

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

**LATON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
April 9, 2025
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. Student Board Members		
1. Roberto Ibarra – LHS	_____	_____
2. Ariana Murillo – LMS	_____	_____
C. Staff in attendance:		
Lupe G. Nieves, Superintendent	_____	_____

D. Approval of Minutes for the March 10, 2025 Special Board Meeting and the March 12, 2025 Regular Board Meeting **6:18 P.M.**

Superintendent’s Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Minutes for the March 10, 2025 Special Board Meeting and the March 12, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<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"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

6:20 P.M.

Superintendent’s Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Agenda

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<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"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<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:

6:23 P.M.

A. First Reading

1. Request to Include 8th Period in Parent/Student Handbook for 2025–2026
2. Laton Elementary K-2 Reading Difficulties Screener

B. Day Field Trips

1. LHS ROP Floral – Flower Cottage Farm – Kingsburg, CA – April 23, 2025
2. LES TK/K/1st Grade – Chaffee Zoo – Fresno, CA – April 23, 2025
3. LHS ELD – Barnes & Noble – Fresno, CA – April 23, 2025
4. LES 4th Grade – Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine – Fish Camp, CA – May 1, 2025
5. LHS ROP Video Prod/Yearbook – Universal Studios – Hollywood, CA – May 1, 2025
6. LHS AVID – Northridge/Six Flags –Valencia, CA – May 2, 2025

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

A. Superintendent, Directors, and Administration Reports

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| 1. Lupe G. Nieves – Superintendent | 6:28 P.M. |
| a. Joseph Martinez – Triton Consulting Group | |
| 2. Melanie Allen – Preschool Site Supervisor/Teacher | 6:38 P.M. |
| 3. Rachel Fox – Learning Director | 6:48 P.M. |
| 4. Sue Vang – Director of Technology | 6:58 P.M. |
| 5. Susan Giles – Director of Food Service | 7:08 P.M. |

- 6. Jeanna White – Laton Elementary and Laton Middle School Principal **7:18 P.M.**
- 7. Lucio Cortez – Laton High School Principal **7:28 P.M.**

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants for March 2025 **7:38 P.M.**

Superintendent’s Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Accounts Payable Warrants for March 2025

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<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"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- B. Approval of Overnight Field Trips **7:41 P.M.**

- 1. LHS FFA – State Finals – Arbuckle, CA – May 2-3, 2025
- 2. LHS Class of 2025- Disneyland Grad Nite – Anaheim, CA – May 12-13, 2025

Superintendent’s Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Overnight Field Trips listed above

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<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"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- C. Approval of Resolution 24-25 # 22 to Rescind the Certificated Layoff Notice **7:44 P.M.**

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Resolution 24-25 # 22 to Rescind the Certificated Layoff Notice

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<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"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- D. Approval of 2025-2026 Laton Unified School District School Calendar **7:47 P.M.**

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approved the 2024-2025 Laton Unified School District School Calendar Option

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

Holly Torres:
Jose Ibarra:

E. Approval of 2025-2026 Laton Unified School District Board Meeting Calendar **7:50 P.M**

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the 2025-2026 Laton Unified School District Board Calendar

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<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"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

F. Approval of AVID Conference on June 16-18, 2025 Not to Exceed \$16,000 **7:53 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the AVID Conference on June 16-18, 2025 Not to Exceed \$16,000

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<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"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

G. Approval of 2025 Annual Visible Learning Conference in July 2025 Not to Exceed \$10, 000

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the 2025 Annual Visible Learning Conference in July 2025 Not to Exceed \$10, 000 **7:56 P.M.**

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<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"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

H. Approval of Cafeteria Cart for Second Chance Breakfast **7:59 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Cafeteria Cart for Second Chance Breakfast

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<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"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I. Fundraisers

8:02 P.M.

1. Jog-a-Thon – LMS ASB, April 25, 2025

2. Ice Cream Sale – LHS Class of 2026 – April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025
3. Community Yard Sale – LHS Class of 2025, April 26, 2025
4. Tacos Sales – LHS Class of 2025, April 28, 2025
5. Fill My Track – LES ASB – April 10-29, 2025
6. PROM – LHS Class of 2026 – April 2025 Sell Tickets, May 17, 2025 Prom

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

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<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"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

J. Approval of Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant Expenditure Plan 8:05 P.M.

Superintendent’s Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant Expenditure Plan

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<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"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

- A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 8:08 P.M.

VII. CLOSED SESSION ACTION: (In Open Session)

- A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 8:13 P.M.

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<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"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

8:16 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"/>
Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 14, 2025.

Clerk's Signature