

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

Thursday, November 13, 2025

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 at [www.chatom.k12.ca.us](http://www.chatom.k12.ca.us) by clicking on the calendar)*

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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.)

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**6:40 pm**

1.1 Roll Call

- Anthony Avila
- Karen Macedo
- Rob Santos

- Alison Carvalho
- Steve Soderstrom

1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items



4.3 Declaration of Obsolete Items4.4 Collection of Developer Fees (if any)

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo      Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote    Ayes 5                  Noes 0                  Abstentions 0

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATION****6. INFORMATION**6.1 Calendar of Events6.2 Board Financial Summary Report6.3 Program Reports:

Chatom Elementary School Principal, Sara Cruz, shared that it has been another busy month at Chatom with the PTC Carnival, Spelling Bee, and Red Ribbon Week, which included many fun dress-up days and student giveaways. She reported that four Chatom students will advance to the Stanislaus County Spelling Bee. Principal Cruz also highlighted that Reading with Rover was a huge success and that students enjoyed reading with Superintendent Olvera. She added that, among many other activities, the Music & Arts program continues to thrive and has grown so much that a morning session has been added to accommodate all interested students. Mrs. Cruz also shared that the school will be launching a Pizza with the Principal incentive to support the Every Day Matters Campaign, and she was proud to report that Chatom's attendance is currently at 99.25%.

Mountain View Middle School Principal, Lauren Lanum, reported that the school recently held a very successful Report Card Night. Staff met with parents and students to create academic plans to support students with a GPA below 2.0. She also shared that the Halloween Dance was well attended, and students had a great time. This month, sixth-grade students also attended Foothill Horizons outdoor education camp, where they had a wonderful experience. Mrs. Lanum noted that it was inspiring to see Mountain View students step up as leaders. She concluded with a preview of upcoming events, including Student/Citizen of the Month Awards Assembly, the Thanksgiving Feast, and a Community Pumpkin Pie Party.

Chatom State Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, shared that the Preschool had an excellent turnout for Parent Conferences, with only one student and family unable to attend. Mrs. Nunes also noted that the Preschool will

participate in the upcoming Thanksgiving Lunch, and she concluded by announcing that Chatom State Preschool has officially received its license to begin providing services to two-year-old children.

Chatom Union School District Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, provided a math curriculum update and shared that both school sites have established math committees to review standards and identify student needs in preparation for the upcoming math adoption. Mrs. Olvera then offered an update on ELOP activities, noting that between 120 and 135 students are currently enrolled in the Expanded Learning Opportunity Program and that additional staff have been hired to support its expansion. She also shared that the District is collecting bids for storage sheds to organize and store ELOP supplies and materials. Lastly, Superintendent Olvera reported that the District is considering purchasing two portable classrooms to support increased student enrollment and participation in ELOP. These two portable classrooms would be dedicated solely to ELOP programs.

**7. ACTION**

7.1 Consider Approval of Bid for Storage Sheds

The Board approved a 10x10, 10x24 and a 10x40 to be installed after removing the old ham radio pole.

APPROVED

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

7.2 Consider Approval of Reading Difficulties Risk Screener

Multidues was selected and approved as the reading difficulties risk screener.

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo      Second: Alison Carvalho  
Vote   Ayes 5                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**7:34 pm**

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila      Second: Alison Carvalho  
Vote   Ayes 5                Noes 0                Abstentions 0