

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Chatom Room #32 and Zoom Platform
May 10, 2022**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.

Public Session: 7:00 p.m.

(Public can obtain access to the Zoom meeting by contacting the District Office at 209-664-8505 or online at chatom.k12.ca.us)

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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: 6:30 p.m.

- 1.1 Roll Call
Karen Macedo X, Rob Santos X, Anthony Avila AB,
Ryan Blount AB, Steve Soderstrom X
- 1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

1.3 Adjourn to Closed Session

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom 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 Request Authority for the Superintendent to Hire Time Sensitive Positions Under the Direction of the Board President or Board Representative

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 Superintendent Evaluation

2.5 Adjournment Back to Public Session

3. OPEN SESSION: CALL TO ORDER

Time: 7:03 p.m.

3.1 Roll Call

Karen Macedo X, Rob Santos X, Anthony Avila AB, Ryan Blount AB, Steve Soderstrom X

3.2 Flag Salute led by second grade teacher, Mrs. Kelli Redman.

3.3 Report from Closed Session

The Board gave the Superintendent authority to hire time sensitive positions under the direction of the Board President or Board Representative.

3.4 Approval of Agenda

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Steve Soderstrom

Vote: Ayes 3 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 Reaffirming Findings of Resolution #10-12-21-01 for Use of Virtual Meetings
- 4.6 Consider Renewal of Aeries Student Information System Contract
- 4.7 Consider Renewal of StanWait Program with Stanislaus County Office of Education for Chatom State Preschool

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Rob Santos

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATION

Public Comment Summaries:

- The first public comment was Debbie Martinez from We “R” La Raza, community. She spoke in regards to an upcoming expulsion hearing and her concern for military schools.
- The second public comment was Esther Burciaga, Parent. She commented on items related to an incident at Mountain View and an upcoming expulsion hearing.
- The third public comment was Brittany Lopez. She spoke in regards to an upcoming expulsion hearing and dress code enforcement at Mountain View.

5.1 2021-22 Staff Recognition

- Stanislaus County Employees Making a Difference Award – Nancy Souza
- Classified Employee of the Year – Nancy Souza
Mrs. Olvera announced that Nurse Nancy was recognized for both Employees Making a Difference from Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE), and Classified Employee of the Year. Mrs. Olvera shared that Nancy did a great job supporting staff, students and families throughout the pandemic. She administered COVID-19 testing on site for staff and students and assisted with all tracking, tracing, and reporting of positive cases. Mrs. Olvera shared that she appreciated Nancy always being available to assist and take calls even after hours. She also mentioned Nancy maintained herself very well when we had the spike in COVID cases. Nurse Nancy not only cares for the staff and students in the District but she is also a Chatom critter rescuer. There have been multiple times here on

site when we had a few critters in danger, and Nurse Nancy would come to the rescue. She has rescued dogs, cats, birds and even a fish found in the field. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful nurse in the Chatom District.

- Teacher of the Year – Kelli Redman
Mrs. Olvera shared that Kelli Redman has been an employee of the Chatom Union School District for about 23 years. Kelli is an excellent teacher that treats her students like family. Everyone in her class feels safe and loved. Students in her class expressed that they felt very close to her. Kelly was also recognized at the Stanislaus County Teacher of the Year luncheon as one of the top three finalist. Mrs. Olvera shared as both an Administrator and a Parent that Mrs. Redman is a wonderful teacher and has a great positive impact on her students. It has been great working with Mrs. Redman for the past 23 years and we look forward to many more years to come.

6. INFORMATION

6.1 Calendar of Events

Mrs. Olvera reviewed the events for the month of May for both Chatom and Mountain View.

6.2 Board Financial Summary Report

Mrs. Olvera reviewed the summary report and stated everything is in the black.

