

December 13, 2016

Board Meeting Highlights

The December School Board meeting is known as the reorganization meeting because each year the Board selects its officers and [committee assignments](#) for the following calendar year. In 2017, Juli Kauffman will be President, Heather McPhail Sridharan will be Vice President, Quoc Tran will be Clerk, and Cynthia Roenisch will represent us at the Marin County School Boards Association meetings. Ashley Paff will continue as the Board's representative at contract negotiations with our teachers' union.

The Arts departments from Bacich and Kent were the focus of this month's Educational Showcase. Ms. Libby recounted the Upcycle art show she orchestrated last Spring at Bacich with the help of four students who described their process making CD mobiles and book art. Mr. Deboi and three seventh grade students shared their creation, an iPhone amplifier, created with our latest piece of making technology, the Carvey. Ms. Montgomery asked four eighth graders to share their "Face Books", a collaboration with Ms. Jelen in the library, to transform old textbooks into 3-D representations of a favorite novel.

I shared with the Board the information I have gathered over the past month related to our failed [Parcel Tax Measure B](#). The Board is considering next steps in the process of securing a renewal of this most important funding source - it represents 25% of our budget - and will keep the community apprised of opportunities for involvement as they arise.

District Chief Business Official Barbara Johnson shared the [First Interim Report](#) of the budget, which documents revenue and expenditure changes since budget adoption in June. She also reported on the recently completed independent [audit](#) of all of our funds from 2015-16, including the audit of the finances and performance of Measure D. Related to Measure D, Rick Martellaro and Anthony D'Amante, principals of the company chosen to complete our projects, [Lathrop Construction Associates](#) of Benecia, were introduced to the Board.