

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Chatom Elementary Room #32 and Zoom Platform  
August 13, 2024**

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

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 online at [www.chatom.k12.ca.us](http://www.chatom.k12.ca.us) )

**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**

**6:43 pm**

1.1 Roll Call

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

1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

1.3 Adjourn to Closed Session

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom                      Second: Karen Macedo  
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

2.1.1 Bilingual ParaEducator (5 hours)

APPROVED

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

2.1.2 Mountain View Yard/Cafeteria Supervisor (1.75 hours)

APPROVED

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

2.1.3 Early Childhood Education (ECE) Paraeducator (6.5 hours) Two positions

APPROVED

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

2.1.4 Custodial/Groundskeeper (8 hours)

APPROVED

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

2.1.5 Custodial Groundskeeper (5 hours)

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo                      Second: Alison Carvalho  
Vote Ayes 3   Noes 0                      Abstentions 1

2.1.6 Request Authority for the Superintendent to Continue to Hire Vacant Certificated and Classified Staff Members that are Time Sensitive Under the Direction of the Board President or Board Representative

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)

2.2.1 Retirement of Employee #08-13-24-01

APPROVED

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

2.3 Negotiations

2.4 Adjournment Back to Public Session

APPROVED

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

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

**7:04 pm**

3.1 Roll Call

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

3.2 Flag Salute led by Board President Anthony Avila

3.3 Report from Closed Session

3.4 Approval of Agenda

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom                      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 Consider Approval of Foothill Horizons Contract

4.5 Collection of Developer Fees

APPROVED

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

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

5.1 Home Depot Donation of Plants and Potting Soil to Mountain View Middle School

**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 first day of school was a big success. A lot of families showed up and loved all the photo opportunities set by the site. Mrs. Cruz also shared her excitement about welcoming many new families and students. She shared that the first two days of school were very eventful and received great response on social media.

Mt. View Middle School Principal, Lauren Lanum, started by commending the custodial crew for their hard work installing new furniture in the library and placing things back in their place after new flooring was installed. Mrs. Lanum also shared that Round-Up was a very well-attended event, with only 20 students not in attendance. She shared that the site will be hosting a Back-to-School Social/Dance during the last 1.5 hours of the school day.

Chatom State Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, shared that the Parent Orientation had a good turnout. The preschool also had a meet and greet today. Mrs. Nunes provided an update in which she shared that the preschool has 6 toileting plans in place, the playground has been completed, and preschool students will now be eating breakfast & lunch in the classroom.

Chatom Union School District Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, provided an update on all ongoing projects at both Chatom Elementary & Mountain View Middle School. She also provided a thorough update on the Mountain View Well. She shared that the first four depth intervals sampled were not recommended and due to those results, drilling has been put on hold while other options are revisited.

- 6.4 District Information Posted on the Chatom Website:  
Revised Parent Rights and Responsibilities  
Revised District Basic Commitment (DBC) Handbook  
Revised Staff Handbook
- 6.5 Teaching Assignment Monitoring Outcome (TAMO)  
2022-2023 Report

## **7. ACTION**

- 7.1 Consider Approval of Professional Expert Employment Agreement  
APPROVED  
Motion: Steve Soderstrom                      Second: Alison Carvalho  
Vote Ayes 4   Noes 0                      Abstentions 0
- 7.2 Consider Approval of Early Childhood Education (ECE) Paraeducator Job Description

APPROVED

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

7.3    Consider Approval of all 2024-2025 Salary Schedules

APPROVED

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

**8.    ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

8.1    Schedule Special Board Meeting Following Bid Openings

Special Board meeting scheduled for Friday, August 16th  
at 7:00 am.

**9.    ADJOURNMENT**

**7:34 pm**

APPROVED

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