

# GOVERNING BOARD MEETING-THATCHER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, September 17, 2026 5:30 p.m.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

District Administrative Center, 3490 West Main Street, Thatcher, Arizona 85552

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the District Governing Board and to the general public that the Board will hold a meeting open to the public at the stated time and place above. Matters to be discussed, considered or decided by the Board are listed below. The Board may take action as appropriate. This agenda may be amended at any time prior to 24 hours before the meeting. Individuals with special accessibility needs may request reasonable accommodations by contacting the District Office at (928) 348-7201 or Governing Board Secretary Marie Peru, peru.marie@thatcherud.org.

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

**Dr. Debbie Chapman, Clerk**  
**Susan Hancock, Member**

**J. Travis Smith, Member**  
**Matt Petersen, Superintendent**

## AGENDA

### OPENING

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Agenda (action)

*The Board reserves the right to reschedule, delete, or rearrange items on the agenda to efficiently conduct its business. With the exception of restricted documents, a copy of agenda background material provided to Board members is available for public inspection at the District Administrative Center, 3490 West Main Street*

Approval of the Minutes of August 13, 2026

### SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES (information)

- FCCLA Presentation
- Superintendent Petersen

### CALL TO THE PUBLIC

*The Board will hear brief comments from the general public, staff and students, but cannot discuss to take action on matters not posted on the business agenda.*

### CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of routine, recurring matters (action)

Recommendation to approve/ratify financial matters:

Payroll and expense vouchers (August 14, 2026 thru September 17, 2026)

### EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

Approval of staff changes (\*Contingent on file clearance, as applicable) and departures (action)

|             |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Classified: | Instructional Aide: | Angelica Gasca/JDPS, Chandler Johnson/TMS ISS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|             | Inclusion Aide:     | Maryanne Moran/TMS, Raymond Landry/TES, Raeann Lee/TES, Emma Lamoreaux/TES, Katrina Whitmire/JDPS, Emily Alvarez Leon/TES                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|             | Substitutes:        | Taryn Summers, Allie Frost, Mary Tolin, Julia Fairbanks, Christian Holder, Benjamin Burk, Chandler Johnson, Lauren Miller Viste, Justin Fitzgerald, Kim Pierce, Drew Curley                                                                                                                                                             |
|             | Other:              | JayAnn Palmer/Substitute Nurse                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Transfers:  |                     | Cole Innes/Transfer from Full-Time Mechanic to Part-Time Mechanic, Laney Lamoreaux/Transfer from Inclusion Aide from TMS to JDPS                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Certified:  | Stipends:           | Leah Meehl/TMS Athletic Director, Heather Udall/TMS Vocal Music, Phil Oliver/TMS Student Council, Jenni Bryce/CTE Career Counselor, Kim Rhodes/CTE Career Tech                                                                                                                                                                          |
|             | Mentor Stipends:    | Cindy Hatch/JDPS, Shelby Angle/JDPS, Rosalina Clonts/JDPS, Jolee Gutierrez/JDPS, Kylee Nagy/TES, Lisa Hatch/TES, Jenna Gasca/TES, Stephany Apodaca/TES, Dana Jones, TES, Phil Oliver/TMS, Renee Ajeman/TMS, Dave Cluff/THS, Denise Hughes/THS, Melinda Terry/THS, Elaina Estrada/THS, Cindy Rickert/Design Team, Beth Green/Design Team |

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| Resignations:     |                 | Denise Budd/TES Inclusion Aide, Christyn Lee/TES Inclusion Aide, Sheri Thomas/JDPS Inclusion Aide, Cynthia Payne/JDPS Instructional Aide, Janae Jones/Spee-D-Eagle Assistant                                                                                                                                            |
| Extra-Curricular: | TMS X Cntry:    | Lindsey Nelson/Coach, Shawn Nelson/Volunteer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                   | TMS FBall:      | Ramon Morales/Coach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                   | THS Boys BBall: | Nick Elkins/JV Coach, Chad Smith/Froshman Coach, Russell Carter/Volunteer, Kenny Smith/Volunteer                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                   | THS FBall:      | Leo Christensen/Volunteer, Michael Carter/Volunteer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                   | THS Wrestling:  | Gabriel Jaurigue/Coach, Tracy Dodson/Volunteer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                   | THS Volleyball: | Maci Bloomfield/Volunteer, Olivia Lunt, Volunteer, Rachel Bingham/Volunteer, Shaka Seale/Volunteer, Ashtyn Ochoa/Volunteer, Macee Bingham/Volunteer                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                   | THS Band:       | Christopher Nidiffer/Volunteer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                   | Game Help:      | Quinton Youngker, Esther Romero, Angie Polley, Rebekah Pease, Alvin Summers, Randy Conrad, Melinda Terry, Nathan Smith, Brett Jones, Cody Jones, Brandon Udall, Chris Cook, Sam Gomez, Dakota Casillas, Leah Meehl, Marcia Lopeman, Stephen Walden, Kyle Hull, Dan Jones, Maya Martinez, Declan Carlton, Shaylee Hughes |
|                   | Trainers:       | Jory Gallegos, Eliza Wilson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

### **FUNDRAISERS**

It is recommended that the Governing Board approve the listed fundraising projects/events. (action)

- THS Band/Orchestra
- THS Choir
- THS National Honor Society
- TMS Choir & Theater

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Approval to Update Dual Enrollment IGA Addendum for 2026-2029 (action)
- Approval of ASBA Policy Advisories 1047-1064—**SECOND READING--** (action)  
Policy Advisory No. 1047 Policy BEDB—Agenda, Policy Advisory No. 1048 Policy CBA—Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent, Policy Advisory No. 1049 Policy DJ—Purchasing Ethics, Policy Advisory No. 1050 Policy DJE—Bidding/Purchasing Procedures, Policy Advisory No. 1051 Policy IHA — Basic Instructional Program, Policy Advisory No. 1052 Regulation IHB-R—Special Instructional Programs, Policy Advisory No. 1053 Regulation IKE-RB—Promotion and Retention of Students, Policy Advisory No. 1054 Policy IKF—Graduation Requirements, Policy Advisory No. 1055 NEW Regulation JF-R—Student Admissions, Policy Advisory No. 1056 NEW Regulation JFAA-R—Admission of Resident Students, Policy Advisory No. 1057 NEW Regulation JFAB-R—Tuition / Admission of Nonresident Students, Policy Advisory No. 1058 NEW Regulation JFABC-R—Admission of Transfer Students, Policy Advisory No. 1059 NEW Regulation JFABD-RB—Admission of Homeless Students, Policy Advisory No. 1060 NEW Regulation JFABDA-RB—Admission of Students in Foster Care, Policy Advisory No. 1061 NEW Regulation JFB-RB—Open Enrollment, Policy Advisory No. 1062 Policy JJAB—Limited Open/Closed Forum, Policy Advisory No. 1063 Regulation JR-R—Student Records, Policy Advisory No. 1064 Policy KFA—Public Conduct on School Property
- Information/Possible Discussion of SY 26/27 Employee, Student & Athletic Handbooks (information)

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

Next regularly scheduled board meeting: October 6, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.  
District Administrative Center  
3490 West Main Street  
Thatcher, AZ 85552

Graham-Greenlee County ASBA Workshop October 28, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Pima High School, Pima, Arizona

### **ADJOURNMENT (action)**