

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2023

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, April 10, 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 March 6 meeting were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

## Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for April 2023 is attached.
2. WPS concluded it's after school program on March 29<sup>th</sup>. We were able to serve 72 students in this 10 week program! Students took home a collection of 11 books for participating! We celebrated all their hard work on the last day with ice cream from Scoops!
3. WPS is currently collecting items for the Spartanburg Humane Society. So far, we've collected approximately 150 items!
4. Enrollment for the upcoming school year was held on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> for new 3K, 4K, and 5K students. WPS will continue to enroll new students throughout the summer. At this point, enrollment for 2023-2024 is comparable to last year.
5. WPS was thrilled to be able to hold our traditional Storybook Character Day on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The students and staff dressed up like a storybook character and paraded around WPS and WES for families and students. This is always such a fun day for everyone!
6. WPS Student Council members planned a day of celebration, Incredible Kid Day, for students on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The second grade representatives took on all aspects of planning and preparing for the day. This project provided them with opportunities for learning about organization, working together as a team, communicating information, and leading.
7. Spring MAP testing will begin on April 17<sup>th</sup> for kindergarten, first, and second grade students.
8. Plans are underway for the Woodruff Primary School St. Jude Trike-a-Thon. The event will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The last time we held the event, we were able to raise \$10,000.00 for the children of St. Jude. Our goal is to surpass that and raise \$12,000.00. Many community businesses have already provided support in our fundraising efforts.

## April

- 3-7 Spring Break
- 17 - MAP Testing Begins
- 19 – Interims Issued
- 21 – Stone Soup Storytellers

### Enrollment- As of 3/27

April, 2023				
Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	51	59	-8	8- Moon (Special Education)

4k	140	143	-3	1- Kakule (Special Education) 1 - McT 7- Moon (Special Education)
5K	190	193	-3	2 -Kakule (Special Education) 7- Humerez (Special Education)
1st	193	200	-7	4 - CDC & McT 3 -Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	182	187	-5	5 - Humerez (Special Education)
<b>TOTAL</b>	756	782	-26	<b>9 - Humerez, 3- Kakule, 9 - Moon 3- McCarthy Teszler &amp; 2 - CDC</b>

### Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. March Madness was an engaging event for third grade students to learn and practice their multiplication facts. This took place during the whole month of March. Each class participated in a bracket that placed students opposing one another in a multiplication challenge. Every week the group of competitors was narrowed down to eventually determine a class winner. Our final two competitors will compete on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Terrific Kids:**

Burnette: Mason Richards and Rosario Lugo-Gomez

Cole: Wesley Woodward and Abigail Richard

Crowe: Sabastian Guasterferro and Skyler Collen

Grant: Dylan Salas and Brooklynn Layton

Hedden: Tyrus Murray and Andrea Pulido-Wa'di

McKoy: Sebastian Norwood and Ali Dixon

McNeely: Carter Scott and Everleigh Devost

Richards: Jagger Bosler-Dumas and Bel Trejo

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Terrific Kids:**

Brannon: Andres Ocampo and Aunyka Brewster

Harrison: Mason Smith and Kennedy Farmer

Hyatt: Amelia Marshall

Littlejohn: Travis Phim and Leahann Miles

Montjoy: Zmya Simmons and Aubrey Shealy

Stonesifer: Lucas Marino and Leigha Clutter

Wallace: Joshua Ryan and Elizabeth Brown

Watson: Coleman Fulmer and Kinsley Bailey

G. Young: James Cole and Avery Simmons

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Terrific Kids**

Darnell: Isaac Blizzard and Taylor Blakely

Gaffney: Raylin Jenkins and Sophia Floyd

Merck: Karter Prince and Raegan Tumblin

Mosteller: Asher Casey and Ava Davis

Robinson: Aiden Woodward and Madison Mitchell

Thompson: Aaron Taylor and Mia Johnson

Tollison: Anthony Strickland and Frances Satterfield

Urban: Aniyah Dawkins and Trinity Foreman

Williams: Devan Valdez and Marleny Orellana

E. Young: Miguel Martinez-Nesbitt and Sammy McAbee

THE TERRIFIC KID OF THE YEAR IS ASHER CASEY!! CONGRATULATIONS TO HIM!

