

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Chatom Room #32 and Virtual Zoom Platform
April 14, 2026**

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Closed Session: 6:30 p.m.

Public Session: 7:00 p.m.

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

Anthony Avila – 4918 Christofferson Road, Turlock, CA 95380

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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.)

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 (6:39 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: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

2. CLOSED SESSION

Disclosure of Items Discussed in Closed Session (Gov. Code 54947.7)

2.1 Public Employee Appointment

2.1.1 Resource/ Math Intervention

Katie Melrose

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

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)

2.3 Negotiations

2.4 Adjournment Back to Public Session

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

3. OPEN SESSION: CALL TO ORDER (7:06 pm)

3.1 Roll Call

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Avila | <input 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 Trustee, Steve Soderstrom

3.3 Report from Closed Session

The Board appointed Katie Melrose as the Resource/ Math Intervention Teacher.

3.4 Approval of Agenda

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo
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)
- 4.5 Consider Renewal of Aeries Student Information System
- 4.6 Consider Renewal of Microsoft License & Software Assurance

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATION

6. INFORMATION

- 6.1 Calendar of Events
- 6.2 Board Financial Summary Report and Review
- 6.3 Bond Continuing Disclosure Annual Report
- 6.4 AB-1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Years for All Units

6.5 Program Reports:

Chatom Elementary School Principal, Sara Cruz, shared that March was a highly engaging month focused on community building activities, including Dr. Seuss Week, Family Literature Night, Ag Day, and multiple field trips. Mrs. Cruz extended special recognition to Bernadette Cruz for her dedication and hard work in organizing Ag Day. She also proudly reported that Chatom Elementary achieved a 99% ADA and celebrated students with perfect attendance through a breakfast buffet. Additionally, report cards were mailed home, and 109 students were awarded achievement medals for meeting ELA and Math standards on statewide assessments. Mrs. Cruz concluded by noting that a testing rally is scheduled for Friday, with CAASPP testing set to begin next week, and she also recognized recently retired Food Service worker Bertina Bettencourt for being featured on NBC Nightly News.

Mountain View Middle School Principal, Lauren Lanum, reported the successful conclusion of the Boys' Basketball and Girls' Soccer seasons. She also shared that seventh-grade students recently participated in Medieval Day, which proved to be both an enjoyable and enriching educational experience. In addition, Turlock High School's FFA program visited the campus to showcase their ag program, and Turlock High counselors presented to

eighth-grade students to support their transition to high school. Mrs. Lanum added that students have been actively preparing for the upcoming CAASPP testing, and teachers are finalizing the Math pilot.

Chatom State Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, shared that the preschool held its second round of parent conferences on April 1. She reported that Preschool Enrollment Day is approaching, with 20 appointments already scheduled. Mrs. Nunes also noted that families participated in a parent survey and provided valuable feedback, including a request for more information on community based family services. In response, the preschool plans to share additional resources during upcoming parent meetings and is coordinating with the Turlock Family Resource Center to participate in future conferences.

Chatom Union School District Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, reported that Classroom 33 is nearing completion. The final outstanding issue related to the ramp, which initially did not meet slope and distance requirements; however, adjustments were made during spring break to bring it into compliance. Mrs. Olvera also shared that a septic issue arose on March 16, which was promptly addressed by Foster Pump and Sun Valley Septic. She concluded by reporting that there were no Williams Settlement UCP complaints filed during this quarter.

7. ACTION

- 7.1 Consider Approval of 2026-2027 Annual Statement of Declaration of Need for Qualified Educators and 30-Day Substitutes

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo
Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 7.2 Consider Approval of 2026-2027 Master Agreement with Stanislaus County Office of Education

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Rob Santos
Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

- 7.3 Consider Approval of Bid Selection of Contractor for Two Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP) Classrooms

Bid awarded to TBS Contractors

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Anthony Avila
Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

7.4 Consider Approval of Bid Selection for Mountain View HVAC System

Bid awarded to Champion Industrial Contractors

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

7.5 Consider Receipt of Initial Public Sunshine Proposal from CSEA and its Chatom Chapter #585 for the 2026-2027 School Year

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Rob Santos

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

7.6 Consider Approval of Tentative Agreement Between the Chatom Union School District and CSEA and its Chatom Chapter #585 for the 2025-2026 School Year

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

7.7 Consider Approval of Tentative Agreement Between the Chatom Union School District and CSEA and its Chatom Chapter #585 for the 2026-2027 School Year

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Rob Santos

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

7.8 Consider Approval of Tentative Agreement Between the Chatom Union School District and the Chatom Union Educators' Association for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Years

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Rob Santos

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

7.9 Consider Approval of Proposed Salary Schedules for District Classified Management, Confidential, Certificated Management, and Superintendent for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Years

APPROVED

Motion: Rob Santos Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The board scheduled a Graduation Adhoc Committee meeting for April 27th at 1:00 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT