

MINUTES-DRAFT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING-THATCHER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4
Tuesday, October 6, 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, Kate McCluskey and Board Member, J. Travis Smith. Pledge of allegiance led by Macady Kartchner.

Approval of the Agenda dated October 6, 2026

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the agenda as submitted.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of the Meeting Minutes dated September 17, 2026

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the meeting minutes as submitted.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Summary of Current Events & Activities

Superintendent Petersen advised:

- FCCLA Advisor and students presented to the Governing Board on recent travels to Nationals for multiple competitions
- Dr. Gary Sorensen-Performance Services update

Call to the Public

- N/A

Approval/Ratification of Financial Matters

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve/ratify payroll and expense vouchers dated (September 18, 2026 thru October 6, 2026).

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, 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:	Substitutes:	Quentin Larson, Alexis Payne, Lelia Oliver, Christine (Tina) McMaster
Transfers:		Bryany Morris/Transfer for Sub-Janitor to Janitor, Deliana Valencia/Transfer from Janitor to JDPS Instructional Aide
Certified:	Stipends:	Aubrey Larson/EOA Teacher, Heather Udall/THS Choir Concert Piano Accompanist
Resignations:		Deliana Valencia/Janitor

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of THS Soccer Fundraiser

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the THS Soccer Fundraiser.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Discussion by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

FY26 Annual Financial Report-TABLED-

Motion by Dr. Gary Sorensen to table the FY26 Annual Financial Report until October 15, 2026 @ 7:00 a.m.

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of THS Spanish Honor Society Chapter

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the THS Spanish Honor Society Chapter.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Discussion by Carlos Salas, Ryan Conrad, and Susan Hancock.

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

Information/Discussion of ASBA Policy Advisories 1065-1069—FIRST READING—

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 board meeting:

October 15, 2026 @ 7:00 a.m.

District Administrative Center
3490 West Main Street
Thatcher, Arizona 85552

Next regularly scheduled board meeting:

November 12, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.

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3490 West Main Street
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Dr. Gary Sorensen to adjourn at 5:53 p.m.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

Dr. Gary Sorensen, President

Dr. Debbie Chapman, Clerk