



BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

April 8, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Board of Education Board Room
1300 17th Street, City CENTRE – Bakersfield, CA 93301

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This meeting is being held in an in-person format. Members of the public wishing to provide comments to the Board can attend the meeting in person. Correspondence sent by mail or email to kcboe@kern.org before noon on the date of the board meeting on subjects within the Board's jurisdiction will be provided to the Board at the meeting and made available for public inspection. Members of the public may also observe the meeting via livestream at the following link: (1) Kern County Board of Education – YouTube.

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to order time _____ p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome Sons of the American Revolution

	Present	Absent
1.3 Roll Call		
Julie A. Beechinor, <i>Area 1</i>	_____	_____
Joe L. Marcano, <i>Area 2</i>	_____	_____
Mary M. Little, <i>Area 3</i>	_____	_____
Jose E. Gonzalez, Jr., <i>Area 4</i>	_____	_____
Lori Eskew, <i>Area 5</i>	_____	_____
James V. Robinson, <i>Area 6</i>	_____	_____
Lori J. Cisneros, <i>Area 7</i>	_____	_____
Anai Valencia, <i>Student Representative</i>	_____	_____
Dr. John G. Mendiburu, <i>Superintendent</i>	_____	_____

1.4 Adoption of the Agenda
Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

1.5 Approval of the Minutes from March 11, 2025.
Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board of Education appreciates comments from members of the public who have the opportunity to address the Board on agenda items (before the Board's consideration of the item) and on other matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

To move the meeting business along efficiently, individual speakers are allotted up to three minutes each, and the total time for comment on each agenda or other topic within the Board's jurisdiction will be limited to 20 minutes. All requests for public comment must be submitted prior to the start of the meeting. In exceptional circumstances, the Board President may, with Board consent, reduce or increase the amount of time allowed for public input and/or the time allotted for each speaker, when such adjustment is necessary to ensure full opportunity for public input within the time allotted. Any such adjustments shall be done in an equitable manner, so as to allow a diversity of viewpoints. The President may also ask members of the public with the same viewpoint to select a few individuals to address the Board regarding that viewpoint.

To allow the Board to organize the public comments, persons wishing to speak will need to complete a form before the board meeting begins, providing their name, contact information, and the agenda item or other topic on the Board's jurisdiction on which they wish to speak. Items not appearing on the agenda cannot, by law, be the subject of board action.

3.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTION TAKEN

- 3.1 School Bus ROAD-E-O Video.
- 3.2 Curriculum and Instruction Support Presentation.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

All consent agenda items for the Kern County Board of Education are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item. Approval is recommended on all items listed.

4.1 Consent Agenda

4.1.1 Approval of Graduation Diplomas.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

4.2 General Business

4.2.1 Notice of Violation

Consideration of issuing a formal Notice of Violation under Education Code 47607 to Central Academy of Arts and Technology Charter School.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

4.2.2 Approval of the Resolution for Day of the Teacher.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

4.2.3 Approval of the Resolution for Classified School Employee Week.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

4.2.4 Approval of the Resolution for School Health Month.

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

4.2.5 Approval of Williams Act Uniform Quarterly Reports

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

5.0 REPORT OF COUNTY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

5.1 Members of the Board will report on various topics.

6.0 REPORT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

6.1 The County Superintendent will report on various topics.

7.0 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

7.1 Items to be considered for the next agenda.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Unless otherwise posted, the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 13, 2025.

8.2 Time of adjournment _____ p.m.



BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 1.5

March 11, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Board of Education Board Room
1300 17th Street, City CENTRE – Bakersfield, CA 93301

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

- 1.1 The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present

Julie A. Beechinor
Lori J. Cisneros
Lori Eskew
Mary M. Little
Joe L. Marcano
James V. Robinson
Anai Valencia

Board Members Absent

Jose E. Gonzalez, Jr.

