

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
ROOM #32  
May 14, 2019**

Tuesday, May 14, 2019  
Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.  
Public Session: 7:00 p.m.

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**The Chatom Union School Board of Trustees welcomes you** to its meetings which are regularly scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month. Your interest is encouraged and appreciated. There are two procedures for public comment. They are:

Commenting on Items Not on the Agenda

California law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter which is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an emergency by the Board of Trustees. The audience may comment on items that are not on the agenda during the Public Comments section, only. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes maximum.

Commenting on Agenda Items

Procedures

1. Prior to the meeting, fill out a 3x5 agenda comment card. Wait for the Item to be announced.
2. Item Announced
3. Board Motion/ Second
4. Public Comment (3 minute maximum)
5. Close of Public Comments
6. Board Discussion
7. Board Vote

**Consent Calendar**

Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and are acted on by the Board of Trustees in one motion. There is no discussion of these items before the vote unless a Board member, staff or public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar. It is understood that the administration recommends approval on all Consent Items. Each item approved by the Board shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.)

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**6:10p.m.**

- 1.1 Roll Call  
Anthony Avila \_X\_, Steve Soderstrom \_AB\_,  
Ryan Blount \_X\_, Karen Macedo \_X\_, Rob Santos\_AB\_
- 1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items
- 1.3 Adjourn to Closed Session  
6:10p.m.

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Ryan Blount

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

## **2. CLOSED SESSION**

*Disclosure of Items Discussed in Closed Session (Gov. Code 54947.7)*

### 2.1 Public Employee Appointment

(Gov. Code 54957 and 54954.5 (e))

2.1.1 Family Literacy Coordinator

2.1.2 Technical Support (Minimum of 15 hours a week)

### 2.2 Public Employees Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-re-election/Leaves of Absence/Resignation/Retirements And Resolution Regarding Reduction or Discontinuance of Source (Gov. Code 44949 (e) and Gov. Code 44955)

### 2.3 Negotiations

### 2.4 Adjournment Back to Public Session

## **3. OPEN SESSION: CALL TO ORDER**

**7:02p.m.**

### 3.1 Roll Call

Anthony Avila \_X\_, Steve Soderstrom \_X\_,  
Ryan Blount \_X\_, Karen Macedo \_X\_, Rob Santos AB\_

### 3.2 Flag Salute

The flag salute was led by Board President, Anthony Avila.

### 3.3 Report from Closed Session

Public Employee Appointment

- Family Literacy Coordinator- Lisa Bos-Pineiro
- Technical Support (Minimum of 15 hours a week) - Daniel Jimenez-Soto

### 3.4 Approval of Agenda

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Karen Macedo

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

## **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### 4.1 Board Minutes

### 4.2 Fiscal Services – Warrants/Payroll

### 4.3 Declaration of Obsolete Items

### 4.4 Collection of Developer Fees (if any)

4.5 Agreement with Stanislaus County Office of Education for Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) Services

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Karen Macedo

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATION**

5.1 Donation of \$500 by Genevieve Lucas in Memory of Charles Polston for Books to Support Student Reading

Mrs. Olvera recognized Chatom's Food Service Director, Genevieve Lucas, for her donation, of \$500 on behalf of her father for books to support student reading. Mrs. Lucas received a certificate of appreciation.

5.2 Chatom Elementary Science Olympiad 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades Coached by Kristen Santos

- Third Place "Catapult"
  - Levi Cook
  - Levi Lewis
- First Place "Orienteering"
  - Jake Gioletti
  - Erik Petersen

Mrs. Santos was publicly thanked and recognized with a certificate of appreciation for her time and dedication in coaching the Science Olympiad every year.

Each award recipient took home a medal from the Science Olympiad and received a certificate of achievement on behalf of the District. Mrs. Olvera asked the award winners to share their experience and describe what their experiments were all about. The students spoke about their teamwork and what their science project consisted of and how it worked. Some of the students have been participating in the Olympiad since 4<sup>th</sup> grade and they will continue to participate going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Mrs. Rowley expressed how well they did during the competition and how dedicated they were in building their experiments together.

5.3 2018-19 Staff Recognition

- Stanislaus County Employees Making a Difference Award – Kathy King  
Mrs. King was awarded a plaque to recognize her as the Employees Making a Difference for both Stanislaus County and at Chatom Union. Mrs. King also won the

Jane Johnston Award that is given once a year to one nominated person from the Employees Making a Difference. Mrs. Olvera shared that Kathy is a fabulous employee that goes above and beyond for the students at Preschool. Mrs. King has 16 years of service with the District.

- Classified Employee of the Year – Lucinda Aguiar  
Food Services employee, Lucinda Aguiar, from Mt. View received the award for classified employee of the year. Mrs. Olvera described her as a “one women wonder”. She diligently takes care of the students and staff daily with her positive attitude and genuine care. Mrs. Aguiar has worked in the District for 24 years.
- Teacher of the Year – Sharon Ostrander  
Mrs. Olvera presented Chatom’s First grade teacher, Mrs. Ostrander the Teacher of the Year award. She shared with the Board that Mrs. Ostrander is a special teacher and individual. She has a great rapport with students and parents. Her classroom is welcoming and reflects all of the learning that has occurred throughout the year. Mrs. Ostrander began in the District in 1994.

