

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROOM #32 with Social Distancing Applied and Zoom Platform
DECEMBER 8, 2020**

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Closed Session: 6:30 PM

Open Session: 7:00 PM

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Commenting on Items Not on the Agenda

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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

- 1.1 Roll Call
Steve Soderstrom _X_, Karen Macedo _X_,
Anthony Avila _X_, Ryan Blount _AB_, Rob Santos _X_
- 1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items
- 1.3 Adjourn to Closed Session

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))
- 2.2 Public Employees Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-re-election/Leaves of Absence/Resignation/Job Share
(Gov. Code 54954.5 (e) and Gov. Code 54957)
- 2.3 Negotiations
- 2.4 Possible Litigation Update
- 2.5 Adjournment Back to Public Session

2. OPEN SESSION: CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by President Steve Soderstrom

- 3.1 Roll Call
Steve Soderstrom X, Karen Macedo X,
Anthony Avila X, Ryan Blount AB, Rob Santos X
- 3.2 Flag Salute
The flag salute was led by Board President, Steve Soderstrom
- 3.3 Report from Closed Session
The Board accepted the retirement of employee #12-08-20-01.
Steve expressed his appreciation for their hard work and all the
time they've spent at Chatom.
- 3.4 Approval of Agenda
APPROVED
Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Anthony Avila
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 Consider Approval of Renewal of School Services of California Contract
APPROVED
Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Rob Santos
Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION

5.1 Public Recognition

5.1.1 Community Support and Donations

- Thank you card from Chatom Elementary Room #3 to the Board
- Turlock Sunrise Rotary Club- Annual donation of dictionaries for 3rd grade
- Local Warriors Club - Shopping trip for students in need at Mountain View and Chatom Elementary
- Westside Ministries – Coat and clothing donation for students in need at Chatom Elementary and Mountain View
- Mitchell Community Church - “Angel Tree” gifts for up to 23 students from Chatom Elementary and Mountain View
- Kiwanis Club – Shopping trip for three families (10 children)
- Richard and Tanya Haley – Complete Thanksgiving dinners were donated to two Chatom and Mountain View families
- Gity Miller – Four bicycles donated to Chatom students

The list reflects donations received as of December 2, 2020. It does not include donations made after December 2nd or donations received from anonymous donors.

The Chatom Union School District is very fortunate to have many organizations and community partnerships to support our staff and students. We appreciate all their support and thank all our donors including those who may not be listed.

Cherise shared the ‘Thank You’ card that was sent to the Board from Ms. Haile’s class, room #3. Karen thanked Ms. Haile and told her it was nice to see the card in with the board packet.

Cherise also shared with the Board all the wonderful donations that have come from the community to our children and their families. Cherise notified the Board that we would be sending out thank you letters for all the donations. Cherise shared the thank you letters, and a copy was also included in the board packet.

6. INFORMATION

6.1 Calendar of Events

6.2 Board Financial Summary Report

Veronica reported on positive ending balances.

6.3 Program Reports

- Chatom Elementary School

Mrs. Cruz reported on the upcoming virtual Christmas Program. The program this year is, Christmas Through the Decades. Classes will dress up and sing songs based on their assigned decades. TK and Kindergartners will be 1950's, 1st will be 1960's, 2nd will be 1970's, 3rd will be 1980's, 4th will be 1990's, and 5th will be 2000's. The program will be released on Christmas Eve so that the children can enjoy watching it from home with their families.

She shared that this month's character trait focus is "Integrity", and students are rewarded with their green and gold cards for showing this trait. She also shared that the student of the month is being presented virtually until they are able to resume their traditional assemblies. She reported that for the month of November the focus was kindness, and Mrs. Salas's fourth grade class has been working on a book titled, "Room 13's Ways to be Kind". This book includes illustrations and writings by the students of their favorite ways to spread kindness and will be available this month for purchase. Mrs. Cruz ended by commending classified and certificated staff on working hard and focusing on getting back to full capacity 5 day in person learning.

- Mt. View Middle School

Mr. Lewis shared that he and his staff are preparing for their 5 day a week reopening on January 19, 2021. They are in the process of making adjustments to the pick-up and drop-off schedules and looking to stagger the schedules to help prevent traffic congestion. He announced there will be picture retakes on December 14th and 15th for students that missed pictures at the beginning of the school year. He also shared that Student Body is working on putting together a virtual party in attempt to show school spirit and motivate students. They also approved the purchase of a TV system that would be placed in the gymnasium. They hope to use this TV as a way of getting to know fellow students, and hope to use it to show pictures of trophies that are not currently displayed. Mr. Lewis also gave an update on the graduation status. He reported that 30-31 students are currently not on track to graduate. He is hoping that the number will drop and is looking for different ways to motivate students and get them back on track. Mr. Lewis is

looking into a credit recovery project or a packet. Mr. Lewis shared that the students are just not submitting any work. Karen Macedo asked how many students are currently in the 8th grade class, he answered there are 76. Of those 76, there are 33 that are struggling. Karen also asked if there are any consequences of not graduating for those students, and Mr. Lewis answered that usually they would not be a part of the end of year celebrations, such as dances, field trips or any other festivities. Anthony Avila asked Mr. Lewis how the other grades were doing, and Mr. Lewis's answer was that they are all struggling across the board. He also shared that he has received the same feedback from other schools.

