

MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING-THATCHER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4

Thursday, May 11, 2023 5:30 p.m.

District Administrative Center, 3490 West Main Street, Thatcher, Arizona

Dr. Gary Sorensen, President
Kate McCluskey, Member

Jenni Bryce, 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. Pledge of allegiance was led by Tracy Allred.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes of April 13, 2023

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

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Summary of Current Events & Activities

Superintendent Mr. Petersen advised-

- Teacher appreciation
- Kathy Grimes, Executive Director of Graham County Drug Coalition expressed appreciation to the 6th grade students and Thatcher Elementary staff. All students behaved well and many assisted with the planning and execution of the project. Mrs. Grimes currently manages the Drug Awareness Grant and works closely with the Graham County Probation Department and other community members in training and awareness.

Call to the Public

Matt Richins-Mr. Richins requested a call to the public and address the Governing Board Members. He spoke of concerns involving his two minor children at the Thatcher High School. Mr. Richins expressed feeling lack of communication and negligence.

Approval/Ratification of Financial Matters

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve/ratify payroll and expense vouchers dated (April 14, 2023 thru May 11, 2023) & budget balance reports ending (April 30, 2023).

Second by Jenni Bryce.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

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

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

Classified:	Amie Granatowski/Janitorial, Hailee Thompson/Janitorial, Evelina Palafox/Janitorial, Ruth Luster/ESY Classroom Aide	
Transfers:	Vanessa Rubacalva/TES Title One Reading Teacher	
Certified:	Jan Venzor/TES AMPT, Melinda Lamoreaux/JDPS First Grade Teacher, Carlos Salas/THS Spanish Teacher, Morgan Matthews/THS SPED Teacher, Melissa Price/Summer ESY Teacher, Dejah Whetten/THS Social Studies Teacher, Carly Angle/JDPS Music Teacher	
Resignations:	Favian Gastelum/TES, Jennifer Hicklin/THS Chemistry & Biological Concepts, Vanessa Rubacalva/JDPS First Grade Teacher, Kylin Gifford/THS Inclusion Aide, Andrew Knudsen/THS Business & Accounting Teacher	
Extra-Curricular:	THS Knowledge Bowl:	Melinda Terry
	TMS Umpire:	Tom Stinson
	THS BBall:	Crandall Aaron/JV Girls Basketball
ESI-Participation:	Ruth Vining/JDPS	

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Revised FY23 Expenditure Budget (Roll Call)

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve the revised FY23 expenditure budget.

Second by Kenny Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Roll Call: Jenni Bryce-Yes, Dr. Debbie Chapman-Yes, Kate McCluskey-Yes, Kenny Smith-Yes, Dr. Gary Sorensen-Yes)

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Teaching Strategies Gold Curriculum for Preschool & Transition Kindergarten

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve teaching strategies gold curriculum for preschool and transition kindergarten.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of HMH Into Math Curriculum K-6

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve HMH into math curriculum.

Second by Kath McCluskey.

Discussion: Board member Jenni Bryce had follow-up questions. Angie Adams-Director of Educational Services confirmed the curriculum is an updated version of currently used version Go Math.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of SAVAAS Elevate Science Curriculum 6th Grade

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve SAVAAS elevate science curriculum for 6th grade.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Discussion: Board member Jenni Bryce had follow-up questions. Angie Adams, Director of Educational Services confirmed the curriculum is new to the 6th grade.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Mystery Science Curriculum K-5

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve mystery science curriculum for K-5.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Discussion: Board President Gary Sorensen had follow-up questions. Angie Adams, Director of Educational Services confirmed the curriculum has assessment features and teacher flexibility.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of My Perspective's Curriculum 9th Grade

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve my perspective's curriculum for 9th grade.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of American History Curriculum THS

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the American history curriculum for Thatcher High School.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of EAC IGA Dual Enrollment Agreement

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the EAC IGA dual enrollment agreement.

Second by Kenny Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of IGA of Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the IGA of Arizona State Schools for the deaf and blind.

Second by Kenny Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Out of State Travel for School Counselor Sarah Skemp to ASCA Conference in Atlanta, Georgia July 13-18, 2023

Motion by Kenny Smith to approve out of state travel for counselor, Sarah Skemp to ASCA Conference in Atlanta, Georgia July 13-18, 2023.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval of Out of State Travel-THS Choir to Orlando, Florida March 12-16, 2024

Motion by Jenni Bryce to approve the out of state travel for THS Choir to Orlando, Florida March 12-16, 2024.

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Discussion: Late disclosure of proposed request to travel out of state. Choir Teacher, Tracy Brown gave a presentation of the Choir Tour 2024. Within the presentation, benefits for the students and accomplishments to date. Board members clarified concerns and questions at length with Mrs. Brown.

Voted & passed.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

(Nay: Kenny Smith)

Approval of Fundraising-THS Choir

Motion by Jenni Smith to approve and amend to only allow fundraising for summer camp and carwash.

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted & passed.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

(Nay: Kenny Smith)

Approval to Move THS Assistant Principal from 10-Month Position to 12-Month Position

Motion by Kenny Smith to approve the move of THS Assistant Principal position from a 10-month position to a 12-month position.

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Approval to Transfer Tye Stewart to THS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the transfer of Tye Stewart to THS as the Assistant Principal & Athletic Director.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Jenni Bryce, Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey, Kenny Smith, Dr. Gary Sorensen)

Upcoming Events:

Closing Social:	May 12, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m. THS Commons
Baccalaureate:	May 14, 2023 @ 8:00 p.m. EAC Auditorium
Graduation Ceremony:	May 19, 2023 @ 8:00 p.m. EAC Mickelson Stadium
Next regularly scheduled board meeting:	June 8, 2023 District Administrative Center 3490 West Main Street Thatcher, Arizona 85552

(Should inclement weather arise, graduation ceremony will be held at the Thatcher High School. Admission will be by ticket only.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Jenni Bryce to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.
Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.
Voted, passed, unanimous.

Dr. Gary Sorensen, President

Mrs. Jenni Bryce, Clerk