

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Chatom Elementary Room #32 and Zoom Platform  
October 10, 2023**

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Closed Session: 6:30 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 at [www.chatom.k12.ca.us](http://www.chatom.k12.ca.us) by clicking on the calendar)

Board Member Trustee attending via Zoom will be located at the following:

Anthony Avila – 4918 Christofferson Road, Turlock, CA 95380

Steve Soderstrom – 301 N. Faith Home Road, Turlock, CA 95380

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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: 6:40 p.m.**

1.1 Roll Call

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Avila (Absent)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alison Carvalho  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Macedo | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Soderstrom |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Santos   |  |

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))

2.2 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

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom

Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote Ayes 4

Noes 0

Abstentions 0

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

**Time: 7:12 p.m.**

3.1 Roll Call

Anthony Avila (Absent)

Alison Carvalho

Karen Macedo

Steve Soderstrom

Rob Santos

3.2 Flag Salute

3.3 Report from Closed Session

3.4 Approval of Agenda

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo

Second: Steve Soderstrom

Vote Ayes 5

Noes 0

Abstentions 0

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

4.1 Board Minutes

4.2 Fiscal Services – Warrants/Payroll

4.3 Declaration of Obsolete Items

CRT TV and Laser Disc Player

4.4 Collection of Developer Fees (if any)

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom  
Vote Ayes 5                      Noes 0

Second: Alison Carvalho  
Abstentions 0

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

There was no public comment.

**6. INFORMATION**

6.1 Calendar of Events

Mrs. Olvera reviewed the Calendar of Events.

6.2 Board Financial Summary Report

Business Manager, Kelly Machado, reviewed the Financial Summary Report.

6.3 Program Reports:

Chatom Elementary School:

Chatom Principal, Sara Cruz, shared that staff members have completed Language Arts and Math training to ensure students have the support and tools they need to be successful. She also shared that they have started using a new assessment called i-Ready, as well as a phonemic program called Heggerty. Mrs. Cruz shared that the Chatom Incentive Committee has rolled out new incentive ideas to encourage attendance, good citizenship, and reading. The character trait for the month is positive attitude. She also shared that she has noticed an increase in school spirit. As for upcoming events, Mrs. Cruz shared that the PTC Halloween Carnival will be taking place this weekend and the spelling bee will take place the following week.

Mt. View Middle School:

Mountain View Principal, Lauren Lanum, shared that they too have started using the new assessment called i-Ready. She shared that the first Saturday School was held and 50 students were in attendance. During Saturday School, students had the opportunity to make up work and recuperate one day of attendance. She also shared that they currently have 57 students with perfect attendance. Mrs. Lanum moved on to share upcoming events which included: Summit Day, Parent Conference Night, the end of volleyball season, beginning of soccer season, Pink Wednesdays, and Coffee Connection with the Principal.

Chatom State Preschool:

Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, shared that both preschool classes are almost at capacity with the am class having 22 students and the pm class having 21 students. She shared that the first preschool parent meeting was held on September 21st and an additional Parent Advisory Meeting was held on October 4th, during which parents

helped prepare for the upcoming Halloween Carnival. Mrs. Nunes also shared that the preschool received a surprise visit from licensing. She ended by sharing that they are now preparing for parent conferences.

Chatom Union School District:

Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, shared that the restroom renovation at Mountain View Middle School has been completed as of today and they will be open for use within the next couple of days. She shared that she's currently working on three upcoming cafeteria audits from CDE and is also working with outside consultants and training staff. Mrs. Olvera also reported that unfortunately there was an attempted tractor theft at Mountain View on October 8th. We were able to recover the tractor and our maintenance supervisor was able to assist with tractor and fencing repairs in the aftermath.

- 6.4 2023 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Raw Scores  
Mrs. Olvera reviewed Mathematics and Language Arts CAASPP scores in a powerpoint presentation. ELPAC scores were also included in the presentation.
- 6.5 Communication from Stanislaus County Office of Education Indicating that the Chatom Union Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Meets All of the Criteria for Approval  
A letter from the Stanislaus County Office of Education was shared with the Board regarding the final acceptance of the Local Control Accountability Plan.
- 6.6 Interfund Transfer from General Fund to Transportation Fund 15 for Acquiring Two (2) Electric Buses with Air Conditioners and the Zero-Emission Infrastructure  
Business Manager, Kelly Machado, reviewed the Interfund Transfer.

**7. ACTION**

- 7.1 Consider Approval of Local Assignment Resolution #10-10-23-01 for Employment of Speech and Language Pathologist Pursuant to Education Code 44831  
APPROVED  
Motion: Karen Macedo      Second: Alison Carvalho  
Vote    Ayes 4                  Noes 0                  Abstentions 0
- 7.2 Consider Approval of Consolidated Application Report for 2023-2024  
APPROVED  
Motion: Steve Soderstrom                  Second: Karen Macedo  
Vote    Ayes 4                  Noes 0                  Abstentions 0

7.3 Consider Approval of Bid Selection for Construction Services for Mountain View Track

APPROVED

Motion: Alison Carvalho

Second: Steve Soderstrom

Vote Ayes 4

Noes 0

Abstentions 0

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time: 8:17 p.m.**

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom

Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 4

Noes 0

Abstentions 0