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Newly-Elected Board Members Take Oath of Office

Ocean View School District’s (OVSD) newly elected Board members took the Oath of Office before family, friends, and staff at last night’s meeting. Board President Gina Clayton-Tarvin administered the Oath to Trustees Jack Souders, Patricia Singer, and Morgan Westmoreland. Trustee Souders was re-elected in November to serve his third term on the OVSD Board, while Trustee Singer begins her second term and Trustee Westmoreland begins her first term.

Pictured: Trustee Patricia Singer & Trustee Morgan Westmoreland. Trustee Jack Souders took his Oath remotely.



Special Recognition of Trustee Briscoe

Board President Gina Clayton-Tarvin provided a special recognition of Trustee Briscoe to commemorate his 16 years of impactful service to the Ocean View School District. As he concludes his fourth consecutive term on the Board, he leaves behind an impressive legacy. His contributions are many, but a couple that he is particularly proud of include winning a long legal battle against Republic Trash Services that resulted in a safer and more sanitary environment for Oak View Elementary, a \$6 million gymnasium for Oak View, and the recovery of \$2 million in legal fees. He was also instrumental in the passage of the District’s first-ever school bond measure, which has resulted in the transformative modernizations of Westmont, College View, Marine View, and Vista View. Star View is in progress, and Mesa View will be modernized in 2023-24. Trustee Briscoe has always strongly advocated for the students, staff, and community in OVSD, and he has had an incredibly positive impact on the District. He was presented with a special plaque and gifts in appreciation for his tremendous leadership and service.



Golden Bell Award Recognition

The Board honored Oak View Elementary School for being selected for a Golden Bell Award. This prestigious award is sponsored by the California School Boards Association to recognize outstanding public school programs for innovation, sustainability and best practices that facilitate positive student outcomes. Oak View’s Owl’s Nest program won in the “Innovation in a Time of Crisis” category for keeping students engaged mentally, emotionally, and physically during the pandemic and beyond.



Board Elects New Officers

The Board of Trustees held their annual organizational meeting and elected members to the following positions:

- President - Patricia Singer**
- Vice President - Gina Clayton-Tarvin**
- Clerk - Jack Souders**

Superintendent Dr. Michael Conroy presented certificates to Trustee Singer and Trustee Souders for their service as Board officers during the past year. He presented a special plaque to Trustee Gina Clayton-Tarvin, recognizing her 5th term as Board President and leadership over the past 10 years. The Board also approved Board Meeting dates for 2023.



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College View Bulletin Board Presentation

College View Principal Elaine Burney, along with teachers Jan Richards, Lisa Banuelos, and Lorie Dockery, described the many ways the school promotes social emotional health and school connectedness to create a community of kindness. Mood meters in the classroom let teachers know how students are feeling at the beginning of the day. Two School Climate Officers, who are members of Student Council, work with the school counselor to help students learn to cope with stressors and depressors. Upper grade students act as reading buddies with preschoolers each week, making wonderful connections through reading, playing with play dough, performing puppet shows, and more. College View kindergartners are participating in the All Kids Bike Program. Each child received a bike and helmet, and they learn how to ride a bike, along with safety and responsibility. The program promotes a healthy lifestyle and has built community connectedness with parents and upper graders helping to maintain the bikes. College View presented bulletin boards that showcase their school in the Board Room; come check them out!



Mesa View Student Presentation

Mesa View Principal Jady Grunbaum and two outstanding GATE students, Sean Moran and Lily Vanderveen, spoke about the school's academics and performing arts programs. One of the extraordinary things about Mesa View is the long-standing Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Magnet program. Mesa View is well known for high academic performance and strong instructional strategies, and they are especially proud of their GATE Magnet program. The program's strength comes from the professional and creative teaching and support staff, the intellectually curious students, and the strong community of families. The GATE Magnet program provides ALL students (not just those identified as GATE) exposure to a variety of GATE strategies, such as depth and complexity, student choice, differentiation through acceleration, and in creating unique learning experiences for students. The students also expressed their appreciation for the robust Music Department at Mesa View that includes band, orchestra, and choir. These groups provide wonderful opportunities for students to learn and perform. Last year, the Advanced Band were thrilled to play the national anthem at Angels Stadium!



1st Interim Report

Keith Farrow, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, detailed OVSD's 2022-23 First Interim Report, highlighting each budget component. The Board approved the First Interim Report with a positive certification. See the [presentation here](#).