

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Chatom Elementary Classroom 32 and Virtual Zoom Platform
March 10, 2026**

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Closed Session: 6:30 p.m.
Public Session: 7:00 p.m.

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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

1.1 Roll Call

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

1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session 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 Summer School Positions

- Principal/Teacher (1)
Alex Salas
- SDC/ Intervention Teacher (1)
Job Share Theresa Carroll & Brett Tyler
- Teacher (3)
*Job Share Shannon Padilla/Linda Rosa
Sharon Ostrander
Job Share Amy Espindula/Kelli Redman*
- Summer School Secretary
Yajayra Hernandez
- Summer Food Service Worker
(7:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday)
Angela Bailey
- Summer School/ELOP Para-Educator
(12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday- Thursday
Friday time varies by study trip or as needed.)
Maria Mendez and Shiree Ribeiro
- Summer Bus Driver
(Study trips and Summer School based on need.)
Debbie Nunes

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Rob Santos
Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.1.2 Food Service II Worker

April Gomez

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Steve Soderstrom
Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.1.3 SDC/ Resource Teacher

In Process

2.1.4 Resource/ Math Intervention Teacher

In Process

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)

2.2.1 Retirement of Employee #03-10-26-01

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Steve Soderstrom
Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2.3 Negotiations

2.4 Adjournment Back to Public Session

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Rob Santos

Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

3. OPEN SESSION: CALL TO ORDER (7:10 p.m.)

3.1 Roll Call

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

3.2 Flag Salute led by Board Clerk, Anthony Avila

3.3 Report from Closed Session

The Board accepted the resignation of employee #03-10-26-01. The Board also appointed the following individuals:

- Alex Salas as Summer School Principal/Teacher
- Theresa Carroll and Brett Tyler will job share as the Summer School SDC/Intervention Teachers
- Shannon Padilla and Linda Rosa will job share as Teachers
- Sharon Ostrander as Teacher
- Amy Espindula and Kelli Redman will job share as Teachers
- Yajayra Hernandez as Summer School Secretary
- Angela Bailey as Summer Food Service Worker
- Maria Mendez and Shiree Ribeiro as Summer School/ELOP Para-Educators
- Debbie Nunes as Summer Bus Driver
- April Gomez as Food Service II Worker

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 hire a Resource/Math Intervention Teacher and a Resource/Special Education Teacher.

3.4 Approval of Agenda

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Rob Santos

Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Board Minutes

4.2 Fiscal Services – Warrants/Payroll

- 4.3 Collection of Developer Fees (if any)
- 4.4 Consider Renewal of California State University, Stanislaus Field Experience Agreement
- 4.5 Consider Renewal of Stanislaus Partners in Education (S.P.I.E) Agreement

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Steve Soderstrom
Vote Ayes 3 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, reported that although February was a short month, there were many activities and celebrations at Chatom Elementary. Classrooms celebrated Valentine’s Day with various activities and classroom parties. She shared that 3rd grade students attended a field trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which had strong parent participation. Mrs. Cruz also reported that ELPAC testing has been completed, with the exception of makeup testing. She expressed appreciation to the ELPAC team, Bernadette Cruz, Daniel Jimenez, Stephanie Hale, and Lucy Silveira, for their dedication and support in ensuring testing ran smoothly. She noted that Chatom Elementary is making strong progress in the math adoption process. Upcoming events include an attendance breakfast celebration, field trips, and Spring pictures.

Mountain View Middle School Principal, Lauren Lanum, reported that Mountain View students completed ELPAC testing in five days, praising students for their efforts. Mrs. Lanum shared that the school is currently piloting the Desmos math curriculum. She also noted that 7th grade students attended a field trip to the Gallo Center for the Arts, where they watched a Drumline performance. Gallo staff complimented the students on their excellent behavior. She also reported that Sports Fest took place last week and both Boys’ Basketball and Girls’ Soccer played their final games of the season, with the girls’ soccer team securing a

win. Mrs. Lanum concluded by noting that the third quarter ends on Friday.

Chatom State Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, reported that the preschool currently has 20 students enrolled in the morning class and 16 students in the afternoon class, with the afternoon class expected to increase to 17 students by Friday. She shared that preschool registration days for the 2026–2027 school year will take place on April 29 and May 6. Mrs. Nunes also reported that the preschool held a parent meeting on March 4, during which Science Alliance provided a presentation supporting family engagement. Upcoming events include Spring Pictures, Ag Day, and a Jog-a-thon.

Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, provided an assessment update, reporting that both Chatom Elementary and Mountain View Middle School have completed ELPAC testing, and CAASPP testing will begin in April. Mrs. Olvera also shared that she recently attended the Small School District Association State Conference, where approximately 500 school districts were represented and where she received valuable information. She concluded by sharing that she is gathering additional information regarding California Proposition 2.

7. ACTION

7.1 Consider Approval of Scheduling June Board Meetings for Tuesday, June 9, and June 23

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Rob Santos
 Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

7.2 Consider Approval of the 2025-2026 Second Interim Report

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Rob Santos
 Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8.1 Consider Placing New and Revised Board Policies and Administrative Regulations on the Consent Calendar for Future Meetings

The Board directed the Superintendent to place all new and revised Board Policies and Administrative Regulations on the agenda under the consent calendar. The Board will consider these items collectively; however, any Board member may request that an item be removed for separate discussion and action.

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom Second: Rob Santos

Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

9. ADJOURNMENT (7:44 pm)

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Steve Soderstrom

Vote Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstentions 0