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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING-THATCHER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4

Thursday, November 12, 2026 5:30 p.m.
District Administrative Center, 3490 West Main Street, Thatcher, Arizona

Dr. Gary Sorensen, President ***Dr. Debbie Chapman, Clerk*** ***J. Travis Smith, Member***
Kate McCluskey, Member ***Susan Hancock, 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, Kate McCluskey and Board Clerk, Dr. Debbie Chapman. Pledge of allegiance led by Dr. Gary Sorensen.

Approval of the Agenda dated November 12, 2026
Motion by Susan Hancock to approve the agenda as submitted.
Second by J. Travis Smith.
Voted, passed, unanimous.
(Ayes: Susan Hancock, J. Travis Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of the Meeting Minutes dated October 9, 2026 and October 15, 2026
Motion by Susan Hancock to approve the meeting minutes as submitted.
Second by J. Travis Smith.
Voted, passed, unanimous.
(Ayes: Susan Hancock, J. Travis Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Summary of Current Events & Activities
Superintendent Petersen advised:

- Total Enrollment-1815 students.
- Total enrollment includes 61 students-Eagle Online Academy and 30 students-Dan Hinton.
- Performance Services toured and gathered information at each campus on 11/12/26 prepping for 2027 bond discussions. Mr. Petersen will continue the discussions and present a tentative timeline for the December board meeting.

Call to the Public

- Dr. Gary Sorensen welcomed a gallery member and newly elected board member, Elizabeth Henley. She will be joining the TUSD Governing Board in January 2027.

Approval/Ratification of Financial Matters
Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve/ratify payroll and expense vouchers dated (October 7, 2026 thru November 12, 2026).
Second by Susan Hancock.
Voted, passed, unanimous.
(Ayes: Susan Hancock, J. Travis Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Employment Matters-Staff Changes (*Contingent on file clearance, as applicable)
Motion by Dr. Gary Sorensen to approve staff changes as submitted.

Classified:	Inclusion Aides:	Brandi Lee/TES, Kallee McCray/TES
	Substitutes:	Charis Crandell, Tiffany Raines
	Other:	Ross Nichols/Maintenance, Boston Taylor/THS Spee-D-Eagle Assistant
Resignations:		Lois Kempton/TES Inclusion Aide, Sadee Skousen/JDPS Inclusion Aide
Retirement:		Jan Venzor/TES Music Teacher (effective 12/17/26)
Extra-Curricular:	TMS Wrestling:	Ayrton Ruiz/Coach, Trent Christensen/Volunteer, JR Maner/Volunteer
	THS Wrestling:	Jesse Green/Volunteer, Alec Judd/Volunteer

THS Soccer:	Isabel Vizcaino/Volunteer
Game Help:	Hank Garrison, Dallin Kartchner, Maddie Mack, Lance Scarborough

Second by J. Travis Smith.
Voted, passed, unanimous.
(Ayes: Susan Hancock, J. Travis Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of THS FBLA Fundraiser
Motion by Susan Hancock to approve the THS FBLA Fundraiser.
Second by J. Travis Smith.
Voted, passed, unanimous.
(Ayes: Susan Hancock, J. Travis Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of THS JV/Varsity Fundraiser
Motion by Susan Hancock to approve the THS JV/Varsity Fundraiser.
Second by J. Travis Smith.
Voted, passed, unanimous.
(Ayes: Susan Hancock, J. Travis Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of THS Wrestling Fundraiser
Motion by Susan Hancock to approve the THS Wrestling Fundraiser.
Second by J. Travis Smith.
Voted, passed, unanimous.
(Ayes: Susan Hancock, J. Travis Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Out-of-State Travel-Angie Adams & Beth Green-HMH Curriculum Conference to Orlando, Florida October 28-30, 2026
Motion by Susan Hancock to approve the out-of-state travel for Angie Adams & Beth Green to attend the HMH Curriculum Conference in Orlando, Florida October 28-30, 2026.
Second by J. Travis Smith.
Discussion by Susan Hancock as to timeline. Superintendent Petersen gave clarification.
Voted, passed, unanimous.
(Ayes: Susan Hancock, J. Travis Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Out-of-Town Travel-THS Boys Basketball to Camp Verde, Arizona December 27-29, 2026-Sunday Travel
Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve out-of-town travel & Sunday travel for the THS Boys Basketball Team to Camp Verde, Arizona December 27-29, 2026.
Second by Susan Hancock.
Discussion by J. Travis Smith. Superintendent Petersen gave clarification.
(Ayes: Susan Hancock, J. Travis Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Out-of-State Travel-Boys & Girls Tennis to Las Cruces, New Mexico April 2-3, 2026
Motion by Susan Hancock to approve out-of-state travel for the boys' and girls' tennis team to travel to Las Cruces, New Mexico on April 2-3, 2026.
Second by J. Travis Smith.
(Ayes: Susan Hancock, J. Travis Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of THS Girls Wrestling Coach Position
Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve the THS Girls Wrestling Coach position.
Second by Susan Hancock.
(Ayes: Susan Hancock, J. Travis Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Jason Bryce as THS Girls Wrestling Coach
Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve Jason Bryce as the THS Girls Wrestling Coach.
Second by Susan Hancock.
Discussion by J. Travis Smith, Superintendent Petersen and Principal Ryan Conrad.
(Ayes: Susan Hancock, J. Travis Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Preventive Maintenance Guideline & Plan
Motion by Susan Hancock to approve the Preventative Maintenance Guideline & Plan.
Second by J. Travis Smith.
(Ayes: Susan Hancock, J. Travis Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval/Possible Discussion of ASBA Policy Advisories 1065-1069—SECOND READING—
Motion by Dr. Gary Sorensen to approve ASBA policy advisories 1065-1069 as the second reading.
Second by Susan Hancock.
Discussion/clarification by Superintendent Petersen as to PA 1066.
(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Policy Advisory No. 1065 Policy DGD Credit Cards, Regulation DGD-R Credit Cards, Exhibit DGD-E Credit Cards, Policy Advisory No. 1066 **NEW** Regulation DJ-R Purchasing Ethics, Policy Advisory No. 1067 Policy BCB Board Member Conflict of Interest, Exhibit BCB-E Board Member Conflict of Interest Policy Advisory No. 1068 Policy GBEAA Conflict of Interest, Exhibit GBEAA-E Conflict of Interest, Policy Advisory No. 1069 Policy KI, Visitors to Schools, **DELETE** Regulation KI-R Visitors to Schools, Exhibit KI-E Visitors to Schools

UPCOMING EVENTS/CALENDAR REVIEW/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next regularly scheduled board meeting: **December 10, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.**
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3490 West Main Street
Thatcher, Arizona 85552

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to discuss, motion by Dr. Gary Sorensen to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.
Second by Susan Hancock.
Voted, passed, unanimous.

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Dr. Gary Sorensen, President Dr. Debbie Chapman, Clerk