

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Chatom Elementary Classroom 32 and Virtual Zoom Platform  
March 11, 2025**

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Closed Session: 6:30 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**

**6:40 pm**

1.1 Roll Call

☒ Anthony Avila

☐ Karen Macedo

☒ Rob Santos

☒ Alison Carvalho

☒ Steve Soderstrom

1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Items

1.3 Adjourn to Closed Session

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos                      Second: Anthony Avila  
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 (1)
- SDC/ Intervention Teacher (1)
- Teacher (3)
- Summer School Secretary

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila                      Second: Rob Santos  
Vote    Ayes 4                      Noes    0                      Abstentions 0

2.1.2 Track Coach

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila                      Second: Rob Santos  
Vote    Ayes 4                      Noes    0                      Abstentions 0

2.1.3 2025-26 .80 FTE Itinerant Speech Therapist

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos                      Second: Anthony Avila  
Vote    Ayes 4                      Noes    0                      Abstentions 0

2.1.4 2025-26 8th grade Language Arts/History Teacher

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos                      Second: Anthony Avila  
Vote    Ayes 4                      Noes    0                      Abstentions 0

2.1.5 Para-Educator 2.75 Hours

Pending Interviews

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 #03-11-25-01

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila                      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: Anthony Avila  
Vote    Ayes 4                      Noes    0                      Abstentions 0

### 3. OPEN SESSION: CALL TO ORDER

**7:16 pm**

#### 3.1 Roll Call

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

#### 3.2 Flag Salute led by Alison Carvalho

#### 3.3 Report from Closed Session

The Board approved the following Summer School positions: Alex Salas for the Principal/Teacher position, Theresa Carroll for the Summer School SDC/Intervention Teacher, Linda Rosa job share with Shannon Padilla, Kelli Redman job share with Amy Espindula, and Sharon Ostrander for the teacher positions. Yareli Gonzalez-Pimentel was approved for the Summer School Secretary position. They also approved Morgan Nunes as Track Coach, Avery Cano as 0.8 FTE Itinerant Speech Therapist, and Rachel Berry as 8th Grade Language Arts/History Teacher. The Chatom Para-Educator 2.75 hour position is currently pending interviews. Lastly, the Board approved the resignation of employee #03-11-2025-01.

#### 3.4 Approval of Agenda

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila                      Second: Rob Santos  
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: Rob Santos                      Second: Anthony Avila  
Vote    Ayes 4                      Noes    0                      Abstentions 0

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATION

### 6. INFORMATION

#### 6.1 Calendar of Events

## 6.2 Board Financial Summary Report

### 6.3 Program Reports:

Chatom Elementary School Principal, Sara Cruz, shared that the TK/Kindergarten Registration day was successful. She shared that this month's focus was on being responsible and respectful. Mrs. Cruz also shared that Chatom is actively focused on attendance, and 154 students were celebrated this month with a treat from the Yogurt Mill truck. She ended by sharing that students will be honored this Friday for completing statewide testing.

Mt. View Middle School Principal, Lauren Lanum, shared that this month was very busy with students completing ELPAC testing & i-Ready 3 Diagnostic assessments, as well as Girls' Soccer & Boys' Basketball seasons coming to an end. She shared that Boys' Volleyball & Track will be starting up next. Mrs. Lanum also shared that the 3rd quarter ends this Friday. As for upcoming events, Mrs. Lanum shared that Turlock High School staff is scheduled to be on campus at Mountain View three times in the next couple of weeks, and Career Day is scheduled for next week with an expected 24 presenters.

Chatom State Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, shared that Preschool Registration will occur on April 30th & May 7th. Mrs. Nunes also shared that there have been changes, and two-year-old students will now be allowed to register for the upcoming school year; however, only eight two-year-old students will be allowed in each class. She also shared that a parent meeting was held during the month, and parents received a presentation on the Effects of Screen Time and a month's worth of activities to do with their students. Mrs. Nunes ended by sharing that the Preschool is getting ready for conferences and observations in April.

Chatom Union School District Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, reported that Chatom held another successful Saturday school at both sites this past weekend. She also shared that she did not have the opportunity to attend the Superintendents' Symposium in December but will be attending the Small School Districts' Symposium next month from April 6 to 8. She is planning on attending sessions to obtain more information on the Proposition 2 State facilities bond, which recently passed.

## 7. **ACTION**

7.1 Consider Approval of Scheduling June Board Meetings for Tuesday, June 10 and June 24

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila      Second: Rob Santos

Vote    Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

7.2 Consider Approval of Revised Academic Criterion for Reclassification of English Learners

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos                Second: Anthony Avila

Vote    Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

7.3 Consider Approval of Resolution #03-11-25-01 Regarding Employment of Short-Term Employee

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos                Second: Anthony Avila

Vote    Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

7.4 Consider Receipt of Chatom Union Educators Association (CUEA) Initial Public Sunshine Proposal for 2024-2025

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila      Second: Rob Santos

Vote    Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

7.5 Consider Approval of 2024-2025 Second Interim Report

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos                Second: Anthony Avila

Vote    Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**7:53 pm**

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos                Second: Anthony Avila

Vote    Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0