

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Chatom and Zoom Platform  
DECEMBER 13, 2022**

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Closed Session: 6:00 PM

Open Session: 7:00 PM

**Any writings or documents that are public records** and are provided to the Governing Board regarding an open session item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the District Office located at 7201 Clayton Road, Turlock, CA, during normal business hours.

**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: 6:04p.m.**

- 1.1 Roll Call
- |               |              |                  |              |
|---------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Anthony Avila | <u>  X  </u> | Alison Carvalho  | <u>  X  </u> |
| Rob Santos    | <u>  X  </u> | Steve Soderstrom | <u>  X  </u> |
| Karen Macedo  | <u>  X  </u> |                  |              |

- 1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

- 1.3 Adjourn to Closed Session  
The Board invited Alison Carvalho and Kelly Machado to join closed session.  
APPROVED  
Motion: Rob Santos                      Second: Steve Soderstrom  
Vote   Ayes 5                      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))
- 2.2 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 Possible Litigation
- 2.4 Negotiations
- 2.5 Adjournment Back to Public Session

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

**Time: 7:05p.m.**

- 3.1 Roll Call  
Anthony Avila   X                        Alison Carvalho   X    
Rob Santos   X                        Steve Soderstrom   X    
Karen Macedo   X
- 3.2 Flag Salute led by Mtn. View Principal, Steve Lewis.
- 3.3 Report from Closed Session  
No action taken in closed session.
- 3.4 Approval of Agenda  
APPROVED  
Motion: Anthony Avila                      Second: Rob Santos  
Vote   Ayes 5                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0

**4. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

- 4.1 Election of Officers
- 4.1.1 Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board Members  
Alison Carvalho, Dr. Rob Santos, and Anthony Avila accepted Oath of Office.
- 4.1.2 Board President  
The Board nominated Dr. Rob Santos for Board President.  
APPROVED  
Motion: Anthony Avila                      Second: Steve Soderstrom

Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

4.1.3 Board Clerk

The Board nominated Anthony Avila for Board Clerk.  
APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

4.1.4 Trustee Representative

The Board nominated Steve Soderstrom for Trustee Representative  
APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

4.1.5 Secretary to the Board

The Superintendent will serve as Secretary to the Board.  
APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Steve Soderstrom

Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

4.1.6 Verification of Signatures

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

5.1 Board Minutes

5.2 Fiscal Services – Warrants/Payroll

5.3 Declaration of Obsolete Items

5.4 Collection of Developer Fees (if any)

5.5 Consider Reaffirming Findings of Resolution #10-12-21-01 for use of Virtual Meetings

5.6 Renewal of School Services of California Contract

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION**

6.1 Public Recognition

6.1.1 Chatom Elementary Spelling Bee Winners and Stanislaus County Participants

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Karsen Homen (5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Saul Rico (5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Alternate Evangelina Amorim (4<sup>th</sup> grade)

Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, shared that these students worked extra hard in making it to the Stanislaus County Spelling Bee. She congratulated each student with an award from both the Stanislaus County Office of Education, and the Chatom Union School District.

#### 6.1.2 Community Support and Donations

Mrs. Olvera recognized several organizations for their kind and generous donation to students and families in need within our District.

- Turlock Pentecost Association (TPA) – Shopping trip for students at Mountain View and Chatom Elementary
- Kiwanis Club – Shopping trip for students in need at Chatom Elementary and Mountain View
- Westside Ministries – Coat and meal donation for students in need at Chatom Elementary and Mountain View
- Mitchell Community Church - “Angel Tree” gifts for Chatom Elementary and Mountain View
- DataPath – Toy Drive for students at Chatom Elementary and Mountain View

The list reflects donations received as of December 6, 2022. It does not include donations made after December 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **7. INFORMATION**

### 7.1 Calendar of Events

Mrs. Olvera reviewed the calendar of events.

### 7.2 Board Financial Summary Report

Business Manager, Kelly Machado, explained the cafeteria account is currently in the negative, but a deposit is pending, and everything will be back in the black.

### 7.3 Chatom State Preschool Program Contract Amendment from California Department of Education

#### 7.4 Program Reports

Chatom Elementary Principal, Sara Cruz, shared that the month of November was filled with tradition, fun, and positive family engagement. It started off with the traditional Thanksgiving Feast. The event was a great reminder of the amazing community, families, staff, and students who all came together and make up the Chatom District. Mrs. Salas and Ms. Vasquez coordinated a school-wide project for students to write what they were thankful for on a leaf, and it was added to a thankful tree in the cafeteria for the community to see. Mrs. Ostrander's class performed a traditional skit for the students' families as well. The first-grade students had the opportunity to go to the Fresno Zoo and learn about life cycles and the habitats of animals in person. This month the Stanislaus County Office of Education held a Spelling Bee on November 15<sup>th</sup> in which students; Karsen Homen, Saul Rico, and Evangelina Amorim, participated. These students competed in the qualifying round with 66 other Stanislaus County Elementary students. The students didn't make it to the competition round, but they worked hard and did a great job. They all received silver medals for their participation in the qualifying round.

