

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

Thursday, May 8, 2025 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 5:31 p.m. All board members are present. Pledge of allegiance led by Ashlee Griffith.

Approval of the Agenda dated May 8, 2025

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

Second Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of the Meeting Minutes dated April 10, 2025

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the meeting minutes from April 10, 2025 as submitted.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Summary of Current Events & Activities

Superintendent Petersen advises-

- Enrollment to date:
 - JDPS: 429 last year 437
 - TES: 545 last year 530
 - TMS: 263 last year 289
 - THS: 485 last year 486
 - EOA: 64 last year 61
 - Total: 1786 last year 1802
- School Counselor Annual Presentation
 - Sarah Skemp-Jack Daley Primary School
 - Kimberly Overall-Thatcher Elementary School
 - Jenny Bryce-Thatcher Middle School & Thatcher High School

Call to the Public

N/A

Approval/Ratification of Financial Matters

Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve/ratify payroll and expense vouchers dated (April 11, 2025 thru May 8, 2025).

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of Settlement Agreement & Mutual Release of All Claims with iWorkQ Systems, Inc.

Discussion by Superintendent Peterson as to history of agenda item.

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the Settlement Agreement & Mutual Release of All Claims with IWorkQ Systems, Inc.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

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

Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve staff changes as submitted.

Classified:	Kaylynn Simmons/Crossing Guard-Shipping & Receiving-Custodian, Katherine Johnson/Custodian, Heber Richins/Janitorial, Jaqueline Miller/Shipping & Receiving-Clerical, Carley Keith/ESY Inclusion Aide, Kye Sherwood/Part-Time Bus Driver
Transfers:	SY25/26 Anna Sherrow/transfer from TMS 8 th Grade Science to TMS Student Success Advisor, Katelyn Wright/transfer from JDPS Clerical Aide to Business Office Specialist-HR
Certified:	SY25/26 Michelle Sherman/TES 5 th Grade Teacher, SY25/26 Callista Tuttle/TMS SPED Teacher, SY25/26 Sherri Stradling/TMS ELA, SY25/26 Shelby Angle/JDPS 1 st Grade Teacher, SY25/26 Jenny Stevens/JDPS 1 st Grade Teacher, SY24/25 Bailey McCray/THS Special Education Teacher
Resignations:	Brianne Hoopes/TES 3 rd Grade Teacher, Ashtyn Ochoa/THS SPED Teacher, Camryn Costello/TMS Art-ELA Teacher, Mindy Griffin/Speed-E-Eagle Assistant, Samantha Palmer/TES Inclusion Aide, Alexis Ourada/TES Nest Aide, Emma Figueroa/TES Inclusion Aide, Tiana Medley/TES Inclusion Aide, Alma Estrada/JDPS Inclusion Aide, Addie Palmer/JDPS TK Inclusion Aide, Amora Baldwin/JDPS Inclusion Aide, Emily Chamberlain/JDPS Preschool Inclusion Aide, Carley Keith/JDPS Inclusion Aide, Rebekah Hunt/JDPS TK-Preschool Inclusion Aide
Terminations:	Jamee Payne/Business Office Specialist (Human Resources)
ESI-Participation:	Harry Goslin/THS Social Studies Teacher

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of THS Girls & Boys Basketball Fundraiser

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the THS girls' and boys' basketball camp fundraiser for July 7-9, 2025.

Second by J. Travis Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of Revised Expenditure Budget

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve the revised expenditure budget.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Discussion by J. Travis Smith & Superintendent Petersen.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

(Roll Call: Dr. Debbie Chapman-yes, Susan Hancock-yes, Kate McCluskey-yes, J. Travis Smith-yes, Dr. Gary Sorensen-yes)

Approval of Promoting TMS Dean of Students to TMS Assistant Principal SY24/25

Motion by J. Travis Smith to promote the TMS Dean of Students to TMS Assistant Principal SY24/25.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of ASBA Policy Advisories 809-818-SECOND READING

Motion by Dr. Debbie Chapman to approve and accept all ASBA policy advisories EXCEPT PA 809.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Discussion by Superintendent Petersen & J. Travis Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

~~Policy Advisory No. 809 Policy A~~

Policy Advisory No. 810 Policy AA

DELETED Exhibit AA-E

Policy Advisory No. 811 Policy ABA

Policy Advisory No. 812 Policy ABAA

Policy Advisory No. 813 Policy AC

Regulation AC-R

Exhibit AC-E

Policy Advisory No. 814 Policy ACA

Regulation ACA-R

Exhibit ACA-E

Policy Advisory No. 815 Policy ACAA

Regulation ACAA-R

Policy Advisory No. 816 **DELETED** Policy AD

Policy Advisory No. 817 Policy GBK

Policy Advisory No. 818 Policy JII

Exhibit ACA-E

Policy Advisory No. 815 Policy ACAA

Regulation ACAA-R

Policy Advisory No. 816 **DELETED** Policy AD

Policy Advisory No. 817 Policy GBK

Policy Advisory No. 818 Policy JII

~~District Mission and Belief Statement~~

School District Legal Status

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Community Involvement in Education

Parental Involvement

Nondiscrimination / Equal Opportunity

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Sexual Harassment

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Title IX Sex Discrimination

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Education Philosophy/School District Mission

Staff Grievances

Student Concerns, Complaints, and Grievances

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UPCOMING EVENTS/CALENDAR REVIEW/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next regularly scheduled board meeting:

June 12, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

District Administrative Center

3490 West Main Street

Thatcher, Arizona 85552

Baccalaureate:

May 11, 2025 @ 8:00 p.m.

EAC Fine Arts Auditorium

Thatcher High School Graduation:

May 16, 2025 @ 8:00 p.m.

EAC John Mickelson Field

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion by J. Travis Smith to adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

Second by Dr. Debbie Chapman.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

Dr. Gary Sorensen, President

Dr. Debbie Chapman, Clerk