

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Chatom Elementary Room #32 and Zoom Platform
DECEMBER 17, 2024**

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Closed Session: 6:30 PM

Open Session: 7:00 PM

Board Member Trustee attending via Zoom will be located at the following address:
Steve Soderstrom - 7300 E. Earll Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

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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

6:37 pm

1.1 Roll Call

- ☒ Anthony Avila
- ☒ Karen Macedo
- ☒ Rob Santos

- ☐ Alison Carvalho
- ☒ Steve Soderstrom

1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

1.3 Adjourn to Closed Session

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Rob Santos

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 Paraeducator (After School 1.5 hours)

2.1.2 Mountain View Bilingual Paraeducator (5 hours)

2.1.3 Mountain View Yard/Cafeteria Supervisor (1.75 hours)

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)

2.2.1 Resignation of Employee #12-17-24-01

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Rob Santos

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.3 Negotiations

2.4 Adjournment Back to Public Session

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

3. OPEN SESSION: CALL TO ORDER

7:10 pm

3.1 Roll Call

☒ Anthony Avila

☐ Alison Carvalho

☒ Karen Macedo

☐ Steve Soderstrom

☒ Rob Santos

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3.2 Flag Salute was led by Lux Berry, Callie Hallum and
Alexander Padilla

3.3 Report from Closed Session

The Board accepted the resignation of employee number
12-17-24-01 and authorized the Superintendent to hire the
listed positions under the direction of the Board President
or Representative.

- 3.4 Approval of Agenda
APPROVED
Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

4. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- 4.1 Election of Officers
4.1.1 Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board Members
4.1.2 Board President
The President of the Board shall be nominated by any Board Member present.
The Board nominated Steve Soderstrom.
APPROVED
Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 4.1.3 Board Clerk
The new President of the Board shall call for nominations for Clerk of the Board.
The Board nominated Alison Carvalho.
APPROVED
Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Rob Santos
Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 4.1.4 Trustee Representative
The new President of the Board shall call for the nominations for Trustee Representative.
The Board nominated Karen Macedo.
APPROVED
Motion: Rob Santos Second: Anthony Avila
Vote Ayes 4 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: Rob Santos
Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 4.1.6 Verification of Signatures
APPROVED
Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Rob Santos
Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

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 Renewal of School Services of California Contract
APPROVED
Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION

6.1 Public Recognition

6.1.1 Chatom Elementary Spelling Bee Stanislaus County Participants

- Lux Berry (4th Grade) - Silver Medal
- Callie Hallum (5th Grade) - Silver Medal
- Alexander Padilla (5th Grade)- Silver Medal

The Superintendent and Mrs. Cruz acknowledged all the spelling bee participants and presented them with a certificate and a bee pen.

6.1.2 Community Support and Donations

- Turlock Pentecost Association (TPA) – Shopping trip for students at Mountain View and Chatom Elementary
- Westside Ministries – Gifts for students in need at Chatom Elementary and Mountain View
- Mitchell Community Church - “Angel Tree” gifts for Chatom Elementary and Mountain View
- Kiwanis of Greater Turlock - Shopping trip for students at Mountain View and Chatom Elementary

The list reflects donations received as of December 10, 2024. It does not include donations made after December 10th 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.

A thank you will be sent to all of the donors on behalf of the Staff and Chatom Union Board of Trustees

7. INFORMATION

7.1 Calendar of Events

7.2 Board Financial Summary Report

7.3 Program Reports

Chatom Elementary School Principal, Sara Cruz, shared that November was filled with fun traditions which included the annual Thanksgiving Feast that turned out to be a wonderful event. She shared that Chatom held its Family Literacy night during which families engaged in reading aloud and enjoyed pie and apple cider. Mrs. Cruz also shared that Chatom is still actively promoting “Every Day Counts” and as of right now ADA is at 98%. Principal Cruz ended by sharing that Chatom has a big Christmas program coming up.

Mt. View Middle School Principal, Lauren Lanum, shared that 6th graders went to 6th grade camp and had a great time. She also shared that at the recent Coffee Connection meeting the topic of the presentation was human trafficking. Mrs. Lanum was also excited to share that Mountain View saw attendance double this year for the Thanksgiving feast. She shared that students are going to be participating in spirit days this entire week. Mrs. Lanum also reported that staff had the opportunity to participate in the 2nd annual cookie competition.

Chatom State Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, shared that there are currently 16 students enrolled in the morning class and 17 students enrolled in the afternoon class. Mrs. Nunes shared the topic for the recent parent meeting was “The Importance of Language and Literacy for Child Development.” Mrs. Nunes ended by sharing that preschool students will be participating in a Sing with Santa program on Friday, December 20th at 12 pm.

Chatom Union School District, Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, provided an update regarding the recent fire incident that happened in classroom 33 at Chatom. She also provided an update on the Mountain View water project. Mrs. Olvera shared the exciting news that Chatom’s Food Service Worker, Bertina Bettencourt, will be celebrated as one of Stanislaus County’s Employees Making a Difference nominees. Mrs. Olvera extended a special thank you to the staff members who helped decorate and participated in the Turlock Christmas parade.

8. ACTION

- 8.1 Consider Approval of E-Rate Bid for Category 1 Services

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 8.2 Consider Approval of Agreement with San Joaquin Delta
Community College for Speech Language Pathology
Assistant Field Experience

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Rob Santos

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 8.3 Consider Approval of 2024 - 2025 First Interim Report

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

10. ADJOURNMENT

8:06 pm

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0