

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

Thursday, October 15, 2026 7:00 a.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 7:00 a.m. All board members are present with the exception of Board Clerk, Dr. Debbie Chapman and Board Member, J. Travis Smith. Pledge of allegiance led by Dr. Gary Sorensen.

Approval of the Agenda dated October 15, 2026

Motion by Susan Hancock to approve the agenda as submitted.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Call to the Public

- N/A

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

Motion by Susan Hancock to approve staff changes as submitted.

Classified:		Blaine Wooten/Janitorial
Certified:	Stipends:	Maya Martinez/EAC Dual Enrollment-Business
Resignations:		Megan Carbajal/Custodian, Emily Alvarez/TES Inclusion Aide
Extra-Curricular:	Game Help:	Nathan Tanner Smith, Josiah Matagaono, Ayrton Ruiz, Leslie Locke, Levi Melser
	TMS Wrestling:	Cameron Mortensen/Coach
	TMS Baseball:	Tyrell Ajeman/Coach

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of THS Drama Club Fundraiser

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve the THS Drama Club Fundraiser.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of THS Basketball Fundraiser

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve the THS Basketball Fundraiser.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of FY26 Annual Financial Report

Motion by Dr. Gary Sorensen to approve the FY26 Annual Financial Report

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Discussion and clarification by Superintendent Petersen. Discussion by Susan Hancock, Clay Bowman, Kate McCluskey and Dr. Gary Sorensen.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

(Roll-Call Vote: Susan Hancock-Yes, Kate McCluskey-Yes, Dr. Gary Sorensen-Yes)

Approval of Out-of-State Travel-TMS Basketball to Silver City, NM on December 7, 2026

Motion by Susan Hancock to approve the TMS Basketball team to travel out-of-state to Silver City, NM on December 7, 2026.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Discussion by Kate McCluskey. Superintendent Petersen gave clarification.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS/CALENDAR REVIEW/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next regularly scheduled board meeting:

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

District Administrative Center

3490 West Main Street

Thatcher, Arizona 85552

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Dr. Gary Sorensen to adjourn at 7:18 a.m.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

Dr. Gary Sorensen, President

Dr. Debbie Chapman, Clerk