

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

Thursday, February 13, 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 Clerk Dr. Debbie Chapman at 5:30 p.m. All board members are present with the exception of Board President Dr. Gary Sorensen. Pledge of allegiance led by Board Member Kate McCluskey.

Approval of the Agenda dated February 13, 2025

Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve the agenda and minutes as submitted.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of the Minutes dated January 9, 2025

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve the minutes from January 9, 2025 as submitted.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Summary of Current Events & Activities

Superintendent Petersen advises-

- Enrollment to date:
 - JDPS: 428 last year 427
 - TES: 545 last year 535
 - TMS: 268 last year 294
 - THS: 488 last year 492
 - EOA: 63 last year 63
 - Total: 1792 last year 1816
- Current projects:
 - THS track, to begin on 04/21/25 and be completed by 6/25/25
 - Transportation road replacement-during Spring Break
 - Annual audit completed 02/12/25
 - Extended open enrollment to parents for SY25/26
 - Wrestling Club
 - Mental Health Cartwheels for rural Arizona

Call to the Public

- Sam Daley
- Van Green
- Michael Romney
- Kailee Bingham

Approval/Ratification of Financial Matters

Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve/ratify payroll and expense vouchers dated (January 10, 2025 thru February 13, 2025) & budget balance reports ending (January 31, 2025).

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

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

Motion by Susan Hancock to approve staff changes as submitted.

Classified:	Inclusion Aides:	Nicolette Golonka/JDPS Preschool, Addie Palmer/JDPS
	Other:	Megan Fillerup/Substitute Janitorial, Kassidy Bendall/Substitute Nurse, Brielle Bryce/Substitute Nurse, Ashley Smith/Part-Time Nurse, Tiffany Smith/Substitute
Resignations:		Kelly Montoya/JDPS Inclusion Aide
Extra-Curricular:	TMS Softball: 24/25	Sadee Skousen/Volunteer
	THS Softball: 24/25	Melinda Arbizo/Head Coach, Sara Bingham/Assistant Coach, Aneica Arbizo/Assistant Coach, Luke Arbizo/Volunteer
	THS Girls Tennis: 24/25	Colton Cook/Volunteer, Dallin Cook/Volunteer

Second by J. Travis Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Fundraiser-THS Skills USA

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve the THS Skills USA fundraiser.

Second by J. Travis Smith.

Discussion by J. Travis Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Fundraiser-THS Student Council

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve the THS student council fundraiser.

Second by J. Travis Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Fundraiser-THS Spiritline

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve the THS Spiritline fundraiser.

Second by J. Travis Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Fundraiser-THS Volleyball

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve the THS volleyball fundraiser.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of SY25/26 Academic Calendar

Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve the SY25/26 academic calendar.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Discussion by Susan Hancock and J. Travis Smith.

Voted, NOT PASSED.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Kate McCluskey)

(Nay: Susan Hancock, J. Travis Smith)

Approval of Education Technology Consortium Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve the Education Technology Consortium Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of Stipend for THS Girls Varsity Tennis Coach-Chris Cook

Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve the stipend for THS Girls Varsity Tennis Coach Chris Cook.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of New THS Tennis Assistant Position

Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve the new THS Tennis Assistant position.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of THS Tennis Assistants-Brandon Udall & Ashley Henrichsen

Motion Kate McCluskey to approve Brandon Udall and Ashley Henrichsen as THS Tennis Assistant's.

Second by J. Travis Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of Head Nurse Stipend

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve the stipend for head nurse.

Second by J. Travis Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of New Full-Time Bus Driver Position

Motion by Kate McCluskey to approve the new full-time bus driver position.

Second by J. Travis Smith.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

Approval of TMS Football Lights-Use of Donated Poles

Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve the purchase of new TMS poles (football lights).

Second by Susan Hancock.

Discussion by Superintendent Petersen and Governing Board.

Voted, passed.

(Ayes: Dr. Debbie Chapman, Susan Hancock, J. Travis Smith)

(Nay: Kate McCluskey)

Approval of ASBA Policy Advisory 808-SECOND READING-

- Policy Advisory No. 808---Regulation IHB-R Special Instructional Programs

Motion by J. Travis Smith to approve the ASBA policy advisory 808.

Second by Susan Hancock.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS/CALENDAR REVIEW/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next regularly scheduled board meeting:

March 13, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.
District Administrative Center
3490 West Main Street
Thatcher, Arizona 85552

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion by J. Travis Smith to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Second by Kate McCluskey.

Voted, passed, unanimous.

Dr. Gary Sorensen, President

Dr. Debbie Chapman, Clerk