

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

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**Thursday, November 14, 2024 5:30 p.m.**  
**District Administrative Center, 3490 West Main Street, Thatcher, Arizona**

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

*Dr. Debbie Chapman, Clerk*  
*Kenny Smith, 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 exception of Dr. Gary Sorensen and Kate McCluskey. Pledge of allegiance led by Angie Adams.

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes of October 10, 2024**

Motion by Kenny Smith to approve the agenda and minutes as submitted.

Second by J. Travis Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, J. Travis Smith, Kenny Smith)

**Summary of Current Events & Activities**

Superintendent Petersen advises-

- Enrollment to date:
  - JDPS 421, last year 429
  - TES 547, last year 535
  - TMS 272, last year 296
  - THS 508, last year 503
  - EOA 58, last year 46
  - Total: 1806, last year 1809
- Presentation by Superintendent Petersen of A-F letter grade information. All Thatcher Schools received an "A". In preparation to celebrate the students and staff. Appreciation to students, parents, teachers and support staff!

**Call to the Public**

- Sam Daley
- Michael Romney
- Kailee Bingham

**Approval/Ratification of Financial Matters**

Motion by Kenny Smith to approve/ratify payroll and expense vouchers dated (October 10, 2024 thru November 14, 2024) & budget balance reports ending (October 31, 2024).

Second by J. Travis Smith.

Discussion by Superintendent Petersen.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, J. Travis Smith, Kenny Smith)

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

Motion Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve staff changes as submitted.

Classified:	Inclusion Aides:	Elijah Platt/JDPS, Emma Figueroa/TES
	Other:	Robin Della-Pietra/Matron, Adam Haws/Bus Driver (route), Brooke Long/Janitorial, Alexis Lopez/Janitorial, Blaine Wooten/Janitorial
	Transfers:	Tiffany Spitzer/transfer as part-time Inclusion Aide to full-time Inclusion Aide at TES
	Volunteers:	Kent Hancock/FBLA
	Termination:	Kylie McPherson/TMS Inclusion Aide

- Extra-Curricular: TMS Girls BBall: Leslie Locke/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach, Crandall Aaron/7<sup>th</sup> Coach, Stephanie Hughes/Volunteer
- TMS Boys BBall: Brenin Angle/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach, Luke Ochoa/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach
- TMS Girls Soccer: Camille Hudson/Volunteer (Club)
- TMS Boys Soccer: Wayne Nelson/Volunteer, Derek Kartchner/Volunteer (Club)
- TMS Wrestling: Cameron Mortensen/Coach, Trent Christensen/Volunteer, James Green/Volunteer, Jesse Green/Volunteer, Andrew McBride/Volunteer
- THS Girls Soccer: Brittany Shannon/Volunteer
- Game Help: Avery Bingham, Kylee Nagy

Second by Kenny Smith.  
 Voted, passed, unanimous.  
 (Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, J. Travis Smith, Kenny Smith)

**Approval of FY25 IGA-GIFT-Gila Institute for Technology**

Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve the FY25 IGA-GIFT-Gila Institute for Technology.  
 Second by Kenny Smith.  
 Voted, passed, unanimous.  
 (Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, J. Travis Smith, Kenny Smith)

**Approval of ASBA Bylaw Changes**

Motion by Kenny Smith to approve the ASBA Bylaw changes.  
 Second by J. Travis Smith.  
 Voted, passed, unanimous.  
 (Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, J. Travis Smith, Kenny Smith)

**Approval of Graham County Special Services Consortium IGA 2025/2026 School Year**

Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve the Graham County Special Services Consortium IGA for school year 2025/2026.  
 Second by Kenny Smith.  
 Discussion by J. Travis Smith & Superintendent Petersen.  
 Voted, passed, unanimous.  
 (Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, J. Travis Smith, Kenny Smith)

**Discussion/Information-TMS Football Lights**

Discussion by board members.

**Discussion/Information of ASBA Policy Advisories 801-807—FIRST READING—**

Board to review as a first reading item.

Policy Advisory No. 801---Policy BAA	Evaluation of School Board / Board Self-Evaluation
Policy Advisory No. 802---Policy DJE	Bidding / Purchasing Procedures
Regulation DJE-R	Bidding / Purchasing Procedures
Policy Advisory No. 803---Policy GCFC	Professional Staff Certification and Credentialing Requirements
Exhibit GCFC-E	Professional Staff Certification and Credentialing Requirements
Policy Advisory No. 804---Policy GDFA	Support Staff Qualifications and Requirements
Exhibit GDFA-E	Support Staff Qualifications and Requirements
Policy Advisory No. 805 ---Policy IGA	Curriculum Development
Policy Advisory No. 806---Policy IMG	Animals in Schools
Regulation IMG-R	Animals in Schools
Policy Advisory No. 807---Regulation JLCD-R	Medicines / Administering Medicines to Students

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

Next regularly scheduled board meeting:

December 12, 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 Kenny Smith to adjourn at 6:01 p.m.

Second by J. Travis Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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Dr. Gary Sorensen, President

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Dr. Debbie Chapman, Clerk