

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Chatom Elementary Room #32
August 11, 2026**

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

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 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

Rob Santos - 1101 N. Commons 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 (6:39 pm)

1.1 Roll Call

☒ Anthony Avila

☒ Alison Carvalho

☒ Karen Macedo

☒ Steve Soderstrom

☐ Rob Santos

1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

1.3 Adjourn to Closed Session

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom

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 Request Authority for the Superintendent to Continue to Hire Vacant Certificated and Classified Staff Members that are Time Sensitive Under the Direction of the Board President or Board Representative

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom

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 Anticipated Litigation - One potential Case (Gov. Code 54956.9)

2.4 Negotiations

2.5 Adjournment Back to Public Session

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila

Second: Steve Soderstrom

Vote Ayes 4

Noes 0

Abstentions 0

3. **OPEN SESSION: CALL TO ORDER (7:09 pm)**

3.1 Roll Call

☒ Anthony Avila

☒ Alison Carvalho

☒ Karen Macedo

☒ Steve Soderstrom

☐ Rob Santos

3.2 Flag Salute led by Board President, Alison Carvalho

3.3 Report from Closed Session

The Board authorized the Superintendent to hire time-sensitive positions under the direction of the Board President or Board Representative. There were no other items to report from closed session.

3.4 Approval of Agenda

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom

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 Consider Approval of Mitchell Community Church Religious Release
- 4.5 Consider Approval of Board Policy 5131.8 Mobile Communications Device
- 4.6 Consider Approval of Board Policy 5141.75 Weather Safety
- 4.7 Consider Renewal of Chatom State Preschool StanWait Agreement
- 4.8 Consider Approval of Foothill Horizons Contract
- 4.9 Collection of Developer Fees

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Steve Soderstrom
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
- 6.3 Program Reports:
Chatom Elementary School Principal, Sara Cruz, shared that Chatom opened a third Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Class. She noted that they have been very busy preparing for the first day of school. Office personnel have been taking time to contact families about changes for the new TK class personally, and staff have been busy decorating and preparing the campus to welcome students back. Staff participated in trainings on August 10th, which included an introduction to the new Desmos Math Curriculum and several mandated trainings. Overall, a great deal of time and preparation went into getting ready to kick off the new school year.

Mt. View Middle School Principal, Lauren Lanum, began by giving a shoutout to the maintenance and custodial staff for completing a long list of projects over the summer. These projects included replacing carpet in two classrooms, painting the interior and exterior of several buildings, and repairing and painting ramps. She shared that the facilities look great and that staff were ready to begin the new school year. Mrs. Lanum also shared that new desks were purchased and expressed excitement about the opportunities they will provide for students to collaborate and work on projects. She concluded by sharing that April Mailloux would be starting as the Art Paraeducator on Wednesdays at Mountain View.

Chatom State Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, shared that there were currently 21 students enrolled in the morning class and 10 students enrolled in the afternoon class. Parent Orientation was scheduled for Thursday, August 13, followed by a Parent Meet & Greet on Friday, August 14. The Preschool's first full instructional day was scheduled for Monday, August 17. Mrs. Nunes also shared that several Preschool projects were completed over the summer, including new turf installation, dry rot repairs, an outdoor multi-purpose area, and painting. She concluded by sharing that staff would continue participating in training to ensure the continued delivery of a high-quality program.

Chatom Union School District Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, extended her appreciation to all Chatom staff who spent the summer preparing for the new school year. She shared that numerous projects were completed over the summer, with the largest project being the completion of the two new ELOP classrooms at Chatom Elementary, the Mountain View gym HVAC system, and dry rot repairs at all sites.

- 6.4 District Information Posted on the Chatom Website:
 Revised Parent Rights and Responsibilities
 Revised District Basic Commitment (DBC) Handbook
 Revised Staff Handbook

7. ACTION

- 7.1 Consider Approval of Prop 28 Arts and Music in Schools (ASM) Annual Report

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo Second: Steve Soderstrom

Vote Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstentions 0

7.2 Consider Approval of Mountain View Office Furniture Bid

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom

Second: Anthony Avila

Vote Ayes 4

Noes 0

Abstentions 0

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

9. ADJOURNMENT (7:30 pm)

APPROVED

Motion: Steve Soderstrom

Second: Karen Macedo

Vote Ayes 4

Noes 0

Abstentions 0