

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Chatom Elementary Room #32 and Virtual Zoom Platform  
February 14, 2023**

Tuesday, February 14, 2023  
Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.  
Public Session: 7:00 p.m.

**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: 6:23 p.m.**

1.1 Roll Call

Anthony Avila	<u>  X  </u>	Alison Carvalho	<u>  X  </u>
Karen Macedo	<u>  X  </u>	Steve Soderstrom	<u>  X  </u>
Rob Santos	<u>  AB  </u>		

1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

1.3 Adjourn to Closed Session

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo      Second: Steve Soderstrom  
Vote    Ayes 4                  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 Preschool Secretary (10 hours/week)

2.1.2 Food Service Director

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 #02-14-23-01

2.2.2 Resignation of Employee #02-14-23-02

2.2.3 Resignation of Employee #02-14-23-03

2.3 Negotiations

2.4 Adjournment Back to Public Session

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

**Time: 7:01 p.m.**

3.1 Roll Call

Anthony Avila   X                    Alison Carvalho      X  

Karen Macedo   X                    Steve Soderstrom     X  

Rob Santos   AB  

3.2 Flag Salute led by Board Clerk Anthony Avila.

3.3 Report from Closed Session

The Board appointed Yareli Gonzalez-Pimentel for the Preschool Secretary position, and Genevieve Lucas for the Food Service Director position.

The Board also accepted the following resignations of employee #'s 02-14-23-01, 02-14-23-02, and 02-14-23-03.

3.4 Approval of Agenda

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo      Second: Alison Carvalho

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
- 4.5 Approval of Microsoft Software Agreement Renewal
- 4.6 Consider Reaffirming Findings of Resolution #10-12-21-01 for Use of Virtual Meetings  
APPROVED  
Motion: Steve Soderstrom                      Second: Karen Macedo  
Vote    Ayes 4                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0

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

- 5.1 Education Foundation of Stanislaus County Donation of \$1,000 for Outdoor Education

**6. INFORMATION**

- 6.1 Calendar of Events  
Mrs. Olvera reviewed the calendar of events.
- 6.2 Board Financial Summary Report
- 6.3 Program Reports:
  - Chatom Elementary School  
Principal, Sara Cruz, shared that the month of January reflected on how the school year is progressing, and a great way to set goals for the remainder of the school year. The students learned about Martin Luther King Jr. and the holiday. Chatom also celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and students dressed up as if they were 100 years old. In January the Chatom Elementary Librarian, Sandy Williamson, got recognized at the Stanislaus County Employees Making a Difference ceremony. Mrs. Cruz expressed that Sandy is an outstanding librarian, she's been a dedicated employee with Chatom Union School District since 1985. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students were able to experience the return of "Walkthrough the American Revolution." The students played games, had music, and storytelling to reflect on the American Revolution. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students experienced "Walkthrough California." This activity gave the students an in-school field trip into the past, and they loved it.
  - Mt. View Middle School  
Principal, Steve Lewis, shared that the A team in basketball took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a tournament. The B team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place which was exciting for the B team. All after-school programs are in full swing. There is a LIFT/Cooking class taught by a local chef that teaches students how to cook healthy, which the students are really enjoying. Another

after-school program that's coming soon is Python Ron, he will be presenting several of his reptiles like, boas, anacondas, large Tegu lizards and more. Progress reports have gone out, and they are now halfway through 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

- Chatom State Preschool

Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, shared that TK/K registration took place on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and was a success. She shared that there are seven students returning to TK, and fourteen students are moving to kindergarten. During the parent meeting this month there was a project for the parents to do at home to utilize the parents' skills. Preschool also celebrated Valentine's Day with lots of fun activities, sweets, and cards.

- Chatom Union School District

Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, shared that there were six positive COVID cases in January. The Mountain View restroom renovation project continues to move forward. Once DSA gives us the final approval, the District will be able to begin the bidding and award process. The final steps for the Drinking Water Grant with Self Help Enterprises (SHE) have been completed. The new six water fountains for Chatom Elementary are anticipated to get installed after the first of this year. Some additional quotes are still being needed for concrete patching and to accommodate the updated fountain design. The Zero-Emission application has been submitted to San Joaquin Valley Air on January 5, 2023, for \$360,779.88 and includes four fast chargers, and is currently still under review. The California Highway Patrol did an inspection of all buses on February 14<sup>th</sup> and everything passed.

6.4 Revision of School Accountability Report Card for Chatom Elementary and Mountain View Middle School

Mrs. Olvera shared that the California Department of Education recently released some additional data which has now been included in the SARC.

6.5 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update

Mrs. Olvera reviewed the LCAP goals and provided an update on the actions that have already been completed within each goal. She also shared the next steps that will be taken in the 2023-2024 LCAP development.

## 7. ACTION

7.1 Consider Approval of 2023 Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly

The Board elected Kathi Dunham-Filson from Denair USD, and Mary Jackson from Turlock USD.

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom                      Second: Karen Macedo  
Vote   Ayes 4                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0

7.2    Consider Approval of Chatom Elementary School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) 2022-2023

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo                      Second: Alison Carvalho  
Vote   Ayes 4                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0

7.3    Consider Approval of Mountain View School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) 2022-2023

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo                      Second: Alison Carvalho  
Vote   Ayes 4                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0

7.4    Consider Possible Date Change of the March 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting to March 13, 2023

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom                      Second: Alison Carvalho  
Vote   Ayes 4                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0

7.5    Consider Approval of Developer Fee Justification Study Proposal for 2022

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo                      Second: Steve Soderstrom  
Vote   Ayes 4                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0

7.6    Consider Receipt of California School Employees Association (CSEA) and Its Chatom Chapter #585 Initial Public Sunshine Proposal for 2023-2026 Successor Contract

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom                      Second: Karen Macedo  
Vote   Ayes 4                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0

7.7    Consider Approval of Changing the Job Title of One Reassigned Para-Educator to Bilingual Para-Educator and Increasing the time by .25/hour

APPROVED

Motion: Alison Carvalho                      Second: Karen Macedo  
Vote   Ayes 4                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0

7.8    Consider Approval of Proposed Salary and Contract Agreement for District Management – Superintendent for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 School Years in Alignment with Chatom Union Educators Association (CUEA)

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom                      Second: Karen Macedo  
Vote   Ayes 4                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0

7.9 Consider Approval of Revised Safety Plan

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom                      Second: Aliston Carvalho  
Vote    Ayes 4                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

8.1 Consider an Ad Hoc Facilities Use Sub-Committee of the Board to Review and Update the Current Facility Use Policy and Procedures

Karen Macedo, and Alison Carvalho volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Facilities Use Sub-Committee.

APPROVED

Motion: Alison Calvalho    Second: Steve Soderstrom  
Vote    Ayes 4                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time: 8:03 p.m.**

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo                      Second: Steve Soderstrom  
Vote    Ayes 4                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0