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## **Board Meeting Highlights**

At its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, the Board of Trustees accepted retirement letters from many long-time, beloved members of the Kentfield teaching staff. Peter Gavin, Mary Lynn Kirk, Geoff Chin, Louise Osterman, Winnie Caulkins and Judianne Eynon will be launching the next chapter of their lives and we wish them all the best!

Science at Bacich and Kent was the focus of the Educational Showcase for February. Geoff Chin shared with the Board a project that was a Kentfield Kudo in our newsletter a few weeks ago, first graders helping with a Marin County Parks' restoration project of Creekside Marsh. Next, eighth graders Jordan Mann and Olivia Kharrazi joined teacher Leslie Canin to describe the transition Kent has made from Science Fair to Innovation Convention and the students previewed their innovations, which will be on display at Kent's Open House on March 30th.

Aaron Jobson of QKA, the district's architects, updated the Board on our Measure D building projects. We are on schedule to break ground on the two-story, eight-classroom building on the Kent campus in June. Bacich follows suit a year later. Committees of staff, teachers, and parents at both schools have been collaborating to fine tune the plans.

Two important resolutions were passed by the Board at this meeting. One is a declaration of the District and its schools as safe havens for those who may not realize that all students have a right to attend school regardless of their immigration status. The other changes the date for Trustee elections to primary or general election dates in even-numbered years, pursuant to Senate Bill 415. By enacting this resolution, current Trustees will have their terms extended by one year, and our next School Board election will be in 2018.