

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 springs 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 th 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, Kassidy Bendall/Volunteer
	TMS V-Ball: SY 26/27	Shaka Seale/Coach
	TMS Soccer: SY 26/27	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)

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| ○ 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
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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.

Dr. Gary Sorensen, President

Dr. Debbie Chapman, Clerk