Mt. View Middle School Principal, Steve Lewis, shared that both the boys' soccer and girls' basketball season just ended. As the season came to an end both sports played at home against Peggy Heller and capped off the season with a victory. Tryouts for boys' basketball are already underway, and they will be having a tournament the first week when we return from break. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade staff and families organized a Neto's Chicken BBQ drive thru to help raise funds for outdoor education. The turnout was great, the students sold 450 tickets and raised more than \$4,000. As of right now, all students but about three are on track for graduation. There is still time to help these students succeed with intervention and tutoring. December 14<sup>th</sup> is going to be the talent show where students will be singing, dancing, and more. December 16<sup>th</sup> will be a minimum day and the students will be celebrating the end of the semester and kicking off the holiday season.

Chatom Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, shared that they just held their monthly parent meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>. They had a speaker which discussed the importance of language and literacy for a child's development. Parents got the opportunity to complete an activity with their child. At the closing of the meeting, they

handed out some fun activities to take home. The book fair is currently taking place in the library until December 14<sup>th</sup>. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, Preschool will be hosting Singing with Santa at 9am. The students will be singing a few songs and eat cookies with Santa. The students will be able to take pictures with Santa as well. This month's focus was on the letters; S, P, and learning about snow, and polar animals. They also introduced the books, Gingerbread Man, and Corduroy.

Mrs. Olvera reviewed the COVID cases for the month of November and there were zero reported. She was happy to share that Sandy Williamson was selected to represent the Chatom District in the Stanislaus County "Employees Making a Difference" Program. The event will be held at the Event Center on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Saturday School took place on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The traditional academic program was from 7:30am-12pm. Extended hours for enrichment opportunities were from 12pm-4:30pm as part of the new Extended Learning Opportunities Program which requires 30 additional days beyond the 180-day instructional calendar. The California Highway Patrol completed a bus certification inspection on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, and all buses passed inspections. We were just notified on December 5<sup>th</sup> that all restrictions were lifted, and the water system was clear for Mountain View. She also expressed great appreciation to the Transportation Department for all their effort, time, and dedication for the Christmas Chatom Parade entry. The turnout was great and a lot of kids, families, and the community enjoyed seeing the Chatom bus in the Turlock Christmas Parade.

## **8. ACTION**

- 8.1 Consider Approval of Resolution #06-15-2020 A Resolution of the Governing Board of the Chatom Union School District Authorizing the Execution of the Amended Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws of the Central Region School Insurance Group (CRSIG)

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo      Second: Anthony Avila

Vote    Ayes 5                  Noes 0                  Abstentions 0

- 8.2 Consider Approval of California State Preschool Program Continued Funding Application Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Resolution #12-13-22-01

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom                  Second: Karen Macedo

Vote    Ayes 5                  Noes 0                  Abstentions 0

- 8.3 Consider Approval of Chatom Union School District Instructional Calendar for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025  
 APPROVED  
 Motion: Anthony Avila      Second: Karen Macedo  
 Vote   Ayes 5              Noes 0              Abstentions 0
- 8.4 Consider Approval of Revised Classified Salary Changes Effective January 1, 2023 to Reflect New California Minimum Wage  
 APPROVED  
 Motion: Steve Soderstrom              Second: Karen Macedo  
 Vote   Ayes 5              Noes 0              Abstentions 0
- 8.5 Consider Approval of Consent to Move Forward with the Zero Emission School Bus Replacement Incentive Program  
 Marilyn Silva read a letter to the Board of Trustees to encourage them to consider adding an air conditioner to future buses purchased by the District.
- Anthony Avila motioned to move forward with the Zero Emission grant to purchase two electric buses with air conditioner to replace bus 2 and bus 4, pending the approval of the infrastructure grant. There was further discussion on the use of fast versus slow chargers. The Board gave direction in pursuing fast chargers because of the daily average milage usage and the assumption that the buses will need to be charged between the am and pm route.
- APPROVED  
 Motion: Anthony Avila      Second: Karen Macedo  
 Vote   Ayes 5              Noes 0              Abstentions 0
- 8.6 Consider Approval of 2022 - 2023 First Interim Report  
 APPROVED  
 Motion: Steve Soderstrom              Second: Karen Macedo  
 Vote   Ayes 5              Noes 0              Abstentions 0

**9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time: 8:40p.m.**

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo              Second: Steve Soderstrom  
 Vote   Ayes 5              Noes 0              Abstentions 0