



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

April 9, 2024
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 comment 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 to the Flag

1.3 Roll Call

Present Absent

Julie Beechinor, <i>Area 1</i>	_____	_____
Joe Marcano, <i>Area 2</i>	_____	_____
Mary M. Little, <i>Area 3</i>	_____	_____
Jose Gonzalez, <i>Area 4</i>	_____	_____
Paula Bray, <i>Area 5</i>	_____	_____
Daniel R. Giordano, <i>Area 6</i>	_____	_____
Lori Cisneros, <i>Area 7</i>	_____	_____
 Dr. John G. Mendiburu, <i>Superintendent</i>	 _____	 _____

1.4 Agenda Issues

1.5 Approval of the Minutes from March 12, 2024

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. In exceptional circumstances, the Board President may, with Board consent, reduce or increase the amount of time allowed or 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 adjustment 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 fill out a form before the board meeting begins, providing a name and the agenda item or other topic within 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 No informational items.

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 Graduation Diplomas

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

4.2 General Business

4.2.1 Resolution-Day of the Teacher

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

4.2.2 Resolution-Classified School Employee Week

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

4.2.3 Resolution-School Health Month

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

4.2.4 Williams Act Uniform Complaint Quarterly Reports

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

4.2.5 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Run-Off Election

Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

5.0 Report of County Board of Trustee Members

5.1 Members of the Board will report out on various topics.

6.0 Report of County Superintendent

6.1 The County Superintendent will report out 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 14, 2024 at 6:30p.m.

8.2 Time of adjournment: _____ p.m.



BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2024
6:30 P.M.

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1.0 General Functions

1.1 Call to order time 6:30 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Students Mia Alden and Oliva Grant led the pledge.

1.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Julie A. Beechinor, Paula E. Bray, Lori J. Cisneros, Daniel R. Giordano, Jose E. Gonzalez, Jr., Mary M. Little, Joe L. Marcano

Also Present: Dr. John G. Mendiburu, Superintendent, Mr. Christian Shannon, Jonathan Medina, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Steve Sanders, Chief of Staff.

1.4 No issues.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes from February 13, 2024

Motion by Mr. Marcano, seconded by Ms. Beechinor, to approve the minutes of February 13, 2024. Vote as follows:

Ms. Beechinor	yes	Mr. Giordano	yes	Ms. Little	yes
Ms. Bray	yes	Mr. Gonzalez	yes	Mr. Marcano	yes
Ms. Cisneros	yes				

2.0 Public Comments

Mr. Wayne Wong gave the highlights of community events he attended.

Ms. Meg Harwell told a story about a student with serious health problems attending school for the first time and discovering he enjoyed playing on the slide at school and efforts to incorporate more students into joining him in playing on the slide.

3.0 Informational Items – No Action Taken

3.1 No informational items.

4.0 Action Items

4.1 Consent Agenda

Motion by Ms. Little, seconded by Mr. Marcano, to approve the list of graduation diplomas (Exhibit 23-24-44). Vote as follows:

Ms. Beechinor	yes	Mr. Giordano	yes	Ms. Little	yes
Ms. Bray	yes	Mr. Gonzalez	yes	Mr. Marcano	yes
Ms. Cisneros	yes				

4.2 General Business

4.2.1 Adopt Resolution for National and Global Youth Service Days

Dr. Mendiburu reported this is an annual resolution to recognize service-learning activities for youth (Exhibit 23-24-45). Motion by Ms. Bray, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, to adopt the resolution. A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Beechinor	yes	Mr. Giordano	yes	Ms. Little	yes
Ms. Bray	yes	Mr. Gonzalez	yes	Mr. Marcano	yes
Ms. Cisneros	yes				

4.2.2 Adopt Resolution for School Bus Driver Day

Dr. Mendiburu reported this is an annual resolution to recognize the service of our bus drivers that transport our medically fragile students (Exhibit 23-24-46). Motion by Ms. Beechinor, seconded by Mr. Marcano, to adopt the resolution. A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Beechinor	yes	Mr. Giordano	yes	Ms. Little	yes
Ms. Bray	yes	Mr. Gonzalez	yes	Mr. Marcano	yes
Ms. Cisneros	yes				

4.2.3 Accept and File Second Interim Report

Mr. Medina reviewed the report stating that two major changes in the budget are driven by two grants the office has been awarded. The budget has a positive certification (Exhibit 23-24-47). This item was tabled to the end of the meeting.

4.2.4 Approve Transportation Plan-2024-25 Through 2029-30 (5 Year Plan)

Mr. Shannon reported there have not been any changes in the plan that was reviewed last year (Exhibit 23-24-48). Motion by Mr. Marcano, second by Ms. Little to approve the plan. Vote as follows:

Ms. Beechinor	yes	Mr. Giordano	yes	Ms. Little	yes
Ms. Bray	yes	Mr. Gonzalez	yes	Mr. Marcano	yes
Ms. Cisneros	yes				

4.2.5 Policy Second Read and Adoption – BB 6161.11 Supplementary Instructional Materials

The policy, revisions proposed by Ms. Cisneros, and policy language from the California Policy Center is Exhibit 23-24-49.

