

**LATON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AGENDA**

**LATON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
April 19, 2023  
6:15 P.M.**

GC §54954.2 Requests for disability-related accommodation or modification, including auxiliary aids and services should be made in writing to the Superintendent 48 hours prior to meeting time. Mail to: Laton Unified School District P.O. Box 248 Laton, CA 93242.

**I. OPENING OF MEETING**

**6:15 P.M.**

**Preliminary**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

A. Board Members	Present	Absent
1. Daniel Vargas, President	_____	_____
2. Earl Yecny, Clerk	_____	_____
3. Nikki Alford	_____	_____
4. Guadalupe Andrade	_____	_____
5. Holly Torres	_____	_____
B. Staff in attendance:		
Lupe G. Nieves, Superintendent	_____	_____

C. Approval of Minutes for the March 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and March 29, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes **6:18 P.M.**

Superintendent’s Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Minutes for the March 8, 2023 and March 29, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D. Agenda and/or Emergency Addition [G.C. 54954.2 (b)(2)]  
(2/3 approvals required)

**6:20 P.M.**

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Superintendent’s Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Agenda

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**II. PUBLIC HEARING SESSION:**

A. Persons addressing the Board must be recognized by the president prior to their remarks. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item as stated in Laton Unified School District Board Bylaw 9323(b). The School Board is prohibited by law from taking action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the School Board does not respond to public comment at this time.

Testimony with regard to complaints against staff is not protected from damage claims for libel. Public charges or allegations may result in legal action being brought by those individuals.

**III. DISCUSSION**

A. Day Field Trips

**6:22 P.M.**

1. LHS Softball Team – Fresno State Softball Game – Fresno, CA – April 26, 2023
2. Laton Preschool – Fresno Chaffee Zoo – Fresno, CA – April 28, 2023
3. LMS Drama Class – Community Show – Fowler, CA – April 29, 2023 & May 6, 2023
4. LES TK/K/1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Fresno Chaffee Zoo – Fresno, CA – May 2, 2023
5. LES 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Exploratorium – San Francisco, CA – May 3, 2023
6. LES 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park – Three Rivers, CA – May 5, 2023

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS TO THE BOARD:**

A. Superintendent, Directors, and Administration Reports

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| 1. Lupe G. Nieves – Superintendent               | <b>6:25 P.M.</b> |
| 2. Reatha Martinez – Chief Business Official     | <b>6:35 P.M.</b> |
| 3. Melanie Allen – Site Supervisor/Teacher       | <b>6:45 P.M.</b> |
| 4. Jeanna White – Learning Director              | <b>6:55 P.M.</b> |
| 5. Michael Langton – Laton High School Principal | <b>7:05 P.M.</b> |

**V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants for March 2023

**7:15 P.M.**

Superintendent’s Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Accounts Payable Warrants for March 2023

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Guadalupe Andrade:    
Holly Torres:

**B. Approval of 2023-2024 Laton Unified School District School Calendar 7:18 P.M.**

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the 2023-2024 Laton Unified School District School Calendar Option 1

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C. Approval of 2023-2024 Laton Unified School District Board Meeting Calendar 7:21 P.M.**

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the 2023-2024 Laton Unified School District Board Calendar

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**D. Approval of Resolution 22-23 #27 Recognizing a State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Teleconferenced Meetings Pursuant to AB361 7:24 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Resolution 22-23 #27 Recognizing a State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Teleconferenced Meetings Pursuant to AB361

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**E. Approval of Resolution 22-23 #28 Southwest Transportation Agency 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Home to School Assessment 7:27 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Resolution 23-24 #28 Southwest Transportation Agency 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Home to School Assessment

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

F. Approval of 2023-2024 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators **7:30 P.M.**

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the 2023-2024 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

G. Approval of Declaration of Need for 30-Day Substitute Teachers and Designate Subjects Career Technical Education 30-Day Substitute Teaching Permits **7:33 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Declaration of Need for 30-Day Substitute Teachers and Designate Subjects Career Technical Education 30-Day Substitute Teaching Permits

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

H. Approval of One Quote for the Preschool Floor Covering Replacement Project **7:36 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve One Quote for the Preschool Floor Covering Replacement Project

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I. Approval of Staff Appreciation Gifts Not to Exceed \$3500 **7:39 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Staff Appreciation Gifts Not to Exceed \$3500

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

J. Approval of 2023-2024 Strengthening Career and Technical Education Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (Perkins V.) **7:42 P.M.**

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the 2023-2024 Strengthening Career and Technical Education Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (Perkins V.)

