

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Chatom Elementary Room #32 and Zoom Platform
DECEMBER 09, 2025**

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Closed Session: 6:30 PM

Open Session: 7:00 PM

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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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

6:33 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: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

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)

These positions remain open.

2.2 Public Employees

Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-re-election/Leaves of
Absence/Resignation/Job Share

(Gov. Code 54954.5 (e) and Gov. Code 54957)

2.3 Negotiations

2.4 Adjournment Back to Public Session

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

3. OPEN SESSION: CALL TO ORDER

7:18 pm

3.1 Roll Call

Anthony Avila

Alison Carvalho

Karen Macedo

Steve Soderstrom

Rob Santos

3.2 Flag Salute led by Board Clerk Alison Carvalho

3.3 Report from Closed Session

No action was taken in closed session.

3.4 Approval of Agenda

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Anthony Avila

Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

4. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

4.1 Election of Officers

4.1.1 Board President

The President of the Board shall be nominated by any Board Member present.

The Board nominated Alison Carvalho

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

4.1.2 Board Clerk

The new President of the Board shall call for nominations for Clerk of the Board.

The Board nominated Anthony Avila

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Anthony Avila

Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

4.1.3 Trustee Representative

The new President of the Board shall call for nominations for Trustee Representative.

The Board nominated Karen Macedo

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

4.1.4 Secretary to the Board

The Superintendent will serve as Secretary to the Board.

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

4.1.5 Verification of Signatures

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 Board Minutes

5.2 Fiscal Services – Warrants/Payroll

5.3 Declaration of Obsolete Items

5.4 Collection of Developer Fees (if any)

5.5 Renewal of School Services of California Contract

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Anthony Avila

Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION

6.1 Public Recognition

6.1.1 Chatom Elementary Spelling Bee Stanislaus County Participants

- Lucy Coffey (4th Grade) - Silver Medal
- Arushi Sharma (4th Grade) - Silver Medal
- Brayden Nunes (5th Grade) - Silver Medal
- Daleyza Ramirez (5th Grade)- Silver Medal

The Superintendent and Mrs. Cruz recognized all spelling bee participants and presented each with a certificate and a bee-themed pen.

6.1.2 Community Support and Donations

- Turlock Pentecost Association (TPA) – Shopping trip for students at Mountain View and Chatom Elementary
- Westside Ministries – Clothes drive for students in need at Chatom Elementary and Mountain View
- Mitchell Community Church - “Angel Tree” gifts for Chatom Elementary and Mountain View
- Kiwanis of Greater Turlock - Shopping trip for students at Mountain View and Chatom Elementary

The list reflects donations received as of December 3, 2025. It does not include donations made after December 3rd or donations received from anonymous donors. The Chatom Union School District is very fortunate to have many organizations and community partnerships that support our staff and students. We appreciate all their support and thank all our donors, including those who may not be listed.

A thank-you will be sent to all donors on behalf of the staff and Chatom Union Board of Trustees.

7. INFORMATION

7.1 Calendar of Events

Reviewed by Superintendent Olvera

7.2 Board Financial Summary Report

Reviewed by Business Manager, Kelly Machado.

7.3 Program Reports

Chatom Elementary School Principal, Sara Cruz, began by sharing that the Art & Music program has gained strong momentum and is providing students with meaningful exposure to art and music. She noted that Ms. April is doing an excellent job leading the program. Mrs. Cruz also reported that school attendance for the month was 99.14%. Additionally, she shared that last month's Thanksgiving Feast and the recent Santa Night event were both very successful.

Mountain View Middle School Principal, Lauren Lanum, reported that the Thanksgiving Feast at Mountain View was very well attended. She shared that since she began her role at the school, attendance for this event has continued to grow each year, nearly doubling annually. Mrs. Lanum also announced the launch of a clothing closet on campus, which held a soft opening on Thursday, December 4th. She expressed appreciation to Mitchell Community Church for their generous donation. Additionally, Mrs. Lanum shared that Mountain View hosted a Sports Fest to celebrate the final Girls' Basketball and Boys' Soccer games of the season, noting strong student and family participation. She concluded with a summary of the upcoming festive days.

Chatom State Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, reported that there are currently 20 students enrolled in the AM class and 14 students enrolled in the PM class. She also shared that a surprise audit was conducted, during which no deficiencies were cited. However, a recommendation was made to purchase a changing table.

Chatom Union School District Superintendent, Mrs. Olvera, began by providing an update on the portable classroom fire. She shared that the replacement classroom is expected to be installed over winter break and fully completed by January. Mrs. Olvera also announced that Daniel Jimenez-Soto was selected as the recipient of the Employees Making a Difference Award for the Chatom Union School District. Additionally, she reported that the Prop 28-funded Art & Music program at Chatom is off to a strong start and has received positive feedback from staff, students, and parents. She noted that the District is planning to implement a similar program at Mountain View Middle School. Mrs. Olvera concluded her report with a recap of upcoming Christmas activities.

7.4 California School Dashboard 2025 Data Reviewed by Superintendent Olvera.

8. ACTION

- 8.1 Consider Approval to Authorize the Superintendent to Speak on Behalf of the District in Opposition to the Subject of Placement of a Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) within the Chatom Union School District Boundaries

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Anthony Avila
Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 8.2 Consider Approval of E-Rate Bid for Category 1 Services

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 8.3 Consider Approval of Electrical Services for ELOP Classroom

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Anthony Avila
Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 8.4 Consider Receipt of Initial Public Sunshine Proposal from CSEA and its Chatom Chapter #585 for the 2025-2026 School Year

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 8.5 Consider Approval of 2025-2026 First Interim Report

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

The Board requested that a resolution be brought back at a future Board Meeting.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

10. ADJOURNMENT

8:20 pm

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0