

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

May 1, 2023

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office. Agenda notice was distributed to Spartanburg Herald Journal, Woodruff Times, and listed on the District website at [spartanburg4.org/do/agenda](http://spartanburg4.org/do/agenda).

Chairman Tony Davis called the meeting to order. Minutes of the April 10 meeting were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

## Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for May 2023 is attached.
2. The students enjoyed listening to tales told by the Stone Soup Storytellers. Mrs. Rhodes coordinated the event on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
3. MAP testing for kindergarten through second grade students began on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
4. The WHS graduating class will walk through the WPS halls for students on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
5. WPS held the St. Jude Children's Hospital Trike-A-Thon on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The event was a huge success and families were able to enjoy this event with their child. All of our fundraising efforts *paid* off and we are thrilled to be able to donate over \$15,000.00 to St. Jude from the Woodruff community. Community members, businesses, churches, staff members, families and students came together to provide this generous donation!
6. WPS plans to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week with a variety of activities May 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>. All school employees will get lots of treats and attention that week!
7. End of year programs for all grades will be held beginning on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. May 19 – 3K
  - b. May 22 – 4K
  - c. May 23 – 5K
  - d. May 24 – First Grade
  - e. May 25- Second GradePrograms will be held at various times, assigned by class.
8. WPS will hold summer school classes for kindergarten through second grade on June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 29<sup>th</sup>. A limited number of slots will be available. Students will be invited based on need.
9. Administrative professionals and cafeteria staff were recognized in April with a small token of our appreciation for their hard work every day.

## **MAY**

- 2 – School Improvement Council Meeting
- 8 – 11- BOGO Book Fair
- 10 – School Nurse's Day
- 16 – Field Day
- 24-26 Half-Days
- 26 – Last Day for Students
- 29 – Memorial Day

**Enrollment- As of 4/24**

May, 2023					
Grade Level	# on Roll		# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	48		56	-8	8- Moon (Special Education)
4k	139		143	-4	2- Kakule (Special Education) 1 - McT 7- Moon (Special Education)
5K	189		192	-3	2 -Kakule (Special Education) 7- Humerez (Special Education)
1st	193		200	-7	4 - CDC & McT 3 -Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	180		185	-5	5 - Humerez (Special Education)
<b>TOTAL</b>	749		776	-27	<b>9 - Humerez, 4- Kakule, 9 - Moon 3- McCarthy Teszler &amp; 2 - CDC</b>

**Woodruff Elementary School**

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for May 2023 is attached.
2. The students enjoyed listening to tales told by the Stone Soup storytellers. Ms. Bostdorff coordinated that event on April 21st.
3. Mr. Wash and Mrs. Vaughn have been screening students for gifted art and music for next year. Congratulations to the following students on being selected as new members of the WE Singers for the 2023-24 school year: Zackery Ball, Aunyka Brewster, Jayden Brissie, Nytrell Brown, Celso Chavez, Luke Dickard, Bradley Entwistle, Abbi Gardner, Wyatt Goetz, Leticia Meredith, Leahann Miles, Kinsley Morgan, Elizabeth Rash, Reylene Smith, Jenna Taylor, Natalie Thackston, Sarah Watson, Zoey Windham, and Maebre Yerkes. Fifth graders toured WMS on April 14<sup>th</sup>.
4. WES is hoping that the Moe's fundraiser will be a success!! Customers have until April 26<sup>th</sup> to order.
5. Students will take the SC Ready writing assessment on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, SC Ready ELA on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and SC Ready Math on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Fourth graders will take SC Pass Science on May 11<sup>th</sup>.
6. Summer School will begin June 5<sup>th</sup> and end on June 29<sup>th</sup>. We will attend Monday through Thursday from 7:45 until 3:15. Students in the Read to Succeed summer reading camp must receive 96 instructional hours.

**Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 4/25/23:**

Grade	#
3rd	212
4th	210
5th	229

## May 2023 Calendar

- 2 – SC Ready Writing – all students
- 3 – SC Ready ELA – all students
- 8 – 12 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- 9 – SC Ready math – all students
- 10 – School Nurse Appreciation Day
- 11 – SC Pass Science – fourth graders  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Watershed Program
- 15 – Kiwanis Math Program for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders @ 9:00 and 9:45
- 16 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Watershed
- 18 - Graduation walk
- 19 – Faculty vs. 5<sup>th</sup> grade in kickball
- 22 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Watershed Program  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Day
- 23 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Program
- 24 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Awards Program  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day  
WES luncheon  
Half day for students
- 25 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Program  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Day  
Half day for students
- 26 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day  
Half day for students – Last day for students

## **Woodruff Middle School**

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures:
  - a. 6<sup>th</sup> – 219
  - b. 7<sup>th</sup> – 235
  - c. 8<sup>th</sup> – 240
2. End of year report cards will be mailed home May 30, 2022.
3. A rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent night was held April 18.
4. The chorus spring concert is set for May 2 at 7pm in the Activity Center.
5. The band spring concert is set for May 4 at 6pm at WHS.
6. SC READY testing begins with math on May 4. ELA will be given May 10 and 11 and science for 6<sup>th</sup> graders on May 16.
7. The end-of-course test for Algebra I will be given Thursday, May 18.

## **Calendar of Events:**

- May 1 Foothills meeting in WMS café
- May 2 Chorus concert 7pm Activity Center
- May 4 READY Math/Band concert 6pm WHS gym
- May 5 8<sup>th</sup> field trip
- May 9–15 Olencki Art Show (Drop in 5-630 134 MUSE on May 9)
- May 10 contracts due
- May 10 READY ELA writing/pep cheer tryouts
- May 11 READY ELA reading/pep cheer tryouts
- May 15 School choral/band concert pm/
- May 16 PASS science
- May 17 6<sup>th</sup> grade Chromebook collection
- May 18 EOC Alg I/7<sup>th</sup> grade Chromebook collection
- May 19 8<sup>th</sup> grade Chromebook collection
- May 22 Cub fest
- May 24 6<sup>th</sup> awards/ 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> exams/annual distribution

May 25 7<sup>th</sup> awards/ 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> exams  
May 26 8<sup>th</sup> awards/ 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> exams  
May 27 workday in place of May 30

## **Woodruff High School**

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

1. Senior meetings were held on Thursday, April 13, and Thursday, April 20. Seniors received graduation information. Letters were also mailed home to parents and emailed to student email accounts.
2. Course verifications were due on Friday, April 14. Guidance is updating power school and entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade requests. We hope to have this process complete by May 1.
3. Fourth nine weeks interims went home on Wednesday, April 19.
4. Jostens met with the sophomore class and distributed ring packets. They returned on Thursday, April 20, to take ring orders and deliver senior supplies.

## **WHS GOOD NEWS**

- \*WHS's prom was Saturday, April 15, at Indigo Hall. The students enjoyed the venue, dancing, activities, and the punch. Several faculty members attended. Prom King was Javius Ray and Prom Queen was Layla Grey Bennett.
- \*Snowballs was here Thursday, April 20. Students who ended third nine weeks with zero demerits along with the faculty and staff received a free snowball.
- \*The English department hosted Stone Soup Storytellers on Friday, April 21. Several classes enjoyed the opportunity to hear them present.
- \*Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Nix's class started a Coffee Cart for the faculty and staff of WHS this year. They learned many skills in the entrepreneurship endeavor. Their teachers rewarded them by taking them on a bowling field trip. They had a great time.
- \*Chorus attended their annual Carowinds performance. They did not place, but Mrs. Bobo said they did an outstanding job and were very well behaved.
- \*The Most Improved Banquet was held Thursday, April 27. Each teacher selects a most improved student for various reasons. The student and their guests attend a dinner where their teacher gets to introduce them, brag on them, they receive a nice plaque and get their picture made.
- \*We recognized our Spring Athletes in a pep rally on Friday, April 28.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
May 1	AP Gov't, AP Chem
May 2	APES, EOC Eng II
May 3	AP Lit
May 4	AP Stats
May 5	APUSH, AP Art
May 6	SAT
May 8	AP Calc, AP Comp Sci
May 9	Diana Olencki Art Show/Banquet
May 9	AP Lang, EOC Eng II
May 10	EOC US
May 11	EOC Algebra
May 16	EOC Biology
May 17	School Concert
May 18	Graduation Walk
May 19	Awards/Annual Day
May 22	Spring Sports Banquet
May 22-26	Exams
May 26	Last Day of School/Graduation

