Hancock to approve the agenda as submitted.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, Kate McCluskey, J. Travis Smith)

### **Approval of the Meeting Minutes dated January 8, 2026**

Motion by Susan Hancock to approve the meeting minutes from January 8, 2026 as submitted.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, Kate McCluskey, J. Travis Smith)

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

- Superintendent Petersen advises:
  - Love of Reading week for K-6
  - District Annual Audit recently finalized, awaiting results
  - DPS Fingerprint Audit is ongoing
  - TMS & THS are ending their winter sports with many championships to celebrate. Gearing up for spring sports!
  - Testing season. Technology Department is preparing platforms, chromebooks, and internet connections

### **Call to the Public**

N/A

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

Motion J. Travis Smith to approve/ratify payroll and expense vouchers dated (January 9, 2026 thru February 10, 2026).

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, Kate McCluskey, J. Travis Smith)

### **Approval of Employment Matters-Staff Changes (\*Contingent on file clearance, as applicable)**

Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve staff changes as submitted.

Classified:	Substitutes:	Lindsey Nelson/JDPS (LTS), Tanya McNeill/TES (LTS)
	Aides:	Madison Jarvis/JDPS Instructional
	Other:	Kimberly Mattice/Janitorial
Resignations:	Kaylynn Simmons/TES Inclusion Aide, Lindsay Bailey/JDPS Instructional Aide, Debbie Crandall/TES 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher (effective 5/21/26), Zada Aranda/TES Inclusion Aide, Summer Fierro/JDPS Special Education Teacher (effective 5/22/26)	

Transfers:	Cole Innes/Transfer from Vehicle Full Time Mechanic to Part Time Vehicle Mechanic
Extra-Curricular:	Game Help: Dan Jones, Cody Jones, Renee Ajeman, Briggs Baldwin
	TMS Track: Anna Sherrow/Coach, Eric Thomas/Volunteer
	TMS Baseball: Tyrell Ajeman/Volunteer
	TMS Softball: Abby Quintana/Volunteer, Chad Solberg/Volunteer, Alissa Provencio/Volunteer, Cassidy Bendall/Volunteer
<b>TMS V-Ball: SY 26/27</b>	Shaka Seale/Coach
<b>TMS Soccer: SY 26/27</b>	Rachel Allen/Volunteer
THS Track:	Jesse Green/Volunteer
THS Softball:	Pancho Perez/Coach, Sara Bingham/Volunteer, Jayleen Jurado/Volunteer
THS Baseball:	Justin Echols/Volunteer, Randy Conrad/Volunteer, Issac Morris/Volunteer

Second by Susan Hancock.

Discussion by Dr. Debbie Chapman. Specifically, to Debbie Crandall and her many years of service.  
Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, Kate McCluskey, J. Travis Smith)

#### **Approval of Out of State Travel for Girls & Boys Tennis to Las Cruces, NM on March 27-28, 2026**

Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve the out of state travel for girls' and boys' tennis on March 27-28, 2026 traveling to Las Cruces, NM.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, Kate McCluskey, J. Travis Smith)

#### **Information/Possible Discussion of ASBA Policy Advisory 960 –FIRST READING—(information)**

o Policy Advisory No. 960	Policy DIE	Audits/Financial Monitoring
	Regulation DIE-R	Audits/Financial Monitoring

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS/CALENDAR REVIEW/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Next regularly scheduled board meeting: March 10, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.  
District Administrative Center  
3490 West Main Street  
Thatcher, Arizona 85552

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Susan Hancock to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.  
Second by J. Travis Smith.  
Voted, passed, unanimous.

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Dr. Gary Sorensen, President

Dr. Debbie Chapman, Clerk