

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

February 6, 2023

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Wednesday, February 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.

Chairman Tony Davis called the meeting to order. Minutes of the January 11 meeting were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for February 2023 is attached.
2. The SC Department of Education conducted CERDEP monitoring visits in all 4K classrooms on January 30th and 31st. The observer provided positive feedback and said we were one of the best programs she has visited. We expect to receive individual written reports soon.
3. WPS welcomed three USC Upstate clinical students this semester. Starr Chastain, Rakeya Brian, and Tammi Satterfield, second grade teachers, are hosting the students.
4. Approximately seventy-one kindergarten, first, and second grade students are attending an after school program three days a week. Students are working on specific skills in reading to boost their overall achievement.
5. WPS students and staff will collect items for Agape Care Center of Woodruff through February. We have collected approximately 330 items so far. Our school goal is to collect 500 items.
6. WPS will hold the Science Fair from February 20th through the 22nd. Students in first and second grade are encouraged to participate.
7. Teachers have been holding mid-year conferences with parents throughout January. Teachers met with parents of children who are below grade level in reading or math.
8. Thirty-one qualifying second grade students will take Performance Task Assessment (PTA) on February 22nd and 23rd. These students scored in a particular range on CogAT, IOWA, or MAP previously, and are eligible to take PTA. This assessment will identify students who qualify for the gifted and talented program in third grade.

February 2023

- 1–28 Black History Month; National Children’s Dental Health Month
- 1- School Improvement Council Meeting
- 2- Class Pictures
- 7- Guidance Counselor Appreciation Day
- 13 – Teacher Inservice Day
- 14 – Valentine’s Day Class Parties
- 17 – 24 – Scholastic Book Fair
- 20 – 22 – WPS Science Fair
- 22 – Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 27 – Spring Fundraiser Begins

Enrollment- As of 1/30

February, 2023					
Grade Level	# on Roll		# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	51		57	-6	6- Moon (Special Education)
4k	138		142	-4	1– Kakule (Special Education) 2 – McT 1- Moon (Special Education)
5K	187		191	-4	3 –Kakule (Special Education) 1- Humerez (Special Education)
1st	196		203	-7	4 – CDC & McT 3 –Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	177		183	-6	6 – Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL	749		776	-27	10 – Humerez, 4– Kakule, 7 – Moon 4 - McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Currently 91 students are attending our afterschool program. It is held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons until spring break. I am so appreciative to these teachers for working with the students: Mr. Darnell, Mrs. McConnell, Ms. Mitchell, Mrs. D. Harrison, Ms. Littlejohn, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Hedden, Mrs. Burnette, Ms. Grant, Mrs. Richards, and Ms. McNeely.
2. We are going to have designated days for students to invite a “buddy” or two to breakfast. This will be like “Muffins for Moms”, but we are calling it “Breakfast Buddies”. Students can invite no more than 2 guests to come between 7 and 7:45 for breakfast. We will serve muffins, coffee, and juice.
 - a. February 20 – 3rd Grade
 - b. February 27 – 4th Grade
 - c. March 6 – 5th Grade

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 1/31/23:

3 rd	214
4 th	207
5 th	228

February 2023 Calendar

- 1 – After School
- 2 – Good News Club
 - Mock TDA SC Ready Test
 - Autism Cohort – 3:30 – 5:00
- 6 – After school
 - WE Singers
 - WIDA ACCESS Testing
- 7 – After School
 - Gifted Art
 - School Counselor Appreciation Day
 - WIDA ACCESS Testing
- 8 – After School
 - Interims Go Home

- Mock SC Ready Reading Test
- 9 – Mock SC Ready Math Test
 - Good News Club
 - Autism Cohort – 3:30 – 5:00
- 10 – Last day for Valentine Grams
- 13 – Teacher Inservice Day
- 14 – 5th Grade Watershed
 - Gifted Art
 - After School
- 15 – 5th Grade Watershed
 - After School
- 16 – Good News Club
 - Autism Cohort – 3:30 – 5:00
- 20 – 3rd Grade Breakfast Buddies
 - WE Singers
 - After school
- 21 – Gifted Art
 - After school
- 22 – School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
 - After School
- 23 – Good News Club
 - Autism Cohort – 3:30 – 5:00
- 27 – 4th Grade Breakfast Buddies
 - After School
- 28 – Gifted Art
 - After School

