

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

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**Thursday, July 11, 2024 5:30 p.m.**  
**District Administrative Center, 3490 West Main Street, Thatcher, Arizona**

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

*Vacant, Clerk*  
*Kenny Smith, Member*

*Dr. Debbie Chapman, 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. Pledge of allegiance led by Board President Dr. Gary Sorensen.

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes of June 13, 2024 & June 27, 2024**

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

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

**Summary of Current Events & Activities**

Superintendent Petersen advises-

- Registration for 24/25 opened July 8, 2024. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades have closed due to capacity.
- Every student/parent will need to register even for returning students. New student/parent will be contacted by the building administration.
- Summer Registration July 23-25, 2024 at the District Office. Representative from each school will be available to assist with registration. Great success in prior years.
- Current openings: THS English Teacher, Inclusion Aides & Part-Time Nurse.
- Travis Smith-Appointment of board member has been extended to Mr. Smith in replacement of Board Clerk, Jenni Bryce.

**Call to the Public**

N/A

**Approval/Ratification of Financial Matters**

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve/ratify payroll and expense vouchers dated (June 14, 2024 thru July 11, 2024) & budget balance reports ending (June 30, 2024).

Second by Kenny Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

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

Motion Dr. Gary Sorensen to approve staff changes as submitted.

Classified: Dawnee Ellsworth/TMS Inclusion Aide, Kimberly Martin/JDPS Inclusion Aide, Victoria Fritz/TES Full Time Inclusion Aide, Sarah Porter/THS Full Time Inclusion Aide, KaSandra Morris/TMS ISS Aide, Emily Chamberlain/JDPS Preschool Inclusion Aide, Ashlin Baum/JDPS Preschool Inclusion Aide, Harmony Fairchild/TES Inclusion Aide

Certified: Camryn Costello/TMS Art-ELA Teacher (Long Term Substitute), Jessica Ajeman/TES 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher (Long Term Substitute)

Extra-Curricular: TMS Wrestling: Gabriel Jaurigue/Coach, Waldo Gutierrez/Volunteer

TMS Baseball: Seth Lunt/Coach

TMS Softball: Abigail Quintana/Coach

TMS Football: Luke Ochoa/Coach, Stephen Walden/Coach

TMS Volleyball: Rhyanna Menin/Coach

TMS XCntry: Pamela DeMent/Volunteer, Tara Dutton/Volunteer

TMS Robotics: Chris Carrell/Coach  
THS Girls BBall: Megan Medina/Freshman Coach, Glen Orr/JV Coach, Brandon Lunt/Volunteer  
THS Spiritline: Chelsea Estes/Assistant

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

**Fundraisers**

N/A

**Approval of Expenditure Budget FY25-Roll Call Vote**

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the expenditure budget for FY25.  
Second by Kenny Smith.  
Discussion: Superintendent Petersen clarified the expenditure budget is for FY25 and not FY24 as indicated in the agenda.  
Voted, passed, unanimous  
Roll Call: Dr. Debbie Chapman-yes, Kenny Smith-yes, Dr. Gary Sorensen-yes)  
(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

**Approval of Nutrition Dual Enrollment Course for ½ THS PE Credit**

Motion by Kenny Smith to approve nutrition dual enrollment course to count as ½ credit toward PE at Thatcher High School.  
Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.  
Discussion: Board member Smith requested clarification. Superintendent Petersen clarified high school credits required for high school graduation and also requirements for students and dual enrollment at THS and EAC.  
Voted, passed, unanimous.  
(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

**Review Update to Policy GDQB-Resignation of Support Staff Members-FIRST READING-(information)**

Board President Sorensen confirmed they received the current update to policy GDQB. Board members will review by the next board meeting in August.

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

Back to School Luncheon	August 5, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m. THS Commons
Next regularly scheduled board meeting:	August 8, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m. District Administrative Center 3490 West Main Street Thatcher, Arizona 85552
2024 ASBA Law Conference	September 4-6, 2024 JW Marriott Camelback Inn Resort & Spa Scottsdale, Arizona
ASBA Graham County Workshop	October 21, 2024 @ TBD

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Dr. Gary Sorensen to adjourn at 5:44 p.m.

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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Dr. Gary Sorensen, President

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Vacant, Clerk