- Chatom State Preschool

Mrs. Nunes reported that the Preschool continues to be full. She shared that two students had moved to distance learning, but both spots had already been filled. She shared that there are about 6 students out of 10 that are attending regularly. She shared that parents are very good about communicating with her and reporting any illnesses or symptoms for the students or any of their siblings. She notified the Board that on December 16, 2020, there will be a bag pick up with Santa Claus present to help distribute packets and will be gifting one gift per child.

- Chatom Union School District

Mrs. Olvera shared that as of December 1, 2020, the District's total enrollment was 579. Mrs. Olvera also reported on COVID-19 cases. She shared that we are allowed to continue with students and the current schedule the way it is unless there is an increase in numbers or patterns. She shared that Nancy Souza, school nurse, is doing a good job tracking and tracing all cases.

She also shared that the District's dates for reopening are currently January 4th, and January 19th. Before opening, we would need to make sure it is safe and allowable under the latest Governor's Stay-At-Home Order released on December 3, 2020.

Mrs. Olvera shared that there was an inspection that was done by the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department and the report was included in the board packet. The Stanislaus County Security Assessment Report included the following recommendations: COVID-19 security fence, security cameras, replacing the front window to include ballistic/impact resistant material, additional lockdown security door, anticlimb fencing around gym room access, and increase sight lines around landscaping. Cherise has

already met with Heath Wool, Chatom maintenance/custodian, to share these recommendations with him. Mrs. Olvera also shared that the COVID-19 security fence is being worked on and shared that the design has been altered to have a gate to swing open and close in order to conduct a full lockdown. Mrs. Olvera happily announced that Isela Rosales was chosen to represent Chatom USD in the Stanislaus County, Employees Making a Difference. Isela has been working for Chatom USD since 2002 and was nominated as part of the Transportation category. She also shared what a great team player Isela has been by helping in so many areas during the COVID-19 pandemic.

7. ACTION

7.1 Consider Approval of Revised Classified Salary Changes Effective January 1, 2021 to Reflect New California Minimum Wage

Mrs. Olvera shared that the minimum wage increase has occurred for the past couple of years and is again going up. As of January 1, 2021, minimum wage will be going up to \$14.00 per hour. She has been working closely with Union President, Bernadette Cruz and they have agreed that steps 1, 2 and 3 of the classified salary schedule for Yard Duty/Cafeteria Supervisor, will all be adjusted to \$14.00 each.

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Rob Santos

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

7.2 Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between Local Educational Agencies (LEA) of the Stanislaus County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)

The Board approved the MOU between the Local Educational Agencies (LEA) of the Stanislaus County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

7.3 Consider Approval of LCFF Budget Overview for Parents

Veronica reported on amounts of funds we are expecting to receive and shared the amounts that were for LCAP/ Learning Continuity Plan.

The board approved the LCFF Budget Overview for Parents.

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Anthony Avila

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

7.4 Consider Approval of 2020 - 2021 First Interim Report

Veronica reported on 2020-2021 First Interim Report. She reported that enrollment is up from what was originally estimated but suggested the District should still proceed with caution. She reported that the District is projecting a 0% COLA. Some of the questions from the board members: Karen Macedo asked if the District was on track for spending any money that had deadlines to spend, and Veronica did respond that we were on track with funds that have deadlines.

Steve Soderstrom asked if Special Education was part of the 'Services' money that has a total of \$1,473.788 in the 2020/21 1st Interim Budget total, and Veronica did confirm that Special Education is part of that total.

Rob Santos asked about possibly having a budget workshop at the start of spring, Cherise agreed that would be a good time to schedule that because it would be around the time the new budget would be available.

The Board approved the 1st Interim Budget
APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Anthony Avila

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8.1 Transportation

8.2 Religious Release

8.3 Child Care – After School Programs

8.1-8.3 Items will be tabled due to the Stay-At-Home Order

8.4 Special Board Meeting December 15 or December 18

The Board members agreed to hold the Special Board Meeting on December 15, 2020, at 6:00 PM.

Karen Macedo asked to have the school reopening on the December 15th Board Meeting as an information item.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Time: 8:08 PM

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Rob Santos

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0