Members of the public addressed the Board. Ms. Dana Christensen, Ms. Lillian Lopez, Ms. Cristal Hauffen, Mr. Michael Ross, Pastor Angelo Frazier, Mr. Terry Maxwell, Mr. Jes Sanders, Mr. Dennis McLean, Mr. Darren Amos, Ms. Kori Hanners, Ms. Tonya Holt addressed the Board in support of adopting a policy to review supplemental materials and removing books deemed inappropriate for the classroom. Mr. Dale Cisneros read a letter from Joanne Kramer supporting the policy.

Mr. Michael Pollack, Ms. Marisa Wood, Ms. Jamie Johnston Wood, Ms. Kathleen Weinsten, Ms. Elke Heitmeyer, Ms. Tracy Lopez, and Mr. Chris Cruz-Boone spoke against adopting a policy for removing books from the classroom.

Dr. Mendiburu reported that he was asked to draft a policy for reviewing supplemental materials and this draft policy was taken from the California School Boards Association (CSBA) policies. The policy is not a book banning policy since we do not have libraries. It is a policy for reviewing supplemental materials. Supplemental materials are materials or books that are available in the classroom for students during instruction time. A parent can fill out a complaint if they feel there is an inappropriate book in the classroom. Dr. Mendiburu reviewed the policy language and the changes submitted. Board discussion was held regarding the policy verbiage.

Ms. Cisneros made a motion, seconded by Ms. Little, to adopt the policy language as originally drafted from the CSBA policy and with language added to the second page that lets parents know they can file a complaint. A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Beechinor	no	Mr. Giordano	no	Ms. Little	yes
Ms. Bray	no	Mr. Gonzalez	no	Mr. Marcano	yes
Ms. Cisneros	yes				

The motion did not pass, and no policy was adopted.

4.2.3 Accept and File Second Interim Report

Motion by Ms. Little seconded by Mr. Marcano, to accept and file the second interim report. Vote as follows:

Ms. Beechinor	yes	Mr. Giordano	yes	Ms. Little	yes
Ms. Bray	yes	Mr. Gonzalez	yes	Mr. Marcano	yes
Ms. Cisneros	yes				

5.0 Report of County Board of Trustee Members

Ms. Cisneros expressed her disappointment that board members did not want a written policy for reviewing the supplemental classroom materials. Mr. Marcano said that a request can still be for materials to be withdrawn. Ms. Cisneros said a written policy would make the process easier.

Ms. Little reported the presentation given by the students tonight was fabulous. Ms. Little pointed out that the Bible is a book that is banned in schools, and we were not trying to ban books, but trying to adopt a policy to review materials and to set a standard. Ms. Little thanked the public for attending the meeting.

6.0 Report of County Superintendent

Dr. Mendiburu reported that updates to the Governor's budget show that there may be an eight billion dollar shortfall. As we get closer to the May revise, we will bring updates to you. Dr. Mendiburu also reported that as a follow up to the request regarding emergency procedures,

board members can be notified of any emergency via email or text, and he would need board members to let him know which way you prefer to be notified. Dr. Mendiburu reported out on school district awards and events.

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 **April 9, 2024 at 6:30p.m.**

8.2 Time of adjournment: 8:02 p.m.

Alternative Education
Board List of Graduates
4-9-2024

Student Last Name	Student First Name	Grade	School Site	CAHSEE PASSED
Arambula	Daisy	12	NKCS	SB 172 (2023-2024)
Blevins	Lonnie	12	WKCS	SB 172 (2023-2024)
Estrada	Aubrey R.	12	CLC Tech	SB 172 (2023-2024)
Fierros	Junior	12	Redwood	SB 172 (2023-2024)
Galarza	Bryan	12	Bridges	SB 172 (2023-2024)
Gonzalez	Dominick	12	Bridges	SB 172 (2023-2024)
Hill	Jesse	12	Redwood	SB 172 (2023-2024)
VargasFuentes	Jonathan	12	Redwood	SB 172 (2023-2024)

Senate Bill (SB) 172 (Liu) was signed by Governor Brown on October 7, 2015. This law suspends the administration of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) and the requirement that students completing grade twelve successfully pass the high school exit examination as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation from high school for the 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18 school years. The law also requires local educational agencies (LEAs) to grant a diploma to any student who completed grade twelve in the 2003–04 school year, or a subsequent school year, and has met all applicable graduation requirements other than passage of the high school exit examination. The law will not take effect until January 1, 2016, at which time LEAs shall be permitted to issue diplomas to eligible students.