KCSOS Employees Present

Dr. John G. Mendiburu, *Superintendent*
Christian Shannon, *Deputy Superintendent*
Steve Sanders, *Chief of Staff*
Merril Clanton, *Senior Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent*

- 1.4 It was moved by Mr. Marcano, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the agenda.

Ayes: Ms. Beechinor, Ms. Cisneros, Ms. Eskew, Ms. Little, Mr. Marcano, and
Mr. Robinson
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Gonzalez, Jr.

- 1.5 It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Beechinor to approve the Minutes from February 11, 2025.

Ayes: Ms. Beechinor, Ms. Cisneros, Ms. Eskew, Ms. Little, Mr. Marcano, and Mr. Robinson
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Gonzalez, Jr.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 2.1 Public Comments were heard from the following:

- Glenn Clayton
- Claire Saenz
- Dennis McLean

3.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTION TAKEN

- 3.1 Student Wellness Program Presentation.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1 Consent Agenda

- 4.1.1 It was moved by Ms. Beechinor, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the Graduation Diplomas.

Ayes: Ms. Beechinor, Ms. Cisneros, Ms. Eskew, Ms. Little, Mr. Marcano, and Mr. Robinson
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Gonzalez, Jr.

- 4.2 General Business

- 4.2.1 Report of Staff Findings and Recommendation regarding the REALMS Charter Renewal Petition.

Informational Item Only

- 4.2.2 It was moved by Mr. Marcano, seconded by Ms. Cisneros to accept and adopt as its own findings, the report of the Kern County Superintendent of Schools regarding the proposed renewal of the REALMS Charter, and the approval be for a five-year term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030 contingent upon signing of a mutually-agreed upon MOU between the Kern County Board of Education and the Charter School.

Ayes: Ms. Beechinor, Ms. Cisneros, Ms. Eskew, Ms. Little, Mr. Marcano, and Mr. Robinson
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Gonzalez, Jr.

4.2.3 It was moved by Ms. Beechinor, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the Resolution for National Global Youth Service Days.

Ayes: Ms. Beechinor, Ms. Cisneros, Ms. Eskew, Ms. Little, Mr. Marcano, and Mr. Robinson
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Gonzalez, Jr.

4.2.4 It was moved by Ms. Beechinor, seconded by Ms. Eskew to approve the Resolution for School Bus Driver Day.

Ayes: Ms. Beechinor, Ms. Cisneros, Ms. Eskew, Ms. Little, Mr. Marcano, and Mr. Robinson
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Gonzalez, Jr.

4.2.5 It was motioned by Mr. Marcano, seconded by Mr. Robinson to Accept and File the Second Interim Report.

Ayes: Ms. Beechinor, Ms. Cisneros, Ms. Eskew, Ms. Little, Mr. Marcano, and Mr. Robinson
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Gonzalez, Jr.

5.0 REPORT OF COUNTY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

- 5.1 Trustee Cisneros raised concerns about students transitioning between regular high school and Alt Ed programs, reporting that at a recent speaking engagement for the Sons of the Revolution, a teacher noted that students returning from Alt Ed programs were often off-track due to differences in curriculum pacing. Dr. Mendiburu clarified that students enter Alt Ed programs for various reasons, including credit recovery or disciplinary action, and that their coursework aligns with district guidelines. Additionally, a new KiDS platform is being implemented to improve communication and provide real-time academic data for returning students. Trustee Cisneros also provided an update on a court ruling in favor of parental notification policies in California, specifically regarding the Chino Valley Unified School District. She further mentioned a new federal policy from the Trump administration that penalizes schools for failing to inform parents of a child's gender transition. Trustee Cisneros inquired whether policies could be enacted to ensure parents are always informed of identity-related requests. Dr. Mendiburu responded that parental notification is already common practice. Finally, Trustee Cisneros announced that she was excited to partner with Trustee Little on the upcoming spring barbecue and encouraged student representative, Anai Valencia to assist with the planning process and to attend if available.
- 5.2 Trustee Robinson expressed excitement for the upcoming Leaders in Life Conference and emphasized the importance of engaging young people in civic and community matters without indoctrination. He noted concerns about political instability and stressed the need for principled leadership. Additionally, Trustee Robinson discussed constitutional interpretation, arguing that the First Amendment does not mandate a strict separation of church and state. He defended the

inclusion of the Ten Commandments in public school spaces—but not classrooms—as a reflection of foundational values. He further criticized media misrepresentations and advocated for moral and ethical education to address societal issues like drug use.

