Ocean View School District

Board Connections

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Middle School Presentation: Mesa View



Principal Isis Ortiz shared how Mesa View is motivating independent reading through Beanstack, a digital platform that transforms reading into a competitive, gamified experience. Librarian Mrs. Miller designs reading challenges that reward students with digital badges and prizes. This approach makes student accomplishments visible while providing staff with actionable data on reading patterns. As a result, student engagement in reading has significantly increased.

In addition, Mesa View leveraged the library to foster social-emotional security and community. Mrs. Miller ensures that the library remains open during nutrition and lunch periods, providing a safe, consistent, and supervised space where students can read, complete homework, or connect with peers. This welcoming environment is supported by the Library Helper Program, in which student volunteers assume leadership roles in managing the space. Students shared their personal experiences with Beanstack, describing how reading and the library have helped prepare them for the future by fostering independence, collaboration, and a lasting love for reading.

Optimizing District Property Portfolio

Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Keith Farrow, together with Terry Tao and Associates, presented an overview of the District's property portfolio and outlined options for its use. The Board provided direction on five properties, expressing a consensus to retain all sites rather than sell, and to preserve as much green space as possible to maintain recreational areas for students and the community.

The Board directed staff to explore joint occupancy and potential housing opportunities at the Pleasant View, Sun View, and Park View sites. Additionally, the Board rescinded its previous decision to relocate the District Office to Spring View and, instead, requested that staff investigate transforming Spring View into a sports complex to accommodate youth athletics. The Lark View property will remain the location of the District Office, with plans to refurbish the facility. Both presentations can be viewed here: Legal Analysis of Property Portfolio Options, Optimizing the District Property Portfolio

Rainbow Daycare Owner Announces Retirement

Ms. Tay Armstrong, who has lovingly led Rainbow Daycare on the Harbour View Elementary campus for 41 years, will be retiring at the end of 2025. Since 1984, Armstrong has provided exceptional care, dedication, and compassion to generations of families in OVSD. Her commitment to nurturing and supporting learners has made a lasting impact on the community, and we are deeply grateful for her many years of service. In partnership with Ms. Armstrong, OVSD is working to ensure a smooth transition for students to the District's childcare and preschool programs. We thank Ms. Armstrong for her remarkable dedication and the love she has shown to countless children and families over the past four decades. With her retirement, Rainbow Daycare will close its doors on December 31.