

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Chatom Elementary Room #32 and Virtual Zoom Platform
February 10, 2026**

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.

Public Session: 7:00 p.m.

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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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

- 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: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 5 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 Resignation of Employee 02-10-26-01

APPROVED

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

2.1.2 Resignation of Employee 02-10-26-02

APPROVED

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

2.2 Public Employee Appointment

(Gov. Code 54957 and 54954.5 (e))

2.2.1 ELOP Custodian (4 hours)

Maria Perez

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.2.2 Food Service III

Rayona Merrill

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.2.3 SDC/Resource Teacher

In Process

2.2.4 5th Grade Teacher

Case Pacheco

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.2.5 Hourly Home/Hospital Teacher (As Needed)

Rachel Berry

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

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

In Process

2.2.7 Paraeducator (ELOP) 2.0 hours (2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.)
In Process

2.2.8 Paraeducator (Art and Music Experience)
• 8 hours per week (4 hours a day, two days a week)
In Process

2.3 Negotiations

2.4 Adjournment Back to Public Session

3. OPEN SESSION: CALL TO ORDER

7:03 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

The Board accepted the resignation of employees #02-10-26-01 and #02-10-26-02. The Board also appointed the following individuals:

- Maria Perez as a 4-hour ELOP Custodian
- Rayona Merrill as a Food Service III
- Case Pacheco as a 5th Grade Teacher
- Rachel Berry as an Hourly Home/Hospital Teacher as needed

The Board also gave the Superintendent the authority, per Board Policy, to accept resignations on behalf of the Board under the direction of the Board President or Board Representative. They also gave the Superintendent the authority to post and hire a Resource/Math Intervention Teacher and a Resource/Special Education Teacher.

3.4 Approval of Agenda

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo
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

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Anthony Avila

Vote Ayes 5 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 January was filled with learning and celebrations at Chatom Elementary. The school celebrated the 100th Day of School, hosted a Family STEM Night, and held TK/Kindergarten Registration Day. She noted that many engaging after-school activities are currently underway, and students will begin ELPAC testing next week. Mrs. Cruz proudly reported that the school's ADA reached 99%, and Chatom will celebrate perfect attendance for January with a s'mores treat. She concluded by reminding everyone that this month's character trait focus is kindness.

Principal Lauren Lanum began by highlighting recent academic activities. Students have been writing eulogies for characters from *The Outsiders*, studying the Holocaust through reading *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and will also begin ELPAC testing next week. She shared that the district is beginning the process of adopting a new math curriculum. In athletics, the girls' soccer and boys' basketball teams have already played their first games of the season. Mrs. Lanum proudly noted that more girls tried out for soccer this year than last year. She also shared that 97 students attended the recent Friends and Football Dance. Upcoming events include candy grams and a "Without Permission" presentation.

Preschool Director Sandra Nunes reported that 28 students enrolled during TK/Kindergarten Registration Day. She shared that Preschool will host two registration days on April 29 and May 6. Mrs. Nunes also noted that preschool staff will receive training on the DRDP.

Superintendent Cherise Olvera shared that TK/Kindergarten Registration was held last week and that ELOP Camp took place on Saturday, January 31. She went

on to congratulate Daniel Jimenez Soto for being recognized at the Stanislaus County Office of Education Employees Making a Difference Ceremony on January 21.

Superintendent Olvera also provided an update regarding the Sexual Violent Predator (SVP) court hearing. The SVP trial was held on January 16, during which more than 2,300 letters of concern were submitted into evidence. The trial is scheduled to continue on April 3. She concluded by providing an update on the Mountain View gym HVAC system, which needs to be replaced. She shared that the specifications are currently being reviewed by a mechanical engineer so the project can go out to bid.

- 6.4 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Mid-Year Report
Mrs. Olvera presented the Mid-Year Report on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The report included student performance and program data available through January, as well as a progress update on the implementation of LCAP actions and services for each of the three goals.

7. ACTION

- 7.1 Consider Acceptance of 2024-2025 Audit
APPROVED
Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Rob Santos
Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
Mrs. Machado reported that there were no findings on the 2024-2025 audit.
- 7.2 Consider District Proposal for Negotiations with CSEA and its Chatom Chapter #585 for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Years
APPROVED
Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Anthony Avila
Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 7.3 Consider District Proposal for Negotiations with Chatom Union Educators' Association for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Years
APPROVED
Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Rob Santos
Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 7.4 Consider Approval of E-Rate Category 2 Bid
Bid awarded to Datapath
APPROVED
Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0
- 7.5 Consider Approval of Preschool Classroom Panel Box Bid

Bid awarded to ACME Electric

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Anthony Avila

Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 7.6 Consider Approval of Building Manufacturer Piggy Back Bid for Chatom Elementary ELOP Classrooms to be Used Solely for After-School Programs

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Rob Santos

Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 7.7 Consider Approval of Mountain View Furniture Bid

Bid awarded to Worthington Direct

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Anthony Avila

Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 7.8 Consider Approval of Revised Safety Plan

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 7.9 Consider Approval of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1445 Response to Immigration Enforcement

Trustee Karen Macedo suggested the matter be tabled for further discussion. No action was taken.

- 7.10 Consider Nomination for 2026 Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly

The Board discussed the nomination for the 2026 CSBA Delegate Assembly ballot. Board members expressed concern that they were not familiar with the nominee and noted that the nominee was unopposed.

No motion was made; therefore, the action item failed due to lack of a motion.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- 8.1 Consider Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to Review Graduation Awards

The Board appointed Rob Santos and Karen Macedo.

- 8.2 Consider Possible WestEd Case Study at Mountain View Regarding the Behavioral Health Student Services Act (BHSSA) Grant

The Board approved consideration of this case study if it would be helpful to the District and supported by the participants.

9. ADJOURNMENT