

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Chatom Cafeteria or Outdoor Alternative by Cafeteria Weather Permitting  
and Zoom Platform  
October 12, 2021**

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.

Public Session: 6:30 p.m.

(Public can obtain access to the Zoom meeting by contacting the District Office at 209-664-8505)

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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**

**Time: 6:16p.m.**

1.1 Roll Call

Steve Soderstrom X, Karen Macedo AB

Anthony Avila AB Ryan Blount X, Rob Santos X

1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

1.3 Adjourn to Closed Session

APPROVED

Motion: Ryan Blount Second: Rob Santos

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 Boys Soccer Coach

2.1.2 Girls Basketball Assistant Coach

2.1.3 Home Hospital Teacher

2.1.4 G.A.T.E. Coordinator

2.1.5 Family Literacy Coordinator

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**

**Time: 6:43p.m.**

3.1 Roll Call

Steve Soderstrom X, Karen Macedo AB

Anthony Avila AB Ryan Blount X, 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

- Boys Soccer Coach- Nicolas Romeo
- Girls Basketball Assistant Coach- Elizabeth Borreli
- Home Hospital Teacher- Theresa Carrol
- G.A.T.E. Coordinator- Alex Salas
- Family Literacy Coordinator- Eloisa Dompe/  
Alejandra Moran Barajas

The Board gave the Superintendent authority to hire time sensitive positions under the Direction of the Board or Board representative.

The Board accepted the resignation of classified employee  
#10-12-21-01

3.4 Approval of Agenda

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Ryan Blount

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions

**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)

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Ryan Blount

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions

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

The Board opened public comment to guests in the audience and online.

- A staff member spoke on an item not on the agenda regarding concerns over the vaccine mandate that the Governor recently announced. Her concern comes for her students, as a parent, a teacher, an employee, and community member. She asked the Board how they plan to support the District with those who are against the vaccine.

The Board acknowledged that they stand to be pro choice. Changes in the Government happen periodically therefore they have no direct stance with either side. As discussed at the last Board meeting, the Board will continue to comply with what is minimally required from the mandates. The District will accept exemptions if the written order states that they are allowed. The District supports the community and encourages to let concerned voices be heard at the State level.

- A Chatom member spoke to the Board about Chatom's current policy of COVID case exposures. Her concerns were that when students are exposed, they immediately get taken out of class and asked to quarantine for 10 days or get tested to return to school. She feels that it is inconvenient, and students are punished for having to stay home constantly due

to each exposure. She also shared that when they stay home the students regress in class because they miss out on instruction with their teacher. The parent also asked if the State of California moves forward with the forced mandate of vaccinations will the Board stand firm with their original decision in the matter.

The Superintendent publicly shared that testing for children will be rolling out as soon as early next week for exposed students. A letter with information will be sent out to the District along with an optional parent consent to test form. She also went over what that guidance will look like when it is implemented. Students will still need to be pulled out of class when we are informed of an exposure but if parents opt for their child to test on site then the student is able to return to class after the test is cleared. More information will be shared before October 18<sup>th</sup>. The Board announced that they will take measures if and when the time comes if the State forces the mandates.

- A Chatom community member also asked about the recent publishing of the Governor's announcement regarding the COVID vaccine. She asked if exemptions will be accepted should the mandate reach legislation and how early the schools expect to put the mandate into effect.

The Superintendent shared that the Governor released his announcement late last week. Our understanding is that what was included in his mandate is a directive to CDPH to include the vaccine as a mandatory requirement however there has not been anything approved through State legislation. Cherise explained the process should CDPH approve the directive and it be passed through legislation. She also explained what was included in the directive as far as exemptions.

## **6. INFORMATION**

### 6.1 Calendar of Events

### 6.2 Board Financial Summary Report

Business Manager, Kelly Machado went over fund balances, income, expenditures, and ending balances. She also stated that the County office rolled over the ending balances of last fiscal year.

6.3 Communication from the Stanislaus County Office of Education Regarding the 2021-2022 LCAP and Adopted Budget Approval

6.4 Program Reports:

Chatom Elementary School

Chatom Principal, Sara Cruz reviewed the upcoming calendar of events for Chatom for the month of October. She also shared some information regarding the November 1<sup>st</sup> parent teacher conferences. She reported that the month of September was full of excitement and growth for Chatom. Chatom families filled the stands at the Modesto Nuts stadium for family fun night. Students received a free ticket to the game by completing a health and wellness challenge at school. The students who attended participated in the before-game parade on the baseball field. Mrs. Cruz was pleased to share that Chatom held their first in person awards assembly since the 2019-2020 school year. The ceremony took place outdoors in the courtyard and parents were able to attend. She reviewed the character trait focus for the month and the new additions to the after-school and enrichment programs. She also spoke about what staff are focusing on this months during professional development and collaboration.

