

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Chatom Cafeteria or Outdoor Alternative by Room 37 Weather  
Permitting and Zoom Platform  
August 10, 2021**

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

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.

**The District welcomes Spanish and other language speakers** to Board meetings. Anyone planning to attend and needing an interpreter should call (209) 664-8505, 24 hours in advance of the meeting, so arrangements can be made for an interpreter. *El Distrito da la bienvenida a las personas que hablan español a las juntas de la Mesa Directiva. Si planea asistir y necesita interpretación llame al (209) 664-8505, 24 horas antes de la junta, para poder hacer arreglos de interpretación.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Time: 6:14p.m.**

1.1 Roll Call

Steve Soderstrom \_X\_, Karen Macedo \_X\_

Anthony Avila \_X\_ Ryan Blount \_AB\_, Rob Santos \_AB\_

1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

- 1.3 Adjourn to Closed Session  
APPROVED  
Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo  
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  
2.1.1 Food Service III  
2.1.2 Business Assistant  
2.1.3 Food Service II  
2.1.4 .75 Yard/ Cafeteria Supervisor
- 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)  
2.2.1 Resignation of Employee #08-10-21-01
- 2.3 Negotiations
- 2.4 Superintendent Evaluation
- 2.5 Adjournment Back to Public Session

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

- 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  
Public Employee Appointment
  - Food Service III – Debbie Costa
  - Business Assistant – Genevieve Lucas
  - Food Service II - Pending
  - .75 Yard/ Cafeteria Supervisor – Lucia DaSilva
  - The Board Approved the Resignation of Employee #08-10-21-01
- 3.4 Approval of Agenda  
APPROVED  
Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Rob Santos  
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 Consider Renewal of JSWWC Water & Wastewater Management
- 4.5 Collection of Developer Fees

Approval of Consent Calendar

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

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

On behalf of the entire Board, Board President, Steve Soderstrom acknowledged Chatom District Superintendent, Cherise Olvera for her 20 years of service to the District. Mrs. Olvera thanked the Board and shared that she is happy to have been a part of the District through its changes over the years. She was a part of Mt. View's cafeteria/gymnasium construction, other repairs and technology advancements and implementation. She started out in the Chatom School District as the Chatom Elementary Principal, moved to Mountain View as a Principal and then became the Superintendent of the District. She is grateful for the wonderful support she has received and for the opportunity to work alongside a great staff. She also reported that it was an honor to acknowledge other staff members that have worked in the District for ten plus years during the welcome back luncheon on Monday.

Community parents commented on the statewide mandate on the use of masks for children in K-12 grade. They asked if the district plans to enforce the mandate on Chatom students. A parent asked if there are exemptions to students with medical conditions and what the mask use looks like throughout the school day for the students. Mrs. Olvera explained that medical exemptions are allowable under the current CDPH guidance. Students would be wearing masks while in the classroom, but masks will be optional during recess, physical education, and all other outdoor activities. A parent also asked, since the students are fully back in school, that the flag salute be imposed every morning and that Board meetings be sent out as a reminder to parents on ParentSquare. A community parent

thanked the staff, teachers, and everyone involved in opening the school last year. She read an article from the Wall Street Journal pertaining to research suggesting why children should not be wearing masks indoors. She also reviewed the scientific data provided on why masks don't work, from the same article.

## **6. INFORMATION**

### 6.1 Calendar of Events

### 6.2 Board Financial Summary Report

Business Manager, Kelly Machado reported on the cash balances from prior year that have not yet been transferred over to the new year. She is pending the end balance for the 2020-2021 school year and beginning balance for the 2021-2022 new year.

### 6.3 Program Reports:

#### Chatom Elementary School

Chatom Principal, Mrs. Cruz, reported that August 11<sup>th</sup> is the first day of school for Chatom Elementary. She shared that she is very excited to welcome students back. Teachers took photos and made videos to welcome students back. The video was shared on Chatom's social media and the District's website. This year the parents are allowed to park their vehicles and walk their children to the front of the office for drop off. Mrs. Cruz is excited to continue down the path to full normalcy.

