LATON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

LATON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
October 15, 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. B. Student Board Members		
1. Jessica Gomez – LHS	_____	_____
2. Ariana Murillo – LMS	_____	_____
C. Staff in attendance:		
Lupe G. Nieves, Superintendent	_____	_____

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D. Approval of Minutes for the September 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and Minutes for September 26, 2025 Special Board Meeting **6:18 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Minutes for the September 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and Minutes for September 26, 2025 Special Board Meeting

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

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

(2/3 approvals required)

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. DISCUSSION: **6:23 P.M.**

A. Day Field Trips

1. LES 3rd Grade – The Big Fresno Fair – Fresno, CA – October 10, 2025
2. LES 4th Grade – San Juan Bautista Mission – San Juan Bautista, CA – October 15, 2025
3. LES/LMS Dual Immersion – Arte Américas – Fresno, CA – October 17, 2025
4. LMS AVID – Fresno City College – Fresno, CA – November 7, 2025

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

A. Superintendent, Directors, and Administration Reports

1. Lupe G. Nieves – Superintendent **6:25 P.M.**
2. Juliana Rodriguez – Assessment Coordinator **6:35 P.M.**
3. Rachel Fox – Learning Director **6:45 P.M.**
4. Mike Garcia – Lead Maintenance **6:55 P.M.**
5. Susan Giles – Director of Food Services **7:05 P.M.**
6. Jeanna White – Laton Elementary and Laton Middle School Principal **7:15 P.M.**
7. Lucio Cortez – Laton High School Principal **7:25 P.M.**

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants for September 2025 **7:35 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Accounts Payable Warrants for September 2025

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

B. Approval to Resolution 25-26 #07 Authorizing Continued Funding Application **7:38 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Resolution 25-26 #07 Authorizing Continued Funding Application

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

C. Quarterly Report on William Uniform Complaints for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2025

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Quarterly Report on William Uniform Complaints for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2025 **7:41 P.M.**

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

D. Approval of Changes to the Reading Screener Policy **7:44 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Changes to the Reading Screener Policy

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

E. Approval of Allocation Letter with Amendment Increase to the California State Preschool Program **7:47 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Allocation Letter with Amendment Increase to the California State Preschool Program

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

Holly Torres:	☐	☐
Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

F. Approval of District Apportionment for Prop 28- Arts and Music Education Funding Expenditure Plan **7:47 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the District Apportionment for Prop 28- Arts and Music Education Funding Expenditure Plan

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

G. Fundraisers: **7:50 P.M.**

1. T-Shirt Sakes – LES ASB - 2025-2026 School year
2. Smencils – LES ASB – 2025-2026 School year
3. Donation Letter – LHS Athletics – 2025-2026 School year
4. Donation Letter – LHS Soccer Team – 2025-2026 School year
5. Vertical Raise Discount Card – LHS Athletics – 2025-2026 School year
6. Halloween Boo Grams – LES ASB – October 2025
7. Tamales Sale – LHS Soccer Team – October 13-31, 2025
8. BBQ Chicken Take-Out Dinner – LHS FFA – October 23, 2025
9. Fall Festival – LES/LMS ASB – October 24, 2025
10. Yard Sale – LHS Class of 2029- October 25, 2025
11. Trunk or Treat – LHS ASB – October 30, 2025
12. Pancake Sale – LHS Class of 2026 – October 31, 2025
13. Bundt Cake Sale – LHS Cheer – November 1, 2025
14. Cinnamon Buns – LHS Class of 2027 – November 2025-June 2026
15. Silent Auction Baskets – LHS Class of 2027 – November 2025-February 2026
16. See's Candy Sales – LHS FFA – November 3rd – December 8, 2025
17. Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk – LHS Class of 2029 – November 8, 2025
18. Beef Jerky Sales – LHS Class of 2026 – November 12th – December 10, 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:	☐	☐

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 **7:53 P.M.**

VII. CLOSED SESSION ACTION: (In Open Session)

A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 **7:58 P.M.**

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

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: **8:01 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:	☐	☐
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, November 12, 2025.

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Clerk's Signature