

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING-THATCHER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, August 13, 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, Thatcher.

Approval of the Minutes of July 7, 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 (July 8, 2026 thru August 13, 2026)

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

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

Classified:	SY 26/27	Robin Rasmussen/Bus Driver, Fernando Castro/Bus Driver, Nancy Breon/Crossing Guard, Vanessa Waldron/Bus Driver
Inclusion Aides:		Kelsey Rolando/TES Laycee Kelly/TES, Mercedes Montoya/TES Katie Carpenter/JDPS, Raylynn Quiroz/JDPS, Macie Abraham/JDPS, Amanda Hatch/JDPS, Lois Kempton/TES, Laney Lamoreaux/TMS, Kendyl Barney/JDPS, Kaitlin Layton/JDPS, Susie Walters/THS, Margaret Ball/TMS, Casey Rogers/JDPS, Rebecca Norris/TES,
Instructional Aide:		Daniel Richardson/TES Instructional Aide
Janitorial:		Fernando Castro, Bryany Morris, Rickie Ruiz, Shane Harris, Deliana Valencia, Kristin Adams
Certified:	SY 26/27 Stipends:	Laura Griffith/Vocal Music, Tye Stewart/Athletic Director, Cindy Rickert/Cognia Accreditation, Melinda Terry/THS Knowledge Bowl, Daniel Smith/Yearbook, Chris Cook/HOSA-CTSO, Dave Cluff/FCCLA CTSO, Tracy Dodson/Skills USA CTSO, Maya Martinez/FBLA CTSO, Chris Cook/Student Council, Aubrey Larson/Student Council, Harry Goslin/Dual Enrollment, Chris Cook/Dual Enrollment, Callie Ruiz/Dual Enrollment, Melinda Terry/Dual Enrollment, Carlos Salas/Dual Enrollment, Jenni Bryce/Dual Enrollment, Alexis Glazier/IEP Stipend, Stacy Morris/IEP Stipend, Bailey McCray/IEP Stipend, Keri Yamnik/IEP Stipend, Dana Jones/IEP Stipend, Shannon Rapier/IEP Stipend, Amy Palmer/IEP Stipend, Lynaya Sanders/IEP Stipend, Lindsey Nelson/IEP Stipend, Sarah Porter/IEP Stipend, Morgan Matthews/IEP Stipend, Ashley

		French/IEP Stipend, Layla Fox/GATE Advisor, Dave Cluff/THS CTE Director, Angie Adams/EOA CTE Director, Heather Allred/District Head Nurse, Kasey Gibson/TMS Knowledge Bowl
Substitutes:	SY 26/27	Melissa Derry, Nathan Palmer, Martha Cano, Cynthia Pando
Resignations:		Kasandra Dahl/TMS ISS Aide, Natalyn Rogers/TES Inclusion Aide, Amie Browning/TES Inclusion Aide, Noah Beecroft/Janitorial, Elwyn Lash/Janitorial, Kimberly Mattice/Janitorial, Maya Martinez/Janitorial, Jaden Crookston/Janitorial, Candace DeLeon/Janitorial, Megan Fillerup/Janitorial, Shaycee Garcia/Janitorial, Emma Lamoreaux/Crosswalk, Tiffany Spitzer/TMS Inclusion Aide, Heber Richins/Janitorial, Harmony Fairchild/JDPS Inclusion Aide, Ivy Jarosz/JDPS Instructional Aide
Extra-Curricular:	SY 26/27 THS V-Ball:	Brandon Lunt/JV Coach
	SY 26/27 Game Help:	Duane Despain, CJ Gonzales, Emma Meehl, Michael Penrod, Dustyn Brown, Nick Orr, Brooks Knight, Kylee Nagy, Chad Smith, Kenny Smith, Kyle Hull, Harold Quinonez, Elaina Estrada, Phil Oliver, Spencer Lamoreaux, Avery Bingham, Kelsey Peru, Vincent Peru
	SY26/27 TMS V-Ball:	Rachel Norton/Volunteer
	Other:	Steve Orme/Trainer
ESI-Participation:		Matthew Petersen

FUNDRAISERS

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

- TES Fundraisers
 - Student/Adult T-Shirt Fundraiser- “Small Town, Big Pride”
 - Penguin Patch Fundraiser-discounted holiday shop
 - Fall & Spring Book Fairs
 - Love of Reading Week-small concessions during recess
- THS Fundraiser
 - THS Spirit Line-Cheer Clinic

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of SY 26-27 Performance Pay Distribution Plan (action)
 - Certified Teacher’s
 - Counselor’s
- Approval of SY 26-27 Professional Growth Plan (action)
 - Certified Teacher’s
 - Counselor’s
 - Administration
- Approval of Curriculum (action)
- Approval Qualified Teacher Evaluators (action)
 - Matt Petersen, Angie Adams, Ashlee Griffin, Lin Gifford, Anthony Vincent, Jessica Medlin, Ryan Conrad, Tye Stewart, Leah Meehl
- Approval of Delegate ASBA Assembly (action)
- Approval of Donation from “Hungry for Music” of Multiple Orchestra Instrument’s (action)
- Approval of THS Sports Passes for 2026-2027 (action)

- Approval of THS Band to Travel Out of State September 19, 2026 to Las Cruces, NM for Battle of the Americas (action)
- SY 26/27 Employee, Student & Athletic Handbooks (information)
- Information/Discussion of ASBA Policy Advisories 1047-1064—**FIRST READING--** (information)
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

UPCOMING EVENTS/CALENDAR REVIEW/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next regularly scheduled board meeting:

September 10, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.
District Administrative Center
3490 West Main Street
Thatcher, Arizona

ADJOURNMENT (action)