Certificated Teacher Association President and Mt. View Teacher, Laura Nance, spoke to the Board about current negotiations and mediation between CTA and Chatom USD. She commented that as the current year is closing the teachers are continuing to work hard do their jobs. As of the Board meeting night there are twelve days of school remaining with yet no settlement for the negotiating years for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. She shared that the teachers will be effected by an increase of costs in benefits while the District cap may remain the same. She shared that some colleague’s gross salary decreases due to having to pay their portion of benefits. She expressed that she hopes to reach a settlement during mediation in the scheduled week.

## **6. INFORMATION**

- 6.1 Calendar of Events
- 6.2 Board Financial Summary Report  
Business Manager, Kelly Machado reviewed the fund balance summary and explained the cafeteria fund loan and its current status.
- 6.3 Communication from Stanislaus County Office of Education Regarding the Second Interim Report for Fiscal Year

2018-2019

The Business Manager highlighted key notes from the letter received from the County Office to the Board. She explained a correction on an error that was stated in the letter regarding the enrollment and ADA. The County received and reviewed the audit report for the 2017-2018 school year and are happy to report the great job the District did on a clean audit.

6.4 Program Reports:

## Chatom Elementary School

Mrs. Rowley reported about lend-a-hand workday formerly known last year as “Love Turlock”. The event invites the community to come out to volunteer in finishing up minor projects around the school campuses. She stated that Chatom staff is focusing on the end-of-year activities as the school year comes to a close.

## Mt. View Middle School

Mr. Lewis shared that it is a busy time of year at Mt. View. There are a lot of activities currently happening. He let the staff know that they are very appreciated and it is a great feeling to go to work with the group of people that he has. He reported that the Student Body had recently hosted game night with more than 50 students in attendance. Students were able to play games indoor and outdoor and enjoy music as well as food. On May 7<sup>th</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup> graders took a field trip to the Levi’s Stadium in Santa Clara to attend the STEAM program that they offer. The students and staff that attended took a tour around the stadium including the VIP section, locker room, museum and the Hall of Fame. They participated in an engineering, art, science, technology and physics lesson. On May 10<sup>th</sup> the 7<sup>th</sup> graders participated in Renaissance Day that took place at Mt. View. The Renaissance program comes with activities for the students such as; arts, crafts, basket weaving, presenters that are dressed in character and even a falconer. The students really enjoy it and are engaged in the day’s activities. Mr. Lewis reported that some students will be going on a field trip to UC Merced to tour the campus in May. He invited the Board and public to attend Open House on May 15<sup>th</sup> to see student work and projects. Transition day will take place on May 17<sup>th</sup>. That day Chatom 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are taken to Mt. View to visit the campus and are guided by the current 6<sup>th</sup> graders. A few students along with staff and

chaperones will be partaking in the annual trip to Washington and New York in early June. Fundraising for the 2019-2020 group will be starting this summer with a Farmers Den dinner and the fireworks stand. There are a few students and parents currently signed up to attend next year.

#### Chatom State Preschool

Mrs. Nunes reported that on the last month of May both morning and afternoon classes are full. The morning class is projected to be full with 24 students pre-registered for the next school year and the afternoon class with 18 students pre-registered. Mrs. Nunes shared that the students recently got a chance to tour the transportation department and go over bus rules with the Transportation Director, Dora Delgadillo. The last week of school is also filled with many activities for both the students and parents to attend.

#### Chatom Union School District

Mrs. Olvera reported on the current enrollment for the District. As of May 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment for both campuses is 598. She shared that E-rate grant funding was submitted in February. In April the District was notified that it was awarded up to \$62,555.79 that could be used towards the Pacific Bell Telephone Services for all school sites and SCOE Internet Service/Transmissions. She updated the Board on the Behavior Health Consultation grant. A meeting with the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services was scheduled on April 30<sup>th</sup> but due to schedule conflict that included mediation on that day, the meeting was cancelled. We are waiting to reschedule for a different date to review the grant award for the 2019-2020 school year. She also informed the Board that the construction in the Cafeteria will resume and finish after the last day of school on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Olvera has been in constant contact with the insurance personnel. Marketing post cards similar to the ones the Chatom Preschool sent out earlier this year will be sent out to our neighboring communities to share that we are accepting enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. The District is in the process of talking about a design for one-way fencing at Mt. View. Staff input, law enforcement and the fire department will be considered to discuss the design and logistics. A re-design of the front of the Chatom campus would also be a possibility. The lighting project from Prop39

went into effect a few years ago and we are still working on replacing a few lights.

**7. ACTION**

7.1 Consider Approval of Board Policy 3230 and Administrative Regulation 3230 Regarding Federal Grant Funds

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Ryan Blount

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

7.2 Consider Approval of Paint Bid for Chatom Elementary

The Board approved Lancaster Painting for the painting project at Chatom Elementary and Chatom State Preschool

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Karen Macedo

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

Steve Soderstrom volunteered to speak at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> with the Welcome Speech.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**8:11p.m.**

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Karen Macedo

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0