

# GOVERNING BOARD MEETING-THATCHER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, January 8, 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](mailto: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

Election of Governing Board Officers (action)

- President
- Clerk

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 December 9, 2025

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

Superintendent Matt Petersen

- Governing Board Recognition

### 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 (December 10, 2025 thru January 8, 2026)

### EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

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

Classified: Inclusion Aides: Erica Crowther/JDPS, Paige Perea/JDPS, Lily Robbins/JDPS, Kasandra Dahl/TMS ISS, Katelyn Cardon/TMS, Alma Estrada/JDPS, Monique Rios/JDPS

Substitutes: Daniel Richardson, Mary Ellen Quinnan, Krystal Winn

Other: Breanne Kartchner/Janitorial, Kole Van Shaar/Janitorial

Resignations: KaSandra Morris/JDPS Inclusion Aide, Hayleigh Mitchell/TMS Inclusion Aide, Savanna Wahl/JDPS Inclusion Aide, Emma Bushman/Janitorial, Stephanie Nickle/JDPS Inclusion Aide

Extra-Curricular: Game Help: Avery Bingham, Desmond Andrews, Riley Woods

TMS Track: Megan Finch/Coach, Rachel Allen/Coach

TMS Softball: Savannah Solberg/Coach

**SY 26/27**  
**THS Volleyball:** Marcie Lopeman/Head Coach, Karli Layton/Coach, Cassidy Quinlan/Coach, Ellen Robertson/Volunteer

**SY 26/27**  
**THS X-Cntry:** Eric Haller/Head Coach, Tia Palmer/Assistant, Wesley Pena/Assistant

**SY 26/27**  
**THS Football:** Dan Jones/Head Coach, Russ Jones/Assistant, Ethan Estes/Assistant, Billy Farris/Assistant, Kody Taylor/Assistant, Michael Romney/Assistant, Will Shill/Volunteer, Cole Motes/Volunteer

## **FUNDRAISERS**

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

- THS Baseball
- THS Softball

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion/Information Bond Election November 2026 (information)
  - Thatcher taxes and surrounding areas
- Approval of 2026 Schedule of Regular Meeting Dates and Times (action)
- Annual Approval and Authorization, General Operating Procedures (action)
  - DG Banking Services
  - DK Payment Procedures
- Approval Sole Source Vendors (action)
- Approval Policy DGA Signatories (action)  
(Matt Petersen, Clay Bowman, Angie Adams)
- Approval Policy JJF Student Activities Fund (action)  
(Mary Lane as treasurer for student activity accounts)
- Authorization to Dispose of District General Fixed Assets (action)
- Approval of FY 26/27 Academic Calendar (action)
- Executive Session (*pursuant to A.R.S. §15-843(F)(2)(a)*): Discussion and/or Consideration of Appointing a Hearing Officer: Student Expulsion (action)
- Appointment of Hearing Officer: Student Expulsion (action)
- Executive Session (*pursuant to A.R.S. §15-843*): Discussion and/or Consideration of Student Expulsion (action)
- Disciplinary Matter: Student Expulsion (action)

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

Next regularly scheduled board meeting: February 12, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.  
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## **ADJOURNMENT (action)**