6.3 Program Reports:

Chatom Elementary School

- Chatom Principal, Sara Cruz, shared that April was a month to celebrate their professional development and the return of a few traditions. The annual Easter Egg Hunt and Fly-It day was back in full swing. There were students searching for eggs with their name on it, and other students were flying their kites, or launching their rockets. All students had a great time. The winners from the 2020 jog-a-thon got rewarded with their limo ride to McDonalds. Parents really appreciated that Chatom still remembered about the jog-a-thon winners from 2020. Both 2nd grade and 4th grade classes were able to take field trips. Second grade visited the Fossil Discovery Center of Madera in Chowchilla, and fourth grade was able to return to their traditional field trip to Columbia State Park. Ag Day was another exciting event that returned at Chatom. Classes were able to visit various presentations from local companies such as

Blue Diamond. All the students got to learn about different animals, the production of dairy products, plant flowers, make ice creams and so much more. Ag Day was a fun and successful event. The character trait for the month of April was “Positive Attitude.” It was great to see all our Chatom students expressing positive attitude all around them. The students also practiced positive attitude about themselves. The character trait for May will be “Cooperation.”

Mountain View Middle School

- Mountain View Principal, Steve Lewis, shared that the CAASPP and ELPAC testing is coming to an end. The students did great arriving on time and being prepared for testing. The 6th and 7th graders went on their outdoor field trip to Foothill Horizons, and it was a great turn out. The field trip consisted of a one-day trip as mentioned in the prior Board Meeting. On May 13th Renaissance Day will return at Mountain View. The 7th graders will visit several stations to learn about the Medieval Era. There will be a Knight’s battle, a game of rounders, birds of prey and much more. Also, on May 13th, 8th grade students will be visiting Fresno State University, to tour the campus and experience what to expect if college is something in which they are interested in. There is currently a six-way tie for valedictorian, each of these students maintained a 4.0 throughout their entire 8th grade year. There are still a few students a little behind during this pandemic, and staff is focusing on offering these students interventions and support to get them back on track. Graduation is scheduled for May 26th at 7p.m., in the gym.

Chatom State Preschool

- Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, shared that in this month’s parent meeting, parents were provided with bags that contained different skills to work on over the summer to prep their students for TK/K. Open house for Preschool is May 11 at 6 p.m. There was another Preschool Registration on May 4th. On May 25th, Preschool will be having a celebration day with face painting and more. On May 26th Preschool will be having an Exotic Animal Show with different animals like snakes, lizards, porcupines and more. Preschool graduation will be on May 27th at 9 a.m.

Chatom Union School District

- Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, shared that Open House for Chatom, Mountain View and Preschool will be held this week. She shared that staff appreciation also took place this week. She extended a big thank you to all our wonderful staff for being amazing at what they do. Mrs. Olvera shared that there have been two recent COVID cases. She also reported that Senate Bill 871 (Senator Pan) regarding vaccine requirements was held. She reminded everyone that the District is now utilizing the Chatom Website to communicate positive cases when/if needed. The District has also been utilizing the group tracing method as of March 7, 2022. The Chatom Food Service Department has received a State Kitchen Infrastructure and Training (KIT) grant. The Department has received \$5,245 for training and \$40,921 for equipment. She informed everyone that the water fountain grant that was presented at last month's Board Meeting for both Chatom and Mountain View, is being held for Mountain View until it is determined from the State and County that there will not be a conflict with the \$480,000 water grant currently in effect at Mountain View to address the arsenic level. She gave a special thank you to Bernadette Cruz and the Ag Day Committee for a fun and educational day to celebrate agricultural projects and careers. She shared how nice it was to see all the different presentations, and displays from current and past students, and families.

7. ACTION

- 7.1 Consider Approval of Agreement for Special Contract Services for Summer Learning Curriculum and Materials
APPROVED
Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Rob Santos
Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 7.2 Consider Approval of Preschool Playground Fencing Bids
APPROVED to accept Westside Fencing.
Motion: Rob Santos Second: Steve Soderstrom
Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 7.3 Consider Approval of Preschool Shed Bids
APPROVED to accept Tuff Shed.
Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Rob Santos
Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 7.4 Consider Approval of Bid Selection for Architectural & Engineering Services for Mountain View Restroom Renovations
APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Rob Santos
Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 7.5 Consider District Proposal for Negotiations with California School Employees Association (CSEA) and Its Chatom Chapter #585

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Rob Santos
Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 7.6 Consider Approval of Tentative Agreement Between the Chatom Union School District and the Chatom Union Educator's Association for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 School Years

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Steve Soderstrom
Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Mrs. Olvera reminded the Board of the two Board meetings in June (June 14, 2022 & June 28, 2022).

9. ADJOURNMENT

Time: 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Steve Soderstrom
Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0