

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Chatom Elementary Room 32 and Zoom Platform
September 11, 2025**

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.

Public Session: 7:00 p.m.

(The 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)

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

Anthony Avila - 4918 Christofferson Road, Turlock, CA 95380

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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

6:00 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 Resignation of Employee #09-02-25-01

2.1.2 Resignation of Employee #09-02-25-02

*Item amended to reflect the correct employee numbers: 09-02-25-01 changed to 09-11-25-01, and 09-02-25-02 changed to 09-11-25-02.

- 2.2 Public Employee Appointment
(Gov. Code 54957 and 54954.5 (e))

2.2.1 Athletic Director

Alex Salas

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.2.2 3rd Grade Teacher

Allyson Morris

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.2.3 Year 2 Induction - 5th Grade

Christina Holland Oliveira

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.2.4 Bilingual Paraeducator (5 hours)

Rebeca Mendoza

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.2.5 Chatom Yard/ Cafeteria Supervisor (1 hour)

April Mailloux

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.2.6 Paraeducator (Physical Education)(3 hours/4 days a week)

April Mailloux

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.2.7 Paraeducator (Art and Music Experience) (5 hours)

The position is still in process.

2.3 Negotiations

2.4 Anticipated Litigation - One Potential Case (Gov. Code 54956.9)

2.5 Adjournment Back to Public Session

APPROVED

Motion: Alison Carvalho Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

3. OPEN SESSION: CALL TO ORDER

7:10 pm

3.1 Roll Call

Anthony Avila

Alison Carvalho

Karen Macedo

Steve Soderstrom

Rob Santos

3.2 Flag Salute led by Board President, Steve Soderstrom

3.3 Report from Closed Session

The Board accepted the resignations of employees 09-11-25-01 and 09-11-25-02. The Board also approved the following public employee appointments: Alex Salas as Athletic Director, Allyson Morris as 3rd Grade Teacher, Christina Holland Oliveira as Year 2 Induction – 5th Grade Teacher, Rebeca Mendoza as Bilingual Paraeducator, and April Mailloux as Chatom Yard/Cafeteria Supervisor and Physical Education Paraeducator. The Art and Music Experience Paraeducator position remains in process.

3.4 Approval of Agenda

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo 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 Collection of Developer Fees (if any)

APPROVED

Motion: Alison Carvalho Second: Anthony Avila

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Olvera expressed her gratitude to the Transportation Department, noting that bus drivers had provided thank-you cards to the Board members in appreciation for the new buses with air conditioning.

6. INFORMATION

6.1 Calendar of Events

6.2 Board Financial Summary Report

6.3 Program Reports:

Chatom Elementary School Principal, Sara Cruz, reported that both the recent Back-to-School Night and Farmers Market at Chatom were a success. She shared that Chatom staff participated in a professional development session focused on inclusion and strategies to support students with disabilities, presented by highly trained staff. Principal Cruz also recognized the ELPAC team—Daniel, Bernadette, and Lucy—for completing the initial ELPAC testing for the year. She noted that the “Every Day Counts” attendance campaign has resumed and that this month’s character trait focus is responsibility. Mrs. Cruz concluded by sharing that after-school enrichment programs are now underway, and that picture makeups and student awards are coming up soon.

Chatom State Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, was not present at the meeting. Mrs. Olvera informed the Board that Mrs. Nunes’ report was included in the packet, and she shared that the state conducted a surprise visit, and the Chatom State Preschool passed the inspection successfully.

Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, reported that enrollment in the Chatom Union School District has increased, resulting in some students being placed on a waitlist. She announced that the new third-grade classroom opened on Thursday, September 4, providing additional space for growth within the district. Mrs. Olvera also shared that the Food Services Department received a \$30,000 grant (\$15,000 per site) to support the 2025–2026 School Breakfast Program and Summer Meal Program. She concluded by noting that the Mountain View gym HVAC unit is currently operating at 50–60% capacity, and the District is exploring repair and replacement options.

6.4 Educator Effectiveness Plan Update

Mrs. Olvera shared the expenses and the remaining balance of the Educator Effectiveness funds. The remaining balance reflects the 2024-2025 financial closing.

7. ACTION

7.1 Consider Approval of Core Educational Program

APPROVED

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

7.2 2025-2026 Instructional Materials Sufficiency

7.2.1 Open Public Hearing on Instructional Materials Sufficiency

APPROVED

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

7.2.2 Public Comment

7.2.3 Close Public Hearing

APPROVED

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

7.3 Consider Approval of Resolution No. 09-11-25-01
Instructional Materials Sufficiency

APPROVED

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

7.4 Consider Approval of Resolution No. 09-11-25-02
For Adopting the “GANN” Limit

APPROVED

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

7.5 Consider Approval of Unaudited Actuals for 2024-2025

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8.1 Consider Changing the November 11, 2025, Board Meeting Due to the
Veterans Day Holiday

The Board agreed to move the November meeting to November 13, 2025.

9. ADJOURNMENT

7:56 pm

APPROVED

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