

MINUTES-DRAFT

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING-THATCHER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4

Tuesday, July 7, 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 President Dr. Gary Sorensen at 5:30 p.m. All board members are present with the exception of board member J. Travis Smith. Pledge of allegiance led by Dr. Gary Sorensen.

Approval of the Agenda dated July 7, 2026

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve the agenda as submitted.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of the Meeting Minutes dated June 9, 2026 and Special Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2026

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve the meeting minutes from June 9, 2026 and June 24, 2026 as submitted.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Summary of Current Events & Activities

N/A

Call to the Public

N/A

Approval/Ratification of Financial Matters

Motion Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve/ratify payroll and expense vouchers dated (June 10, 2026 thru July 7, 2026).

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

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

Motion by Susan Hancock to approve staff changes as submitted.

Classified:	SY 26/27	Sadee Skousen/JDPS Inclusion Aide
Transfers:	SY 26/27	Teresa Ferguson/Transfer from JDPS Inclusion Aide to Title 1 Aide, Danielle Anderson/Transfer from TES Instructional Aide to Inclusion Aide
Certified:	SY 26/27	Jackie Allen/TES 4 th Grade Teacher, Lucano Soto-Robles/TES 6 th Grade Teacher
Substitutes:	SY 26/27	Jade Jones, Alexa Duran, Ashley Good
Resignations:		Kimberly Tellez/TES Inclusion Aide, Vanessa Waldron/Bus Driver

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Out of State Travel for Girls Soccer to Silver City, New Mexico July 13, 2026

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the out of state travel for girls' soccer to Silver City, New Mexico on July 13, 2026.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval and Adoption of Expenditure Budget FY 27

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve and adopt the expenditure budget for FY 27.

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of IGA-School Resource Officer with Town of Thatcher

Motion by Susan Hancock to approve the IGA-School Resource Officer with the Town of Thatcher.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of TUSD No. 4 Facility Rental Fees

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the TUSD No. 4 facility rental fees.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Increase of Breakfast & Lunch Fee's

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the increase to breakfast and lunch fees.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Discussion by Superintendent Petersen clarifying as to the purpose of the increase in fees.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

UPCOMING EVENTS/CALENDAR REVIEW/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next regularly scheduled board meeting	August 13, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m. District Administrative Center 3490 West Main Street Thatcher, Arizona 85552
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Back to School Training & Luncheon	August 10, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m. THS Commons
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Dr. Gary Sorensen to adjourn at 5:36 p.m.

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

Dr. Gary Sorensen, President

Dr. Debbie Chapman, Clerk