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

K. Approval to Update Laton Unified School District COVID -19 Illness and Quarantine Guidelines **745 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Update for Laton Unified School District COVID -19 Illness and Quarantine Guidelines

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

L. Approval of Updated Job Description for Learning Resource Coordinator: Focus - Math

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Updated Job Description for Learning Resource Coordinator: Focus - Math **7:48 P.M.**

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

M. Approval of Updated Job Description for Learning Resource Coordinator: Focus – English

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Updated Job Description for Learning Resource Coordinator: Focus - English **7:51 P.M.**

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

N. Approval of Curriculum for the Special Education Transition and Adult Transition Program for the 2023-2024 School Year **7:54 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Curriculum for the Special Education Transition and Adult Transition Program for the 2023-2024 School Year

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Guadalupe Andrade:         
 Holly Torres:                           

- O. Approval to Use ESSER III Funds for the Following Projects: Two Portable Classrooms Combination, Student Restrooms Westside of Campus Combination, Shade Structure for LHS

Superintendent’s Recommendation: The School Board Approve to Use ESSER III Funds for the Following Projects: Two Portable Classrooms Combination, Student Restrooms Westside of Campus Combination, Shade Structure for LHS  
**7:57 P.M.**

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- P. Opportunity for Public Discussion and Action to Acknowledge that Negotiations Will Commence on the Laton Federation of Teachers, Local 3278 2023-2024 Proposal to Laton Unified School District  
**8:00 P.M.**

In accordance with Public Notice Section 3547 of the Government Code, all initial proposals of the public school employees and employees bargaining units are to be presented at a public meeting of the public schools employer, and thereafter shall be public record. The Laton Federation of Teachers, Local 3278 proposal to the Laton Unified School District for the 2023-2024 school year presented March 8, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education is returned to this agenda for public discussion and Board action acknowledging commencement of negotiations on such proposal. Contact Person: Tammy Alves, telephone 922-4015.

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board take the Opportunity for Public Discussion and Action to Acknowledge that Negotiations Will Commence on the Laton Federation of Teachers, Local 3278 2023-2024 Proposal to Laton Unified School District

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Q RECEIVE, the California School Employees Association Chapter #513 for 2023-2024 Negotiations Proposal to Laton Unified School District  
**8:03 P.M.**

In accordance with Government Code 3547, all initial proposals of the public school employees shall be presented at a public meeting of the public schools’ employer, and thereafter shall be public record. The California School Employees Association Chapter #513 is submitting its negotiations proposal to the Laton Unified School District for the 2023-2024 school years. This proposal shall be available for public review in the Laton District Office from April 19, 2023 to May 20, 2023. This proposal will be returned to the next agenda for a public hearing and adoption by the Laton Unified School District. Contact Person: Tammy Alves, telephone 922-4015.

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Opportunity for Public Discussion and Action to Acknowledge that Negotiations Will Commence on the California School Employees Association Chapter #513 for 2023-2024 Negotiations Proposal to Laton Unified School District

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

R. Overnight Field Trip

**8:06 P.M.**

1. Laton High School FFA – FFA Competition – San Luis Obispo, CA – May 5-6, 2023

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Overnight Field Trip Listed Above

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

S. Fundraisers:

**8:09 P.M.**

1. Danzantes del Valle Coalition Ticket Sales – LMS Drama Class – April 2023 to June 2023
2. Beef Jerky Sales - LHS Class of 2026 – April 20 – May 14, 2023
3. Spring Festival Face Painting – LMS Drama Class – May 5, 2023
4. Spring Festival Food Booths, Vendors, Entertainment – LMS ASB – May 5, 2023
5. Spring Festival Bake Sale – LHS Class of 2026 – May 5, 2023
6. Spring Festival Horchata & Ceviche Sale – LHS Class of 2025 – May 5, 2023

Superintendent’s Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Fundraisers Listed Above

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

- A. Public Employee Appointment – Government Code 54957

**8:12 P.M.**

1. LHS Bilingual Aide

- B. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 **8:17 P.M.**  
C. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 **8:22 P.M.**

**VII. CLOSED SESSION ACTION: (In Open Session)**

- A. Public Employee Appointment – Government Code 54957 **8:27 P.M.**

1. LHS Bilingual Aide

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- B. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 **8:30 P.M.**

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- C. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 **8:33 P.M.**

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: **8:36 P.M.****

- A.  
B.

At \_\_\_\_\_, it was moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and unanimously -approved to extend the meeting beyond the three (3) hour limit.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

Vote:	Yes	No
Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earl Yecny:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Guadalupe Andrade:    
Holly Torres:

NOTE: The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held in the Laton Unified District Board Room at 6:15 P.M. on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

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Clerk's Signature