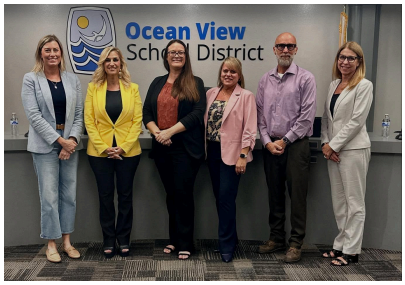
Ocean View School District

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May 12, 2026

Board Appoints Kerry Mamrot as Executive Director, Special Education



The OVSD Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Kerry Mamrot as Executive Director of Special Education. Mamrot most recently served as Administrator, Special Education/SELPA for the Placentia-Yorba Linda School District. Prior to that, she worked at Brea Olinda Unified School District for nearly 20 years in a variety of roles, including Special Education Coordinator and Program Specialist.



Elementary School Presentation: Westmont

Westmont Principal Diana Bianco highlighted the school's upper-grade electives program and showed how these classes help students discover their talents, build confidence, and develop important life skills. Throughout the presentation, students shared personal experiences from electives such as Disney Musical, horticulture, business, robotics, and script writing, explaining how these activities encourage creativity, teamwork, responsibility, and problem-solving. The repeated theme, "Westmont Rocks," emphasizes the school's belief that every student has unique strengths and abilities that deserve to shine. By offering students opportunities to explore performing arts, technology, writing, and hands-on learning, the program helps create confident, well-rounded learners prepared for future success.

Itinerant Teacher Substitute Recognition



The Board of Trustees recognized the District's itinerant substitute teachers for their essential role in daily operations. Each morning, they receive their assignment based on where support is needed, seamlessly teaching in special education, middle school, and elementary classrooms. Their ability to step into new environments every single day with readiness and professionalism speaks volumes. Thank you to Sarah Gonzalez, Eduardo Gonzalez, Shira Hillinger, Shea Hillinger, and John Ishmael.



Cotsen Foundation For The Art Of Teaching

Teachers from Hope View and Golden View Elementary Schools presented on the positive impact the Cotsen Foundation for the Art of Teaching has had on students, staff, and school communities. Through the Cotsen grants, the schools have expanded opportunities for innovation, professional learning, collaboration, social-emotional learning, and family engagement, creating meaningful learning experiences that support student success. The entire presentation can be viewed here.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Math Textbook Pilot and Adoption

Lori Manz, Curriculum Specialist, presented on the OVSD Math Textbook Pilot and Adoption process, highlighting the District's work to align instructional materials with the revised California Mathematics Framework. The presentation outlined the collaborative review process, opportunities for stakeholder feedback, pilot committee development, and the District's commitment to selecting engaging, standards-aligned math resources that support student learning and mathematical thinking across OVSD. View the complete presentation here.

Portable Buildings in OVSD: Status, Uses, and Considerations

Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Keith Farrow highlighted the current status, uses, and ongoing management of portable buildings throughout Ocean View. The presentation reviewed how portable classrooms support instruction, childcare, preschool programs, student services, and future enrollment while emphasizing the District's commitment to maintaining safe, modernized, and functional learning spaces aligned with student and program needs. See the entirety of the presentation here.