

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Chatom Elementary Room #32 and Zoom Platform  
January 13, 2026**

Tuesday, January 13, 2026  
Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.  
Public Session: 7:00 p.m.

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

1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

1.3 Adjourn to Closed Session

**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 (ELOP) 1.5 hours (3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.)

2.1.2 Paraeducator (ELOP) 2.0 hours (2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.)

2.1.3 Paraeducator (Art and Music Experience)

- 8 hours per week (4 hours a day, two days a week)

2.1.4 ELOP Custodian (4 hours)

No action was taken.

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)

The Board accepted the retirement of the following employees, effective June 30, 2026: #01-13-26-01, #01-13-26-02, and #01-13-26-03.

2.3 Negotiations

2.4 Adjournment Back to Public Session

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

**7:05 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Santos    |  |

3.2 Flag Salute led by Board President Alison Carvalho

3.3 Report from Closed Session

3.4 Approval of Agenda

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila      Second: Steve Soderstrom

Vote    Ayes 5                  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 Renewal of Document Tracking Services (DTS) Agreement  
APPROVED  
Motion: Steve Soderstrom                      Second: Anthony Avila  
Vote    Ayes 5                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0

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

- 5.1 \$1,200 Donation to the Chatom Union School District Received in 2025 from Mrs. Barbara Patman  
Mrs. Olvera shared her great appreciation for Mrs. Patman's donation, as well as her ongoing support for the District.

**6. INFORMATION**

- 6.1 Calendar of Events  
Reviewed by Superintendent, Cherise Olvera
- 6.2 Board Financial Summary Report  
Reviewed by Business Manager, Kelly Machado
- 6.3 2024-2025 Developer Fee Annual Report  
Reviewed by Business Manager, Kelly Machado
- 6.4 Communication Regarding an Audit Extension Due to the Extenuating Circumstances Surrounding the Release of the 2025 OMB Compliance Supplement for the 2024-2025 Audit
- 6.5 Mountain View Middle School Water Project Update  
An update was provided by Spencer Supinger, Project Engineer at QK Inc.
- 6.6 Program Reports:  
Chatom Elementary School Principal, Sara Cruz, shared that although December was a short month, it was filled with fun and engaging activities. Chatom hosted Holiday Grams, and some highlights included the Christmas Around the World program and PTC movie night with Santa Claus. Mrs. Cruz also provided an update on upcoming events, which include no school on Monday, the 100th Day of School, Student Awards, STEM Day, and PTC Night.

Mt. View Middle School Principal, Lauren Lanum, also stated that December was a short month but packed with fun activities for Mountain View. She shared that students participated in holiday dress-up days, a winter rally, a parade, and end-of-unit activities. Mrs. Lanum noted that Mountain View is currently focusing on improving attendance, as it was slightly lower in December. She also shared that girls' soccer and boys' basketball tryouts were held last week. Looking ahead, she announced that the 8th-grade graduation is approaching and that the first

graduation meeting was held today, during which a James Bond theme was selected for this year's ceremony. She concluded by noting that the school year is now more than halfway complete.

Chatom State Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, shared that there are currently 20 students enrolled in the AM class and 16 students in the PM class, with two families pending enrollment. She also announced that TK and Kindergarten registration will begin next month and noted that 26 preschool students will be transitioning to TK, while eight will be returning. Mrs. Nunes shared that Singing with Santa had a great turnout this year and added that she is looking to incorporate more daily math activities for students.

Chatom Union School District Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, provided a review of a recent county inspection that resulted in a few violations, all of which have since been corrected. The violations included two vacuum-sealed turkeys that were improperly stored in the freezer, a bathroom sink that was not reaching the proper temperature, and a concern with the back panel of an ice machine. Mrs. Olvera also provided a special education update, sharing that Business Manager, Kelly Machado, budgets and plans for four special education students who may be new or in need of increased support and services. She shared that the District currently has 10 students who will need new or continued services. Mrs. Olvera went on to congratulate the District's elementary school for exiting State Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI). She concluded by extending her appreciation to the PTC and the Christmas Committee for their efforts during the holiday season, as well as to all of Chatom District's community partners.

## **7. ACTION**

- 7.1 Consider Approval of Letter of Intent to Consolidate Mountain View Middle School Water System with City of Ceres

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila      Second: Rob Santos  
Vote   Ayes 5                  Noes 0                  Abstentions 0

- 7.2 Consider Approval of Quad Knopf, Inc Contract to Continue Mountain View Water Project with State Funding

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo      Second: Steve Soderstrom  
Vote   Ayes 5                  Noes 0                  Abstentions 0

- 7.3 Consider Receipt of Chatom Union Educators Association (CUEA) Initial Public Sunshine Proposal  
APPROVED  
Motion: Steve Soderstrom                      Second: Anthony Avila  
Vote    Ayes 5                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0
- 7.4 Consider Approval of School Accountability Report Card for Chatom Elementary School  
APPROVED  
Motion: Anthony Avila                      Second: Steve Soderstrom  
Vote    Ayes 5                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0
- 7.5 Consider Approval of School Accountability Report Card for Mountain View Middle School  
APPROVED  
Motion: Karen Macedo                      Second: Anthony Avila  
Vote    Ayes 5                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0
- 7.6 Consider Approval of Stanislaus County Special Education Plan Area (SELPA) Joint Powers Agreement  
APPROVED  
Motion: Steve Soderstrom                      Second: Anthony Avila  
Vote    Ayes 5                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0
- 7.7 Consider Approval of Agreement for Special Contract Services with Stanislaus County Office of Education for One Day of Professional Learning Focused on Transitional Kindergarten Foundations and Paraprofessional Support  
APPROVED  
Motion: Karen Macedo                      Second: Steve Soderstrom  
Vote    Ayes 5                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0
- 7.8 Consider Approval of Estimate for Two Portable Classrooms for the Sole Purpose of Expanded Learning Opportunity Programs (ELOP)  
APPROVED  
Motion: Anthony Avila                      Second: Steve Soderstrom  
Vote    Ayes 5                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**7:39 pm**

APPROVED  
Motion: Steve Soderstrom                      Second: Karen Macedo  
Vote    Ayes 5                      Noes 0                      Abstentions 0