Mt. View Middle School

Mt. View Principal, Steve Lewis reported about Mt. View's first hosted Friday Fun Night. Students returned to school in the evening for games, music, and fun. The gym was open for indoor volleyball and basketball for the students. As well as the snack shack being open and other conference rooms filled with activities. The event had a turnout of about 75 students which was a great success. Mr. Lewis also spoke about the after-school programs such as the yearbook club. There is large amount of participation this year for the yearbook club. He reported that quarter one has come to an end at Mt. View and report cards will be distributed on the evening of October 16, 2021 during their parent teacher conference. He also shared that raffle ticket sales are underway for the Chatom Carnival. Mt. View will be offering alternative ways to celebrate and include more outdoor activities and organized food vendors. It was reported that volleyball season is coming to an end soon and Mt. View will begin to plan for the upcoming season of girls basketball and boys soccer.

Mr. Lewis also reviewed the October upcoming events that were included in his report.

#### Chatom State Preschool

Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes reported that the program morning class is completely full with 24 students and her afternoon class has an opening for 4. The preschool parent advisory committee held their first meeting and went over the upcoming Halloween Carnival and the details of Chatom Preschool's game booth. They also recently held their monthly parent meeting where they go over resources for families. Mrs. Nunes also reported that staff have been working on observations to have complete for parent teacher conference that is taking place on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Students will not have class that day. Parents will have an opportunity to progress through show of work and information. It is also an opportunity to get guidance on skills that a child may need assistance with as well as a chance for parents to ask questions.

#### Chatom Union School District

Superintendent Mrs. Olvera reviewed the attendance to the Board with data as of October 5<sup>th</sup>. She also reviewed COVID-19 positive case and known contact data from September 4<sup>th</sup> through October 5<sup>th</sup>. She explained the positive cases, nonexposed positive cases, and known contacts. She shared that the on site rapid antigen testing will begin on October 18, 2021 for unvaccinated staff and symptomatic vaccinated staff. She was happy to share that Mt. View was approved for the construction of the track program by using developer fees because of the increase of track participation over the past 5 years. Mrs. Olvera updated the Board on the Mt. View gate project. The project will be multi funded from donations and the maintenance budget. She reported that there were no Williams Settlement UCP reports during the quarter covering July, August and September of 2021.

## 7. ACTION

- 7.1 Consider Approval of Resolution #10-12-21-01 Regarding Board of Trustee Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Ryan Blount

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions

7.2 Consider Approval of Raising Substitute Rates from October 13, 2021, through May 27, 2022

The Superintendent recommended the sub rates increase to \$200 and \$234 upon the 41<sup>st</sup> day of subbing will remain the same.

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Ryan Blount

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions

7.3 Consider Approval of a District Roving Substitute from October 13, 2021- May 27, 2022, for COVID-19 Coverage and/or Student Support (Substitute Credential is Required but Full Credential Requirement is Waived For this Position)

The Board motioned to approve the sub rate to \$225.

Therefore, amending action item 7.2 to reflect the same amount for the Chatom sub rate to increase from \$120 to \$225 beginning October 13, 2021- May 27, 2022 and the \$234 upon the 41<sup>st</sup> day to remain the same.

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Ryan Blount

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions

7.4 Consider Approval of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Plan

Superintendent, Mrs. Olvera included and reviewed the expenditure plan.

APPROVED

Motion: Ryan Blount Second: Rob Santos

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions

7.5 Consider Approval of Revised Business Manager Salary Schedule to Address Incorrect Allowance of Longevity Steps Under the Guidance of Stanislaus County Office of Education

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Ryan Blount

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions

7.6 Consider Approval of Mountain View Gym Facility Use Request

Action item dies due to lack of motion.

DENIED

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

The Board requested to review the facilities use fee schedule with the assistance of Steve Soderstrom and Ryan Blount as facilities committee representatives.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time: 7:40p.m.**

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Ryan Blount

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions