

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

March 6, 2023

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, March 6, 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 February 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 March 2023 is attached.
2. WPS students and staff collected approximately 700 items for Agape Care Center of Woodruff. In March, we will collect items for the Spartanburg Humane Society.
3. WPS Science Fair was held February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Thirty-four, first and second graders entered projects. Any student who placed first, second, or third place in their category was eligible to enter the Piedmont Region III Science Fair at USC Upstate. Congratulations to the following students for placing in the competition:  
Paisley Price, Avril Sanders, Emily Morton, Peyton Parris, Michael Woodward, Brooke Crain, Avery Stonesifer, Lorelai Urps, Elias Sawczuk, Cash Smith, Liliana McClain, and Emily Reece Knighton
4. WPS is currently serving five clinical students from teaching programs at Converse University, University of South Carolina Upstate, and Spartanburg Community College.
5. Preschool and kindergarten enrollment will be held on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Students new to Woodruff Primary School for the 2023-2024 school year should be enrolled on this day. Parent of students already enrolled, do not need to attend.
6. Thirty-one second graders qualified to take the Performance Task Assessment (PTA), in order to qualify for the gifted and talented program in third grade. PTA was administered from Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> until Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Results will be received later in the spring.

## March

- 1-Spring Pictures
- 2- Read Across America Day
- 3 – Maintenance Appreciation Day
- 6 – 10 National School Breakfast Week
- 8 – Severe Weather Drill (Tornado)
- 13- Spring Fundraiser Ends
- 15 - Report Cards Issued
- 16- Preschool and Kindergarten Enrollment 8:30 – 2:00
- 17- No School – Teacher Inservice Day
- 21 – 22 3K &4K Children’s Museum Program at WPS
- 22 – Librarian Appreciation Day
- 29 – Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
- 29 – Cap and Gown Pictures (Kindergarten Only)

**Enrollment- As of 2/28**

February, 2023					
Grade Level	# on Roll		# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	51		57	-6	6- Moon (Special Education)
4k	141		145	-4	1- Kakule (Special Education) 2 - McT 7- Moon (Special Education)
5K	188		191	-3	2 -Kakule (Special Education) 7- Humerez (Special Education)
1st	194		201	-7	4 - CDC & McT 3 -Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	180		185	-5	5 - Humerez (Special Education)
<b>TOTAL</b>	754		779	-25	<b>9 - Humerez, 3- Kakule, 7 - Moon 4 - McCarthy Teszler &amp; 2 - CDC</b>

**Woodruff Elementary School**

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Mrs. Newton administered WIDA Access Testing to our ELL students during the month of February.
2. The WES Science Fair was held on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The Piedmont Region III Science Fair at USC Upstate will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our science fair winners were:

**Overall Winner**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Giuliana Parris  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jenna Taylor  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mason Smith

**Biology**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jenna Taylor  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Reagan Brooks  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Delta Luby

**Math (Computer Science)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Aubrey Shealy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mason Gibson

**Chemistry**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Mason Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Tate Montjoy  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Britton Duncan

**General**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Bella Schulz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Grace McCall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Olivia Stewart

## **Behavioral**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Raeleigh Nix
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lydia Knighton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ali Reese Phillips

## **Physics**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Giuliana Parris
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Frances Satterfield
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Paige Knighton

## **March 1**

- 1 – PTA testing – 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- 3 – School Maintenance Appreciation Day
- 6 – WE Singers
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast Buddies
  - After School Program
- 7 – Gifted Art
  - After School Program
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Converse
- 8 – Terrific Kid Names due to Mrs. Pittman
  - After School Program
- 9 – SIC Meeting in the Media Center
- 13 – WE Singers
  - After School Program
- 14 – Gifted Art
  - After School Program
- 15 – Report Cards Issued
  - Spring Pictures
  - After School Program
- 16 – End of 135 Days Attendance
  - Spring Night Event
- 17 – Teacher Inservice Day
- 20 – WE Singers
  - After School Program
- 21 – Gifted Art
  - After School Program
- 22 – School Librarian Appreciation Day
  - After School Program
- 23 – WES Spring Night (4:00 – 6:00)
- 27 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Watershed
  - WE Singers Last Meeting
  - After School Program
- 28 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Watershed
  - Gifted Art
  - After School Program
- 29 – School Paraprofessionals Day
  - E. Young/Hyatt field trip to Greenville Zoo
  - After School Program
- 30 – WE Singers Spring Concert during lunch (Parent performance before lunch)

## **Woodruff Middle School**

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6<sup>th</sup> – 217 7<sup>th</sup> – 234 8<sup>th</sup> – 238
2. Report cards for 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks will be sent home March 15.
3. The awards program for WMS winter sports was held February 23.
4. Spring Map testing begins March 20.
5. The WMS after school program continues with ELA on Mondays and Math on Tuesdays.
6. The WMS archery team will host their first competition on March 9.

### **Calendar of Events:**

Mar 9	Archery 530 vs. GCO
Mar 15	Report cards issued/6 <sup>th</sup> graders receive TDAP info
Mar 17	in-service
Mar 20	MAP window opens/WHS winter awards/SEL survey window opens
Mar 31	MAP window closes
Apr 3-7	Spring holidays
Apr 18	Spring pictures
Apr 19	interims
Apr 22	chorus to Carowinds
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 24	6 <sup>th</sup> awards/ 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> exams
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

### **Woodruff High School**

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

1. Athletics held a football signing day on February 1. WHS had 4 boys to sign to play college football.
2. RDA was on campus during all three lunches the week of February 6-10 for students to sign-up for the next school year. Dr. Miller came from RDA and assisted our guidance department in the registration process.
3. Guidance hosted a Valentines service project. Before school students met in the library and made over 80 cards for the residence of Woodruff Manor.
4. Interims went out on Wednesday, February 8.
5. ACCESS testing took place the week of February 14.
6. Guidance hosted their first ever Career Fair on Wednesday, February 22, for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. There were 36 vendors. It was a big success. They are already making plans for next year.
7. Guidance hosted a Lunch and Learn on Tuesday, February 23, with Mrs. Carrigan. The topic was mental health.
8. Drive to Zero came back out for our second semester College and Career Prep and Woodruff 101 students to participate.
9. On Friday, February 24, Gene Reeder, a former WHS graduate and football standout, came to speak to the student body. He challenged them to work hard, face adversity and understand to be successful you will have to make some sacrifices along the way.

## **Coming Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Mar 1	SAT/ASVAB
Mar 7	ACT
Mar 9	SC Pizza Inn Fundraiser
Mar 14	MAP 9
Mar 15	Report Cards
Mar 15	Concert Band to Dorman
Mar 17	Teacher Workday/No School
Mar 18	Art Spring Fling
Mar 20	Winter Sports Banquet
Mar 21	Parent Night 9-11 Academic Updates
Mar 25	Band Carowinds
Mar 28	Career Readiness
Apr 3-7	Spring Break
Apr 15	Prom
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. Contracts were issued on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Over 35% of those contracts have already been signed and submitted to the District Office.
2. The last induction class will be held on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00pm. The successful completion of this class and a proficient score on classroom observations will allow teachers to move from induction evaluation to annual evaluation for the 2023-24 school year.
3. Administrators are following the end-of-year timeline for the completion of ADEPT observations and final evaluation conferences. The timeline in the District Four ADEPT Plan has been approved by the SC Department of Education.
4. All principals have completed the PADEPP mid-year evaluation conferences. They will complete a self-assessment related to the standards on which they are being evaluated and submit evidence to document performance on those standards. A full evaluation requires evidence for all nine of the PADEPP standards. A partial evaluation requires evidence for Standards #2 (Instructional Leadership) and #9 (Principal's Professional Development). Principals are required to complete full evaluations every third year.
5. 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.

6. Annual updates to the District Strategic Plan and the School Renewal Plans are due to the SCDE on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Any waivers related to the District Strategic Plan should be submitted in the Spring.

Mrs. Britt McKinney reported the following:

1. Students who are enrolling new to the district for 3-K, 4-K, and Kindergarten may begin proving residency at the district office during the month of March. On Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday March 13<sup>th</sup>, district office staff will be available until 7:00 PM to accommodate parents who don't want to wait in line on registration date to prove residency. Pre-K registration will be March 16<sup>th</sup>.
2. There will be a Great Start meeting at the district office on March 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9:30 AM. Local community members and pastors lead this project for our students who might struggle with purchasing school supplies. Churches will begin gathering supplies to fill bookbags to be distributed during the week of registration before the new year begins. The hope is everyone will be off to a Great Start for the new school year.
3. As part of a requirement for federal programs, there will be a Federal and State Programs Advisory meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. This meeting will be held to give an overview of each of the grants our districts receives and to gain input from stakeholders in the district. Administrators, faculty and staff, community members, and parents will be invited to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, all schools began an after-school program that will conclude on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Students will receive additional standards-based instruction in a small group setting in math, Language Arts, or both. At present, approximately 245 students are enrolled districtwide.
2. Schools, along with district staff, continue to review testing procedures and guidelines for upcoming state mandated assessments. Upcoming webinars and workshops are scheduled as we prepare for SCReady (which includes Science), EOCEP, and WIN Career Readiness Assessment.
3. Performance Task Assessments will be given from February 21<sup>st</sup>-March 17<sup>th</sup> to previously identified students.
4. The WIDA Access test for Multi-Lingual learners will conclude on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
5. Woodruff Middle School will begin MAP testing on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and conclude March 31<sup>st</sup>. Woodruff High School will begin MAP testing on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. SPED
  - a. I attended a conference on Dyslexia a few weeks ago. The training was very beneficial. I will be sharing the information with resource teachers.
  - b. We will finish our Special Education Law Classes next week in collaboration with Districts 2 and 3.
  - c. We are currently interviewing for the Special Education Liaison position that was advertised as a shared position between Woodruff Middle and Woodruff High School.
  - d. We have been conducting many annual review meetings for students. This begins a very busy part of the year for Special Education staff and teachers.
  - e. We currently have 525 students served under an IEP or 504
2. Mental Health
  - a. We have had an increase in the number of students who are receiving or needing mental health services over the last month. Some of that is the time of year as well as the short staff from Spartanburg Mental Health being unable to come to Woodruff at this time.

- b. So far this year, 19 students have been transported or we have asked a family member to take the student to the CAFÉ due to concerns of suicidal ideation.
  - c. As of the end of February we have conducted 62 Columbia Screeners for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Howell Art Purchase Awards
    - a. Art will be collected on March 30<sup>th</sup>
    - b. Voting will take place April 10-14

### **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
4. WPS Greenhouse- sold for \$75 on 2/2/23
5. **District Office Roof** – Scheduled to be painted this spring.
6. **Activity Center Corridor Repairs**- Under new business

### **Superintendent**

1. Reminded board that Statement of Economic Interest are due March 30, 2023.
2. District Staff will be presented with information regarding teacher salary scale on March 17, 2023.
3. Gave a brief update on site preparations of the new WHS.
4. Teachers of the Year will be recognized at the April meeting.
5. Winners of the Howell Art Purchase Awards will be recognized at the May meeting.
6. Retirees will be recognized at the June meeting.
7. Curriculum changes at WHS will be presented to students and parents in the coming weeks.

### **Board Action**

1. Approved \$1,300,000 Bond Anticipation Note Resolution.
2. Approved the bid of \$64,244.72 from Harper Construction for repairs to the Activity Center Corridors.
3. Approved the following personnel for the 2023-2024 school year:
  - Katie Bowling as a teacher at Woodruff Primary School
  - Madison Jacobi as a teacher at Woodruff Elementary School
  - Sarah Bell as a teacher at Woodruff Middle School
  - Elise McGill as a teacher/coach at Woodruff High School
  - Taylor Anderson as a teacher/coach at Woodruff High School
  - Sara Beth McGregor as a teacher at Woodruff High School
4. Approved the petition for annexation of the property site of the future Woodruff High School to the City of Woodruff.
5. Approved the settlement offer for Government Entity Claims against Juul Labs, Inc.
6. Approved the purchase of .25 acres known as the Theo property for \$10,000.