SB725 = which was enacted on August 26, 2015, allows for students who completed grade twelve in 2015, who have met all other high school graduation requirements, to receive a diploma of graduation from their high school without meeting the exit examination requirement. Because this was urgency legislation, the law took effect immediately upon being enacted, allowing LEAs to immediately issue diplomas to eligible students from the class of 2015.

**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 8, 2024, 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 8, 2024 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 9, 2024

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

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 8, 2024 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 9, 2024

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

**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 19-25, 2024 as Classified School Employee Week in Kern County.

BY ORDER OF THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: April 9, 2024

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

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

District / Program: KCSOS, Department of Special Education Services

Person completing this form: Brian Cortez Title: Administrator for the Department

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

Date for information to be reported publicly at governing board meeting: April 9, 2024

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

 Brian R. Cortez, Administrator for Division of Special Education
 Print Name of District Superintendent / Program Administrator

 Signature of District Superintendent / Program Administrator

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



TIME SENSITIVE - REQUIRES BOARD ACTION
DEADLINE: TUESDAY, APRIL 30

March 27, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Board Presidents and Superintendents
CSBA Member County Boards of Education in Region 12

From: Albert Gonzalez, CSBA President

Re: 2024 CSBA Delegate Assembly Run-off Elections
U.S. Postmark Deadline – Tuesday, April 30, 2024

The members of the Delegate Assembly Election Committee met on March 26, 2024, to count and certify the ballots for membership on the CSBA Delegate Assembly. A tie vote resulted in a run-off election in your Region.

Enclosed is the run-off ballot material for election of a representative to CSBA Delegate Assembly from your Region. The material consists of the ballot (on turquoise paper) and a list of all current members of the Delegate Assembly from Region 12 effective April 1, 2024. In addition, the candidates' required biographical sketch form and optional resume is provided, along with a "copy" of the run-off ballot on white paper so that it may be included in your board agenda packet. **Only the run-off ballot on turquoise paper is to be completed and returned.**

The board votes using the turquoise ballot. The ballot must be filled out completely, signed by the Superintendent or the Board Clerk, and returned in the enclosed envelope. If the envelope is misplaced, you may use your district's stationery, please write **DELEGATE ELECTION – RUN-OFF BALLOT** and your Region number on the envelope. **Run-off ballots must be postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Tuesday, April 30, 2024.**

The run-off ballots will be counted by May 10 and candidates will be notified of the results immediately. Should a second tie occur, the Regional Director will cast the tie-breaking vote. All newly elected Delegates will serve terms that will expire on March 31, 2026. The next meeting of the Delegate Assembly is on Saturday, May 18 – Sunday, May 19 and will take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, in Sacramento. Please do not hesitate to contact Trenice Campbell (tcampbell@csba.org) should you have any questions. Thank you.

REQUIRES BOARD ACTION

This completed **ORIGINAL RUN-OFF BALLOT** must be **SIGNED** by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and may be returned via USPS on or before **TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024**. Only ONE Ballot per Board. Be sure to mark your vote "X" in the box. *A PARTIAL, UNSIGNED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR A LATE BALLOT THAT IS NOT POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30 WILL NOT BE VALID.*

OFFICIAL 2024 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY RUN-OFF BALLOT
REGION 12 COUNTY
(Tulare and Kern Counties)

(Vote for no more than 1 candidate)

Delegates will serve two-year terms that will end March 31, 2026

**denotes incumbent*

Joseph Enea (Tulare COE)

Julie Beechinor (Kern COE)

Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk

Title

COE

Date of Board Action

See reverse side for a current list of all Delegates in your Region.

REGION 12 – 13 Delegates (11 elected/2 appointed◇)

Director: Bill Farris (Sierra Sands USD)

Below is a list of all elected or appointed Delegates from this Region.

Subregion 12-A (Tulare)

Walta Gamoian (Visalia USD), term expires 2026
Peter Lara Jr. (Porterville USD), term expires 2026
Felipe Martinez (Porterville USD), term expires 2025
Cathy Mederos (Tulare Joint Union HSD), term expires 2025

Subregion 12-B (Kern)

Jim Beltran (McFarland USD), term expires 2025
Anthony Fuentes (Bakersfield City SD), term expires 2026
Pamela Jacobsen (Standard ESD), term expires 2026
David Manriquez (Kern HSD) ◇, appointed term expires 2025
Kurt Rockwell (Sierra Sands USD), term expires 2025
Steven Rodrigue (Kern HSD) ◇, appointed term expires 2026
Pablo Trevino (Lamont ESD), term expires 2025
Vacant, term expires 2025

County Delegate:

RUN-OFF, term expires 2026

Counties

Tulare (Subregion A)
Kern (Subregion B)