LATON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

LATON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
August 5, 2026
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

	Present	Absent
A. Board Members		
1. Daniel Vargas, President	_____	_____
2. Nikki Alford, Clerk	_____	_____
3. Guadalupe Garcia	_____	_____
4. Holly Torres	_____	_____
5. Jose Ibarra	_____	_____
B. Student Board Members		
1. Vacant – LHS	_____	_____
2. Vacant – LMS	_____	_____
C. Staff in attendance:		
Lupe G. Nieves, Superintendent	_____	_____

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C. Approval of Minutes for the June 1, 2026 Special Board Meeting, June 10, 2026 and June 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting **6:18 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Minutes for the June 1, 2026 Special Board Meeting, June 10, 2026 and June 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Garcia:	☐	☐
	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 Garcia:	☐	☐
	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: **6:25 P.M.**

A. Day Field Trips

1. LHS FFA 2026-2027 Trips (no overnight trips)

B. First Reading of Update to Board Policy, Administrative Regulations, Exhibits, and Board Bylaws

1. AP 5131.62 – Tobacco
2. BP 5131.62 – Tobacco

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

A. Superintendent, Directors, and Administration Reports

1. Lupe G. Nieves – Superintendent **6:35 P.M.**
   a. Deven Avila – Lead Grounds, Zero-Emission Program/Grant
2. Patty Nuñez – Chief Business Official **6:45 P.M.**
3. Mike Garcia – Lead Maintenance **6:55 P.M.**
4. Sue Vang – Director of Technology **7:05 P.M.**
5. Jeanna White – Laton Elementary and Laton Middle School Principal **7:15 P.M.**
6. Lucio Cortez – Laton High School Principal **7:25 P.M.**

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants for June and July 2026 **7:35 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Accounts Payable Warrants for June and July 2026

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

B. Approval of Quarterly Report on William Uniform Complaints for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2026 **7:38 P.M.**

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Quarterly Report on William Uniform Complaints for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2026

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

C. Approval of Fresno County Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2026

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Fresno County Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2026 **7:41 P.M.**

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

D. Approval of Resolution 26-27 #01 Regarding Southwest Transportation Agency Home to School First, Second, Third and Fourth Quarter Funding Assessment **7:44 P.M**.

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Resolution 26-27 #01 Regarding Southwest Transportation Agency Home to School First, Second, Third and Fourth Quarter Funding Assessment

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

E. Approval of Resolution 26-27 #02 Regarding Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Program **7:47 P.M**.

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Resolution 26-27 #02 Regarding Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Program

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

F. Approval of Resolution 26-27 #03 Regarding Zero Emission Electric Mower **7:50 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Resolution 26-27 #03 Regarding Zero Emission Electric Mower

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

G. Approval of Laton High School Financial Literacy (Math) Textbook and Instructional Materials Adoption **7:53 P.M**.

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Laton High School Financial Literacy (Math) Textbook and Instructional Materials Adoption

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

H. Approval of Declaration of Emergency and Award of Contract for High School Woodshop Dust Collection System Repairs **7:56 P.M**.

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Declaration of Emergency and Award of Contract for High School Woodshop Dust Collection System Repairs

- Declare the unexpected failure of the Laton High School woodshop dust collection system an emergency requiring immediate repair to protect students, staff, district property, and the continuation of instruction.

- Determine that the district cannot delay the repair to complete the regular competitive bidding process due to the immediate safety concerns and the specialized experience required to repair this older, highly specific equipment.

- By unanimous vote, approve awarding the contract to Dan's Machine Repair, subject to approval by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools.

- Authorize the Superintendent or designee to finalize and sign the contract for an amount not to exceed $20,000, after confirming all legal and contract requirements have been met.

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

I. Fundraisers: **7:59 P.M.**

1. Spirit Wear Sale – LHS Cheer – August 11 to August 24, 2026
2. Kettle Korn Sales – LHS Cheer – August 31- September 11, 2026
3. Tri-Tip Sandwiches and Snow Cones – LHS FFA – October 2, 2026
4. See's Candy Sales – LHS FFA – November/December 2026
5. BBQ Chicken Take-Out Dinner – LHS FFA – November 13, 2026
6. Superbowl BBQ Ribs – LHS FFA – February 5, 2027

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

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

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 **8:02 P.M.**

VII. CLOSED SESSION ACTION: (In Open Session)

A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 **8:07 P.M.**

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

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: **8:10 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 Garcia:	☐	☐
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, September 9, 2026.

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Clerk's Signature