

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING-THATCHER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, April 7, 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 March 10, 2026 & Special Meeting-Work Study Minutes of March 24, 2026

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES (information)

Superintendent Matt 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 (March 11, 2026 thru April 7, 2026)

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

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

Classified:		Sharie Price/Bus Driver
Transfers:	SY 26/27	Bailey McCray/Transfer from THS SPED Teacher to JDPS SPED Teacher, Brandon Udall/Transfer from THS Math to THS English Teacher, Jessica Ajeman/Transfer from 6 th Grade Teacher to 5 th Grade Teacher, Tiffany Worley/Transfer from 3 rd Grade Teacher to 6 th Grade Teacher
Certified:	SY 26/27	Lindsey Nelson/TMS 8 th Grade SPED Teacher, Bailey Mattice/THS Dual Enrollment English Teacher, Bridgette Mennen/TES 6 th Grade Teacher, Emily Lockridge/TES 5 th Grade Teacher, Christina Robles/TES 3 rd Grade Teacher
Mentor Teachers Stipend:		Elaina Estrada, Ashley French, Morgan Matthews, Emily Curtis, Dave Cluff, Aviva Casetta, Jennifer Phillips, Phil Oliver, Kylee Nagy, Spencer Lamoreaux, Kevin Ruland, Chris Carrell, Lynaya Sanders, Megan Medina, Bailey Mattice
Mentor Specialists Stipend:		Cindy Rickert, Beth Green
New Teacher Training Stipend:		Daniel Smith, Jenny Stevens, Brandon Udall, Ruth Luster, Bailey McCray, Aubrianna Smith, Bridgette Mennen, Kasey Gibson, Sherri Clarkson, Johnathon Quintana, Amy Palmer, Tiffany Worley, Keri Yamnick

Resignations:		Teleysha Smith/TMS Choir-Art Teacher (effective 5/21/26), Johnathon Quintana/TES 5 th Grade Teacher (effective 5/21/26), Michelle Sherman/TES 5 th Grade Teacher (effective 5/21/26), Bethany Dixson/6 th Grade Teacher (effective 5/21/26)
Extra-Curricular:	Game Help:	McKay Kempton, Andrew Heinze, Nick Merritt, Scott Howard, Malayah Renteria
	TMS Softball:	Sadee Skousen/Volunteer
	THS Girls Tennis:	Britni Kartchner/Volunteer
	THS Spiritline:	Mandy Muenchow/Head Coach

FUNDRAISERS

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

- THS Football

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion/Possible Approval of 2% Salary Increase (action)
 - Certified Teaching Staff to include Educational Advancements
- Discussion/Possible Approval of Salary Schedules for SY26/27 (action)
 - Certified Salary Schedule
- Discussion/Possible Approval of ASBAIT Health Insurance Increase and Additional Employee Benefits (action)
 - District to cover 8% insurance increase for full-time employees
 - District contribution of \$2600.00 for employee HSA benefits
 - District contribution of \$2500.00 for employee insurance opt-out
- Approval General Statement of Assurances (Lower Tier Transactions) (action)
- Approval of IGA-EAC Dual Enrollment Courses for SY's 2026-2029 (action)
- Discussion/Possible Action of Postponement of Bond 2026 (action)
- Acceptance of FY25 Annual Audit Report (action) (roll-call vote)
- Approval of Open Enrollment Capacity for SY 26/27 (action)

UPCOMING EVENTS/CALENDAR REVIEW/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Closing Social:	May 8, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m. Thatcher High School Commons
Next regularly scheduled board meeting:	May 14, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m. District Administrative Center
Baccalaureate:	May 17, 2026 @ 8:00 p.m.
Diploma Presentation:	Dr. Gary Sorensen & Dr. Debbie Chapman
Graduation	May 22, 2026 @ 8:00 p.m. EAC John Mickelson Field

ADJOURNMENT (action)