## Instructional Reports

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Educators have until May 10<sup>th</sup> to return contracts that were issued in February. Seventy percent of educators have already signed and submitted their contracts. Forty-seven contracts remain outstanding throughout the entire district.
2. Principals have been busy interviewing and selecting candidates for the vacancies for the upcoming school year. At this time, there are four positions remaining to be filled.
3. Thirty-nine educators have licenses that will expire on June 30, 2023. Eleven teachers are still completing recertification requirements, which include 120 renewal credits/points. Some teachers finalize course completion in May and others take summer classes in June. The SC Department of Education allows teachers to request a 1-year extension if they need additional time to meet the requirements for license renewal.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. All schools continue the scheduling process for the 2023-2024 school year with course requests and grade level assignments.
2. Spring MAP testing began for Woodruff Primary School on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
3. End of the year state required assessments will begin on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. SCReady, Reading, Writing, Math and Science (4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade only) will be administered to students in grades 3-8. End-of-course exams will be administered to students currently enrolled in English II, Algebra I, U.S. History, and Biology. Advanced Placement exams will be administered to appropriate students at Woodruff High School. The Spartanburg Four testing schedule has been shared with students, parents, principals, counselors, and teachers as well as posted each school's website. (See Attached Testing Schedule)
4. The 2022-2023 Parent, Student, Teacher Climate Surveys closed on April 14<sup>th</sup>. All Students in grades 3-12 completed the required survey that will account for up to 10 points on the 2022-2023 Woodruff Elementary School's and Woodruff Middle School's Accountability Report Card. At Woodruff High School, the survey will account for five points on their Accountability Report Card. All parents with students enrolled in any SD4 school were given the opportunity to take the parent survey which was housed in their PowerSchool parent portal.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

### SPED

1. We have 536 students as of April 25, 2023 served under an IEP or 504.

### Nursing

1. Mobile Mammogram at District Office May 11-May 12
2. Immunization Clinic at WMS today

### Mental Health

1. The counselor from the Department of Mental Health will be starting in May.

### Art Awards

1. Jolin Pettay from Woodruff Middle School was the winner of the 6-8 grade *Artistic Excellence Award* for Youth Art Month 2023 at the Chapman Cultural Center. There were only a total of 4 awards administered out of 100s of works from every private, public, and charter school in Spartanburg County.
2. Cailynn-Ann Campos won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 2023 *Let's Celebrate Art Competition* sponsored by the Talking Book Services and the South Carolina State Library. Cailynn won 1<sup>st</sup> place

in the 11-15 year old division with her tactile rolled-paper piece entitled the *Purple Cat*. She received a trophy and was honored at the State Library in Columbia on April 27.

### **Facilities**

1. BAN 2022 Projects - Board members received a list of projects.
2. BAN 2023 Projects – Board members received a list of projects.
3. 2022 / 2023 School Year Projects – Board members received a list of projects

### **Superintendent**

1. Retirees and State Champion athletes and coaches will be recognized at the June meeting.
2. Budget Hearing will be June 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
3. Thanked the board once again for providing End-of-Year luncheons for schools.
4. Education Appreciation Week is May 8-12. The District will provide breakfast from Panera Bread on Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>. Employees will also receive a monetary gift.
5. Presented information on annual risk assessment from the State Department of Education.
6. A curriculum update will be given at the June board meeting.
7. Excited to announce that 5 spring sports teams have been named region champs.

### **Board Action**

1. Approved the parking lot repairs at WHS.
2. Approved the low milk bid from Pet Dairy for \$20,914.14.
3. Approved the District Strategic Plan.
4. Approved the following personnel for the 2023-2024 school year:  
Rhonda Dye- Teacher at WMS  
M. Grace Ramey- Teacher/Coach at WHS