3. We have two new ladies working in the office. Kristy Siskey is our new attendance clerk and Chelsie McDonald is our new office receptionist.
4. WE Singers performed for parents and students on March 30<sup>th</sup> . WE Singers include 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who qualified for gifted music. They stay after school every Monday and work with Mr. Wash.
5. Spring Family Fun Night was a hit!! At no cost to parents, families could play games for prizes. We had Bingo, Checkers, Plinko, Corn Hole, Ring Toss, etc. We also had face painting and guessing jars. We had a full cafeteria.

**Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 3/27/23:**

Grade	#
3rd	212
4th	209
5th	229

### **Woodruff Middle School**

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures:  
6<sup>th</sup> – 218  
7<sup>th</sup> – 233  
8<sup>th</sup> – 237
2. Interim Reports for the 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks will be sent home April 19.
3. MAP testing was completed March 20 -March 31.
4. WMS 8<sup>th</sup> graders verified their course requests for 22-23 with WHS counselor Ms. Heather Abrams on March 29.
5. WMS archery hosted matches on March 9 and March 23.
6. Math and ELA after school programs completed their sessions on March 28.  
Apr 14 5<sup>th</sup> grade tours/registration material to teachers  
Apr 18 Spring pictures/Rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade night at WMS/send registration cards home  
Apr 19 interims  
Apr 20 HOUSE meetings - testing  
Apr 22 chorus to Carowinds  
April 28 Registration cards returned by April 28  
May 4 READY Math  
May 5 8<sup>th</sup> field trip  
May 10 contracts due  
May 10 READY ELA writing  
May 11 READY ELA reading  
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  
June 5 Summer school begins

## **Woodruff High School**

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

1. Class meetings and a parent night was held in order to inform them of new course offerings for the 23-24 school year. The Course Verification form is open for students/parents to verify and submit changes. The deadline for verifications/changes is April 14.
2. In the month of March guidance administered several tests: SAT, ACT, MAP, WIN
3. The Winter Sports Banquet was held on Monday, March 20. Many teams and athletes were recognized for their accomplishments.
4. Prom tickets went on sale Monday, March 27.
5. AP and EOC enrichment sessions continued to take place during the month of March. Tutoring is still available in Math and English before and after school on Mondays and Wednesdays for anyone.

## **WHS GOOD NEWS**

\*The Art Society held its very first Spring Art Fling. It was a fun event, attended by many.

\*Concert Band received superior rating at CPA's and at the Carowinds Festival of Bands.

\*The WHS Strength Team are 3A State Champs and Serghei Ungurean is an individual State Champ

\*June Welch and Genaro De La Garza were names All American wrestlers. June won the 103 weight class and is a National Champ. Genaro finished 5<sup>th</sup>.

\*Our senior class officers attended a Youth Summit at Spartanburg High with a Frozen theme where they completed many different challenges. WHS was the overall winner.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Apr 15	Prom
Apr 21	Stone Soup
Apr 22	Chorus Carowinds
Apr 27	Most Improved
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	AP Lang, EOC Eng II
May 10	EOC US
May 11	EOC Algebra
May 16	EOC Biology
May 17	School Concert
May 19	Awards/Annual Day
May 22-26	Exams
May 26	Last Day of School

## **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. Sixty percent of educators have already signed and submitted their contracts. Eighty-two contracts remain outstanding throughout the entire district.
2. The last induction class was held in March. First year teachers and teachers new to South Carolina participated in this monthly course throughout the entire school year. This course

provided them with resources and supports to be successful during their upcoming annual contract year where they must show proficiency on the SC Teaching Standards.