- 5.3 Trustee Eskew expressed deep concern over the lack of Narcan in classrooms, emphasizing the urgency of quick access to overdose treatment on large campuses where trained staff may not reach a student in time. Trustee Eskew shared a personal connection to the issue and questioned why Narcan and CPR trainings are not mandatory in schools. Additionally, she acknowledged uncertainty about whether the board has the authority to address these policies but strongly supported efforts to make life-saving measures more accessible.
- 5.4 Trustee Beechinor thanked Dr. Mendiburu and the KCSOS staff for working with the REALMS program, but expressed concerns about its financial impact, particularly in light of budget constraints and potential teacher layoffs. Trustee Beechinor emphasized the importance of reviewing the final memorandum of understanding and staying informed about the program's financial projections. Additionally, Trustee Beechinor highlighted two upcoming community events: Farm Day in the City on March 19-20 at the Kern County Fairgrounds, where agricultural organizations will provide hands-on education for 6,000 elementary students, and Garden Fest at Bakersfield College on April 26, a free event featuring plant sales and showcasing the college's new horticulture and agriculture facilities. Trustee Beechinor encouraged attendance to both events and praised the improvements made to the Bakersfield College campus through Measure J funding.
- 5.5 Trustee Little reflected on the spring Trustee's dinner and applauded the students from Delano High School for their outstanding musical performance. Trustee Little commented that the dinner included a budget update but stated that she does not agree with the update and fears there will be future issues with the budget.
- 5.6 Student Representative Valencia stated that she appreciated the Student Wellness Program Presentation.

6.0 REPORT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

- 6.1 Dr. Mendiburu addressed budget oversight, suggesting that charter school finances could be reviewed during interim budget report rather than waiting for annual updates. Dr. Mendiburu highlighted upcoming events, including the Alt Ed Spring barbecue hosted by the Kern County Board of Education and encouraged trustees who are interested in helping to attend the upcoming planning meeting. He also invited all Trustees to attend the Leaders in Life Conference on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. at Mechanics Bank Arena. Dr. Mendiburu provided an update on fire-related student displacement in Los Angeles County, noting that decreased enrollment from the previous year has aided in students attending school in alternative locations. Lastly, he congratulated and announced that several Kern County schools won at History Day and will compete in the state competition from May 1-4 in Sacramento. Schools representing the county include Panama Buena Vista Union School District, Norris School District, Rio Bravo-Greely Union School District, Wasco High School, Bakersfield City School District, and three Kern High School District Schools.

7.0 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- 7.1 There were no recommendations for item consideration for the next board meeting.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 8.1 Unless otherwise posted, the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 8, 2025.
- 8.2 The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

John G. Mendiburu, Ed.D., Superintendent

4.2.2

**RESOLUTION
of the
KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the "Day of the Teacher" has been established by Education Code Section 37222.10 to be observed on the second Wednesday in May of each year; and

WHEREAS, providing quality education to the young people of Kern County continues to be the greatest challenge in education as well as society's most vital responsibility; and

WHEREAS, society relies largely on school teachers to ensure proper instruction in a wide variety of subjects, ranging from arithmetic to zoology; and

WHEREAS, in addition to teaching academic subjects, teachers provide guidance, support, and encouragement to their students; and

WHEREAS, history has shown that many times the interest and attention of a favorite teacher has steered a student into a career field in which that student later excels; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that society should not only recognize California's teachers, but also express gratitude for the care and concern they have demonstrated for their students: Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kern County Board of Education designates May 7, 2025 as the Day of the Teacher in Kern County and encourages all citizens to participate in the various scheduled observances and to express their appreciation to teachers for their continuing loyalty and dedication to the children and youth of Kern County.