#### Mt. View Middle School

Mt. View Principal, Mr. Lewis, shared that he is excited to be fully back in person and able to start the school year with students and staff on campus. Round up recently concluded and was a great turn out. Round up was held in the late afternoon, early evening with an estimated 191 returning and new students enrolled at Mt. View. Mr. Lewis reported that the sport seasons are being tentatively planned for the year.

#### Chatom State Preschool

Preschool Director, Mrs. Nunes, shared that preschool staff returns well before the first day of the program to review any new implementations and set up the classroom. She reported that the morning class is full and the afternoon class has 5 openings. She informed the Board of the summer projects that occurred that included the indoor painting of the preschool and installation of a security camera placed at the door. Preschool orientation will be held outdoors on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> for parents only. August 18 is the first day of Chatom Preschool.

#### Chatom Union School District

Mrs. Olvera also shared the excitement of having both students and staff fully back to school for in-person learning. She reviewed the projects that were completed over the summer and the safety procedure and protocol guidance that the District is currently following. She shared that the asphalt on the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade playground was redone and new physical education activities were added. Transportation and C.A.R.E are returning fully and will be providing services to our District. Volunteers can return upon scheduling time with their teacher, getting their fingerprints cleared, TB cleared and a COVID health prescreen. With these new changes, the District is heading towards full normalcy. Mrs. Olvera also shared that the District hosted a welcome back lunch where we celebrated new and returning staff. She gave an update on staff internal movement that occurred over the summer break and new staff members that were appointed. The District also celebrated all the employees that received a service pin for their years of service to the District. Before lunch all staff members attended mandated trainings that were given by Terri Prichard, Safety Specialist. After lunch, staff members attended site level meetings and Round-up at Mountain View. Mrs. Olvera recognized Alex Salas who directed the summer school program. The summer school program focused on S.T.E.M this year. It was a fun and exciting experience for students. Students and teachers showed their engineering and creative skills. Mrs. Olvera showed the Board some of the fun items that students designed and created. She gave a COVID-19 funding update on CARES funding, PPE funding, learning loss mitigation funds, and facility updates that the District is submitting for approval. She reported that the District qualified for COVID improvements on one bathroom at Mt. View for greater ventilation and sanitation.

- 6.4 District Information Posted on the Chatom Website:  
 Revised Parent Rights and Responsibilities  
 Revised District Basic Commitment (DBC) Handbook  
 Revised Staff Handbook  
 Revised COVID-19 Prevention Plan

## 7. ACTION

- 7.1 Consider Approval of Revised Business Assistant Job Description  
APPROVED  
Motion: Rob Santos Second: Anthony Avila  
Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 7.2 Consider Approval of Revised Signatures of Board Members and Authorized Agents and Revolving Cash Funds  
APPROVED  
Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo  
Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 7.3 Consider Approval of New Food Service Classification, Duties and Revised Hours  
APPROVED  
Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Rob Santos  
Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 7.4 Consider Approval of Resolution #08-10-21-01 Regarding Authorization to Reduce Classified Staff  
APPROVED  
Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Rob Santos  
Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 7.5 Consider Approval of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158 Regarding Independent Study  
APPROVED  
Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Anthony Avila  
Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 7.6 Consider Optional Student Testing with Parent Consent for Use of Modified Quarantine Guidance to Help Students Remain at School  
This item is to provide options to families that consent to getting tested for quarantine process.  
APPROVED  
Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo  
Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 7.7 Consider Possible Letter to CDPH Requesting that CDPH Allow Districts to Work with Local County Public Health Officials to Implement COVID-19 Mitigation Measures  
APPROVED  
Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo  
Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 7.8 Consider Approval of Consolidated Application Report for 2021-2022 Funding  
APPROVED  
Motion: Rob Santos Second: Anthony Avila

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time: 7:42p.m.**

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0