

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Chatom Room #32 and Zoom Platform
May 13, 2025**

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Closed Session: 6:00 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 chatom.k12.ca.us)

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

Steve Soderstrom – 7300 E Earll Dr, Scottsdale, AZ

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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

6:22 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: 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 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)

2.1.1 Teacher Leave of Absence Request (.40 FTE) for Job Share Proposal

APPROVED

Motion: Alison Carvalho Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.2 Public Employee Appointment

(Gov. Code 54957 and 54954.5 (e))

2.2.1 Summer School/ELOP Para-Educators

- Two positions

Shiree Ribeiro

Maria Mendez

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.2.2 Mountain View 2025-2026 Sports Program

- Athletic Director
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Basketball
- Boys Soccer
- Track

The District did not receive any letters of intent from internal certificated or classified staff and will now open the positions to external applicants.

2.2.3 .50 Resource Teacher

Pending Interviews

2.2.4 Paraeducator 6.5 hours

Leonor Ortiz

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Steve Soderstrom

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.2.5 Custodian-Groundskeeper (8 hours)

Pending Interviews

2.2.6 Induction Support Provider (8th Grade)

In process

2.2.7 Chatom Elementary: Temporary .40 FTE Teacher

In process

2.2.8 Request Authority for the Superintendent to Hire
Time-Sensitive Positions Under the Direction of the
Board President or Board Representative

APPROVED

Motion: Alison Carvalho Second: Steve Soderstrom

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

7:17 pm

3.1 Roll Call

☒ Anthony Avila

☒ Alison Carvalho

☒ Karen Macedo

☒ Steve Soderstrom

☐ Rob Santos

3.2 Flag Salute led by Bertina Bettencourt

3.3 Report from Closed Session

The Board approved a teacher leave of absence request (.40 FTE) for a job share proposal. The Board also approved Shiree Ribeiro & Maria Mendez for Chatom's two Summer School/ELOP para-educator positions, as well as Leonor Ortiz for the Chatom Paraeducator 6.5-hour position. They also granted authorization for the Superintendent to hire time-sensitive positions under the direction of the Board President or Board Representative. The Mountain View 2025-2026 Sports Program positions will be opened up to external applicants. The .50 Resource Teacher position, Custodian-Groundskeeper position, Induction Support Provider position, as well as the Chatom Elementary: Temporary .40 FTE Teacher position, are still in process.

3.4 Approval of Agenda

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 Declaration of Obsolete Items
- 4.4 Collection of Developer Fees (if any)
- 4.5 Consider Renewal of Chatom State Preschool StanWait Agreement
- 4.6 Consider Renewal of Parent Square
- 4.7 Consider Renewal of I-Ready Curriculum and Associates
- 4.8 Consider Renewal of School Status (Previously SIA)/SARC Agreement
- 4.9 Consider Renewal of Worker’s Compensation Annual Certification Pursuant to Education Code 42141 (c)
APPROVED
Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Alison Carvalho
Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATION

- 5.1 \$7,000 Boyett Petroleum “Make Dreams Real” Grant
 - Mountain View Middle School Received a \$7,000 Grant from Boyett Petroleum to Support Outdoor Education
- 5.2 2024-2025 Staff Recognition
 - Teacher of the Year – Theresa Carroll
 - Classified Employee of the Year – Eric Hall
 - Stanislaus County Employees Making a Difference Award – Bertina BettencourtAll of the recipients were recognized by the Board of Trustees and received a plaque.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- 6.1 Calendar of Events
Reviewed by Superintendent, Cherise Olvera
- 6.2 Board Financial Summary Report
Reviewed by Superintendent, Cherise Olvera
- 6.3 Communication from Stanislaus County Office of Education Regarding Second Interim Report
A letter from the Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) was presented, which stated that SCOE concurred with the District’s positive certification on the Second Interim Report.

6.4 Program Reports:

Chatom Elementary School Principal, Sara Cruz, shared that April was a fun-filled month. Students and families had the opportunity to participate in events such as Family Literacy Night, Chatom's Annual Egg Hunt, and Fly It Day. Mrs. Cruz also shared that some grade levels had the opportunity to attend field trips to places like the Modesto Children's Museum and Columbia State Park. She also shared that Chatom students benefited from a visit by Glasses to Classes. Glasses to Classes provided students with free vision screenings and a free pair of glasses for students in need. Mrs. Cruz concluded by sharing that Transition Day for fifth-grade students, the Chatom Talent Show, and Staff Appreciation Week were coming up.

Mountain View Middle School Principal, Lauren Lanum, shared that all but one student completed CAASPP Testing before spring break. She also reported that there was a 1.23% increase in attendance between March and April. Mrs. Lanum shared that Mountain View has a good partnership with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office, and they provided an attendance incentive to students. Deputies arrived on campus in their patrol cars and handed out ice cream to 56 students as an incentive for good attendance. Mrs. Lanum also provided a summary of ongoing events, which included: the end of boys' track and girls' volleyball season. Open House took place on May 8th, Transition Day is on Friday, and Market Day will occur on May 22nd.

Chatom State Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, shared that they held a parent meeting last week and provided information to parents about preparing their students for TK. Parents also received a goodie bag, which included activities for the summer. She also shared that the Preschool had its Open House on May 7. Mrs. Nunes shared that currently, the Preschool has 30 students registered to start the following school year. She concluded by providing a summary of the end-of-school-year events, which included an animal show, End-of-Year Celebration, and Preschool Graduation.

Chatom Union School District Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, shared that the District was notified that the 2025-2026 E-rate application was approved. Mrs. Olvera then proceeded to share that the Mountain View Water Project is still in process, and she will be attending a meeting with the state this week to further discuss how the district will be moving forward with the project. She also shared that the Special Education Cycle B monitoring parts

one and two were completed with no further action needed.
The final part will be due before June 30.

7. ACTION

- 7.1 Consider Approval of AERIES Student Information System
APPROVED

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

- 7.2 Consider Agreement for Special Contract Services with Stanislaus County Office of Education for Literacy/ELD and Mathematics Professional Development
APPROVED

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

- 7.3 Consider Approval of Chatom State Preschool Flooring Bid
APPROVED

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

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

9. ADJOURNMENT

7:50 pm

APPROVED

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