LATON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

LATON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
December 13, 2024
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. Nikki Alford, Clerk	_____	_____
3. Guadalupe Andrade	_____	_____
4. Holly Torres	_____	_____
5. Jose Ibarra	_____	_____

B. Staff in attendance:

Lupe G. Nieves, Superintendent _____ _____

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C. Approval of Minutes for the November 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Minutes for the November 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting **6:18 P.M.**

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

D. Agenda and/or Emergency Addition [G.C. 54954.2 (b)(2)] **6:20 P.M.**

(2/3 approvals required)

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Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Agenda

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐

Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
Holly Torres:	☐	☐
Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

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. ORGANIZATION

A. Election of Officers **6:23 P.M.**

a. Oath of Office

b. President

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

b. Clerk

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

B. Approval of Appointment of the Superintendent to Serve as Secretary to the Board **6:28 P.M.**

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

IV. DISCUSSION: **6:31 P.M.**

A. Day Field Trips

1. LHS AVID – UC Merced & Castle Air Museum – Merced, CA – January 2025

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

A. Superintendent, Directors, and Administration Reports

1. Lupe G. Nieves – Superintendent **6:34 P.M.**
2. Amanda Golden – Chief Business Official **6:44 P.M.**
3. Llesinia Jimenez – Climate and Culture Specialist **6:54 P.M.**
4. Susan Giles – Director of Food Services **7:04 P.M.**
5. Gustavo Lopez – Director of Facilities **7:14 P.M.**
6. Jeanna White – Laton Elementary and Laton Middle School Principal **7:24 P.M.**
7. Lucio Cortez – Laton High School Principal **7:34 P.M.**

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants for November 2024 **7:44 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Accounts Payable Warrants for November 2024

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

B. Approval of Laton Unified School District First Interim **7:47 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Laton Unified School District First Interim

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

C. Approval of Voting Representative to Participate in Electing Persons to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization 2024 **7:50 P.M.**

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Voting Representative to Participate in Electing Persons to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization 2024

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

D. Approval of Alternate Voting Representative to Participate in Electing Persons to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization 2024 **7:53 P.M.**

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Alternate Voting Representative to Participate in Electing Persons to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization 2024

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

E. Opportunity for Public Discussion and Action to Acknowledge that Negotiations Will Commence on the Laton Federation of Teachers, Local 3278 2025-2026 Proposal to Laton Unified School District **7:56 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 2025-2026 school year presented November 20, 2024 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 2025-2026 Proposal to Laton Unified School District

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

F. Approval of Change Order No. 1 for LES Relocatable Classroom & Toilet Building GA #2346

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve to the Change Order No. 1 for LES Relocatable Classroom & Toilet Building GA #2346 **7:59 P.M.**

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

G. Approval of Change Order No. 2 for LES TK/K Building GA #2301

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve to the Change Order No. 2 for LES TK/K Building GA #2301 **8:02 P.M.**

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

H. Approval of SY2025-26 Annual Renewal of Services with Co-Op **8:05 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the SY2025-26 Annual Renewal of Services with Co-Op

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

I. Approval of Floor Drain and LHS Rational Oven Project **8:08 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Floor Drain and LHS Rational Oven Project

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

J. Fundraisers **8:11 P.M.**

1. Smencils – LES ASB, 2024-2025 School Year
2. School Sports Portraits – LES ASB, 2024-2025 School Year
3. LES Apparel – LES ASB, December 16, 2024
4. Varsity Basketball Tourney – LHS Basketball Boys, December 26-28, 2024
5. Superbowl BBQ Rib Take-Out – LHS FFA, January 14-31, 2025
6. Chocolate Sales – LHS Class of 2025, January 20- March 20, 2025

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

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

K. Approval of Amendment to Board Policy **8:16 P.M.**

1. AR 3543 Transportation Safety and Emergencies

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Amendment of the board policy mention above.

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

VII. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

A. Public Employee Appointment – Government Code 54957 **8:19 P.M.**

1. 1st Grade Teacher

B. Public Employee Appointment – Government Code 54957 **8:24 P.M.**

1. Bilingual Instructional Aide III

C. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 **8:29 P.M.**

VIII. CLOSED SESSION ACTION: (In Open Session)

A. Public Employee Appointment – Government Code 54957 **8:34 P.M.**

1. 1st Grade Teacher

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

B. Public Employee Appointment – Government Code 54957 **8:37 P.M.**

1. Bilingual Instructional Aide III

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

C. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 **8:40 P.M.**

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐

Holly Torres:	☐	☐
Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: **8:43 P.M.**

A.

B.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote:	Yes	No
Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
Holly Torres:	☐	☐
Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

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, January 15, 2025.

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Clerk's Signature