

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Chatom Elementary Classroom 32 and Virtual Zoom Platform  
March 12, 2024**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.

Public Session: 7:00 p.m.

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

Steve Soderstrom – 7300 E Earll Dr, Scottsdale, AZ

**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**

1.1 Roll Call

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

1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Items

1.3 Adjourn to Closed Session

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo

Second: Alison Carvalho

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 Summer School Positions

- Principal/ Teacher
- SDC/ Intervention Teacher
- Summer School Secretary

2.1.2 Track Coach

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

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 Existing Litigation: Claim of S.C. versus the Chatom Union School District et al. (Gov. Code 54956.9) (d) (1)

2.4 Negotiations

2.5 Adjournment Back to Public Session

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

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

**7:11 am**

3.1 Roll Call

Alison Carvalho

Karen Macedo

Rob Santos

Steve Soderstrom (Zoom)

Anthony Avila

3.2 Flag Salute

3.3 Report from Closed Session

The Board voted to appoint the following Summer School positions:

- Principal/ Teacher - Alex Salas
- SDC/ Intervention Teacher - Theresa Carroll
- Summer School Secretary- Job share between Yajayra Hernandez and Yareli Gomez-Pimentel

- 3.4 Approval of Agenda  
Alison Carvalho motioned to approve the agenda with an amendment to item 7.5 to read “2024/2025 Master Agreement” instead of 2023/2024 Master Agreement”  
APPROVED  
Motion: Alison Carvalho      Second: Karen Macedo  
Vote Ayes 4   Noes 0      Abstentions 0

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 4.1 Board Minutes
- 4.2 Fiscal Services – Warrants/Payroll
- 4.3 Collection of Developer Fees (if any)
- 4.4 Consider Renewal of Stanislaus Partners in Education (S.P.I.E) Agreement  
APPROVED  
Motion: Steve Soderstrom      Second: Alison Carvalho  
Vote Ayes 4   Noes 0      Abstentions 0

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

**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 Board Financial Summary.
- 6.3 Program Reports:  
Chatom Elementary School Principal, Sara Cruz, shared that February was a month filled with appreciation. Students had the opportunity to surprise their friends and staff with Valentine Grams. There were also a lot of fun activities on Valentine’s Day and there was great parent involvement. She shared that Chatom held its TK and Kindergarten registration day and extended a thank you to Bernadette Cruz for all of her help with organizing a successful event. ELPAC testing also took place in the month of February. Mrs. Cruz also shared that Chatom held its 4th Every Day Counts Celebration for January and students were able to win prizes by playing Bingo. She shared that the character trait of the month was confidence/building self-esteem.

Mt. View Middle School Principal, Lauren Lanum, shared that February was busy with a lot of fun activities. Mountain View held a Valentine's Day dance which turned out to be a lot of fun. During the month, Mrs. Carlson, organized Read Across America Week and Mrs. Nance's class won the reading competition with having read over 100,000 words. There was also a drawing for an Individual Reader Award. Mountain View also participated in ELPAC testing for which 100% of the students have completed the assessment with the exception of students who were absent. Mrs. Lanum shared that CAASPP Testing will be starting soon and staff is currently participating in training to be able to administer the test. The Student Council is also currently working on planning activities to motivate students for the upcoming CAASPP test. She also shared that Without Permission presented to students in 7th & 8th grade on Human Trafficking on Thursday and will also be presenting to 6th grade students. Mrs. Lanum ended by sharing that Mountain View hosted a successful Alumni Night fundraiser.

Chatom State Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, shared upcoming events for the Preschool. Registration days for next school year will be held on April 24th & May 1st, Ag Day will take place on March 21st, and an Egg Hunt will take place on March 28th for which PTC will be providing eggs for all students. Mrs. Nunes shared that Parents recently participated in a survey at the last parent meeting and she also shared that her morning class was observed last Thursday.

Chatom Union School District Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, started by sharing that Chatom District had a successful Saturday School this past weekend. 57 students attended Saturday School at Chatom Elementary and 48 students attended Saturday School at Mountain View Middle School. Mrs. Olvera shared that she has received input on ELOP and ESSER spending to best utilize the remaining funds. She has met with cabinet members and received input through a staff and parent survey. The survey responses have helped determine what Chatom staff and families find to be most important. She shared that the greatest response received from both parents and staff is the need for a one-way fence at Chatom Elementary. She shared that the objective is to spend the funds on long-term solutions to provide greater safety and support to students. She stated that she is open to receive additional suggestions and will also be seeking student input.

**7. ACTION**

- 7.1 Consider Approval of Possible Date Change for the April and May 2024 Regular Board Meeting from the 2nd Tuesday of the Month to the 2nd Monday of the Month

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 7.2 Consider Approval of Scheduling June Board Meetings for Tuesday, June 11 and June 25

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 7.3 Consider Approval of 2023-2024 Revised Food Service Wellness Policy and Triennial Assessment

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 7.4 Consider Approval of Tentative Agreement Between the Chatom Union School District and the California School Employees Association and Its Chatom Chapter #585

APPROVED

Motion: Alison Carvalho Second: Steve Soderstrom

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 7.5 Consider Approval of 2024-2025 Master Agreement with Stanislaus County Office of Education

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 7.6 Consider Acceptance of 2022-2023 Audit

APPROVED

Motion: Alison Carvalho Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 7.7 Consider Approval of Audit Contract with Christy White Auditing Services

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 7.8 Consider Approval of 2023-2024 Second Interim Report

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**8:17 pm**

APPROVED

Motion: Alison Carvalho      Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 4    Noes 0      Abstentions 0