

# **Board Connections**

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#### **Lake View Bulletin Board Presentation**

Lake View Principal Jill Van Der Linden and her team spoke about their outstanding Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) program, which is in its sixth year of implementation at the school. The various STEAM offerings for all students promote critical thinking, logic, collaboration, imagination, innovation, and creativity. The Trustees and audience were especially impressed by 4th and 5th grade student presenters, Zoey and Peter, who demonstrated their mastery of programming and drone control.



### **Mesa View Student Presentation**

Mesa View Principal Jadyn Grunbaum discussed the school's growing Industrial Tech and STEM elective programs. Students are introduced to technology and science-based electives through STEM and Coding in 6th grade, and then enter into Advanced Robotics in 7th grade. Teacher Brett Hardy has revamped the Woodshop class into a 21st century career and technical introduction for students with web design, 3-D printing, and a variety of woodworking and carpentry skills. Student presenters Julie, Lincoln, and Lily spoke about their fantastic experiences in the Woodshop class and presented the Board with special gifts they made in class.



## **Teacher Staffing**

In Closed Session, the Board voted to reduce 25 temporary certificated positions due to overstaffing. During the Board meeting, Keith Farrow, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, provided the Board with a budget presentation on declining enrollment and its impact on staffing. See the presentation here. Following the budget presentation, Superintendent Dr. Conroy stated that while the information and numbers were accurate, they didn't tell the whole story. He stated that what the numbers don't show is the dedication and training the teachers have received to be able to provide the best instruction for student achievement. He encouraged the Board to consider how reducing our permanent teachers might impact teaching and learning. The Board voted (4-0) to retain all permanent certificated positions for the 2023-24 school year.

## **CSBA Delegate Assembly**

The Board is supporting Bonnie Castrey from Huntington Beach Union High School District as a candidate for the 2023 California School Board Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election in Region 15. The Delegate Assembly is the primary policy-making body of CSBA. If elected, delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2023.