3. Thirty-nine educators have licenses that will expire on June 30, 2023. Thirteen teachers are still completing recertification requirements, which include 120 renewal credits/points. It is typical for teachers to submit points in May, as many graduate courses are completed during that month.
4. Teachers are evaluated under the Expanded ADEPT system, which includes the South Carolina Teaching Standards 4.0 Rubric. Evaluation teams are completing classroom observations, and administrators are scheduling end-of-year conferences with teachers. The goal is to complete evaluations by April 28<sup>th</sup>.
5. Principals are evaluated under PADEPP standards. They are completing self-assessments and submitting evidence for each standard. Their evaluations must be complete by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Results of ADEPT and PADEPP are entered into SC LEAD.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. Participating students in grades 2-5 completed the Performance Task Assessment on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
2. Students at Woodruff High School participated in the SAT School Test Day on March 1<sup>st</sup> and the ACT School Test Day on March 7<sup>th</sup>.
3. Third year Woodruff High School students took the WIN Career Readiness Assessment on March 28<sup>th</sup>.
4. Woodruff High School and Woodruff Middle School concluded their Spring MAP testing window on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Woodruff Elementary School's testing window will begin on April 10<sup>th</sup> and will close on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Woodruff Primary School will begin testing on April 17<sup>th</sup> and complete testing on April 28<sup>th</sup>. All interim assessments for the 2022-2023 school year must be sent to the South Carolina Department of Education to meet the requirement of Proviso 1.86. Proviso 1.86 states all students in grades 1-8 participate in three interim assessments during the 2022-2023 school year. In addition, schools with state required assessments will continue to use this data in preparation for their upcoming testing windows.
5. Third quarter report cards were issued on March 15<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter interims will be issued on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. SPED:
  - a. Have been holding SPED Staff meetings in each school. Teachers have appreciated these school-based meetings and we will continue with those.
  - b. We have been conducting many annual review meetings for students. This begins a very busy part of the year for Special Education staff.
2. Howell Art Purchase Awards
  - a. Voting will take place April 10-14. Please vote before you leave.
3. Diana Olencki Secondary Art Show
  - a. Exhibit will be at 134 MUSE May 9-15
  - b. Drop-in Reception, Tuesday May 9, 2023 from 5:00-6:30pm
4. Mental Health
  - a. We have hired someone to work in D4 through DMH. She will begin working in our schools after April.
  - b. As of Monday, March 27, 2023 we have conducted 70 Columbia Screeners for the 2022-2023 school year.
  - c. Just prior to Spring Break we conducted a Well-Being Survey for students in grades 4-12.

## **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. Graduation will be Friday, May 26, 2023.
2. Student half-days will be May 24, 25, and 26.
3. Memorial Day Holiday is May 29, 2023.
4. Dr. William L. Howell Art Purchase Award winners will be announced and recognized at the May Board meeting.
5. Preliminary budget information will be given next month.

## **Board Action**

1. Approved Local Board Approved courses for the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Approved the low bid of \$300,378.96 from Y&S Technologies for 300 Notebook Computers and Docking Stations.
3. Approved the low bid of \$160,186.04 from Encore Technology Group for repair and replacement of Security Cameras.
4. Tabled the WHS Parking lot repair and seal coating asphalt at all schools.
5. Approved the following personnel:  
Caroline Smith as a teacher at Woodruff Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year  
Autumn Serna as a teacher at Woodruff Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year  
Sheena Abrams as a teacher at Woodruff Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year  
Kim Helle as a teacher at Woodruff Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year  
Brian Thompson as a Special Education Liaison for Woodruff Middle and Woodruff High School for the 2023-2024 school year  
Pamela Beck as a teacher at Woodruff High School for the 2023-2024 school year  
Nick Lilly as a teacher/coach at Woodruff High School for the 2023-2024 school year  
Jason Settle as a teacher/coach at Woodruff High School for the 2023-2024 school year  
Bryce Duckett as Assistant Principal at Woodruff High School for the 2023-2024 school year