BY ORDER OF THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: April 8, 2025

*John G. Mendiburu, Ed.D.
Ex Officio Secretary
Kern County Superintendent of Schools*

4.2.3

**RESOLUTION
of the
KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, classified school employees provide valuable services to the schools and the students in Kern County; and

WHEREAS, classified school employees contribute to the establishment and promotion of a positive instructional environment; and

WHEREAS, classified school employees play a vital role in providing for the welfare and safety of Kern County's school children and students; and

WHEREAS, classified school employees are critical frontline workers providing excellent service in all operational areas, business & finance, administration, insurance, legal, human resources, food services, maintenance and operations, facilities, technology childcare and communications; and

WHEREAS, classified school employees care first and foremost about the success of students and families, working tirelessly to help improve lives; and

WHEREAS, classified school employees in Kern County strive for excellence in all areas relative to the educational community; Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kern County Board of Education hereby recognizes and wishes to honor the contributions of the classified school employees to quality education in the State of California and in Kern County, and declares the week of May 19-23, 2025 as Classified School Employee Week in Kern County.

BY ORDER OF THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: April 8, 2025

*John G. Mendiburu, Ed.D.
Ex Officio Secretary
County Superintendent of Schools*

4.2.4

**RESOLUTION
of the
KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, school health services have long been designed to prevent illness and disability among students and to foster early detection and correction of student health problems; and

WHEREAS, today, more than ever before in Kern County, students with multiple and severe handicaps and children and youth with health problems are being enrolled in regular classes; and

WHEREAS, in the delivery of such school health services, school nurses have long performed a unique role in strengthening and facilitating the educational process by improving the health of children through a variety of services; and

WHEREAS, the school health programs are becoming increasingly important today in view of rising public concern with such current health problems as control of infectious diseases, child abuse, teenage pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, and childhood depression and suicide; and

WHEREAS, the month of May has been designated as School Health Month, and Wednesday, May 7, 2025, as National School Nurse Day: Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kern County Board of Education declares the month of May as Kern County School Health Month and May 7, 2025 as School Nurse Day; and be it

RESOLVED further, that the Kern County Board of Education expresses its commendation and appreciation to all school nurses and other school health personnel for their outstanding contributions to the cause of better health among the students of Kern County; and be it

RESOLVED finally, that the Kern County Board of Education urges all parents of school-age children to avail themselves of the resources, facilities, and expertise of school health programs and personnel in recognition of the adage that "Healthy Children Learn Better."

BY ORDER OF THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: April 8, 2025

*John G. Mendiburu, Ed.D.
Ex Officio Secretary
Kern County Superintendent of Schools*

4.2.5

Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
[Education Code § 35186]

District / Program KCSOS / Alternative Education

Person completing this form: Molly Mier Title: Director

Quarterly Report Submission Date: Oct 1, 2024 (for period Jul 1 – Sep 30)
(check one) Jan 1, 2025 (for period Oct 1 – Dec 31)
 April 1, 2025 (for period Jan 1 – Mar 31)
 July 1, 2025 (for period Apr 1 – Jun 30)

Date for information to be reported publicly at governing board meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Please check the box that applies:

- No complaints were filed with any school in the district during the quarter indicated above
- Complaints were filed with schools in the district during the quarter indicated above. The following chart summarizes the nature and resolution of these complaints.

General Subject Area	Total # of Complaints	# Resolved	# Unresolved
Textbooks and Instructional Materials	0	0	0
Teacher Vacancy or Mis-assignment	0	0	0
Facilities Conditions	0	0	0
TOTALS	0	0	0

Dr. John G. Mendiburu / Molly Mier
Print Name of District Superintendent / Program Administrator

M.Mier
Signature of District Superintendent / Program Administrator

Once completed, send copy to District Advisory Services, KCSOS, 1300 17th Street, 6th Floor, Bakersfield (Fax# 661-636-4121)