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 215 7th – 232 8th – 238
2. Interim reports for 3rd nine weeks will go home February 8.
3. WIDA testing begins February 9.
4. Winter sport Athlete of the Week recognition for Woodruff Middle School includes: Paul Davis, Aiden Gibson, Izzy Gambrell, Josh Mulak, Marissa Loaeza, Dawson Clevenger, Alexis Baldwin, Jaylen Means, Micah McClintock.
5. WMS girls' basketball finished 9-1 in regular season and was the #1 seed for the Foothills tournament. WMS boys' basketball finished 10-0 and was also the #1 seed for the Foothills tournament.

Calendar of Events:

After school ELA on Mondays until March 27

After school math on Tuesdays until March 28

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| Feb 4 | WMS archery try-outs |
| Feb 8 | Contracts issued/Interims issued/WIDA testing begins |
| Feb 9 | WIDA testing |
| Feb 10 | WIDA testing |
| Feb 13 | In-service |
| Mar 15 | Report cards issued |
| Mar 17 | In-service |
| Apr 3-7 | Spring holidays |
| Apr 18 | Spring pictures |
| Apr 19 | Interims |

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

1. Report cards went out Wednesday, January 4.

2. WMS toured WHS on Thursday, January 5. Mrs. Morris talked to them about registration and student council toured them around the building. Guidance did a great job organizing this event.
3. On Tuesday, January 10, WHS held 8th Grade Parent Night. Mrs. Morris talked to the parents and students about the registration process and timeline. Guidance counselors were on hand as well to answer questions at the end of the presentation.
4. On Thursday, January 26, students with zero demerits for first semester enjoyed a free slice of pound cake from the Pound Cake Man food truck during lunch. Faculty and staff were also included.
5. After school EOC enrichment sessions have begun in English II, Algebra I, Intermediate Algebra and Biology. Currently we are serving fifty plus students.
6. January's Lunch and Learns included SRO Calhoun discussing careers in law enforcement and a before school hot chocolate mixer with Mrs. Carrigan.
7. We had 7 students make region band and 6 students won a total of 14 awards in the East Regional Scholastics Art Competition.
8. Spring sports practices have begun.

Coming Events

Date	Event
Feb 3	Pep Rally
Feb 6-9	RD Registration
Feb 8	Interims
Feb 11	ACT
Feb 13	Teacher Workday/No School
Feb 13	College Tour Field Trip
Feb 14-17	ACCESS ELL Testing
Feb 22	Career Fair Grades 9-10
Feb 24	Guest Speaker (PM Activity Schedule)
Mar 1	SAT/ASVAB
Mar 7	ACT/MAP
Mar 15	Report Cards
Mar 17	Teacher Workday/No School
Mar 18	Art Spring Fling
Mar 25	Band Carowinds
Mar 28	Career Readiness

Instructional Reports

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Principals have conducted mid-year evaluation conferences with teachers and discussed progress toward the Student Learning Objectives (SLOs). According to the ADEPT timeline, the ending date for final evaluation conferences is April 28th.
2. The next induction class will be held on Tuesday, February 7th from 3:00 – 6:00pm. The teachers will be working with the 12 standards in the Instruction Domain throughout the remaining class sessions in February and March. Teachers videotape themselves teaching a lesson, view the lesson, and complete the Post-Conference Teacher Reflection form. They reflect on their teaching in relation to the SC Teaching Standards and share their findings with their colleagues.
3. Thirty-nine educators have licenses that will expire on June 30, 2023. Twenty-four educators have already submitted documentation for license renewal. Fifteen teachers are still completing recertification requirements, which include 120 renewal credits. Renewal credits

can be accumulated through graduate courses, SCDE workshops, and professional development related to Student Learning Objectives.

Mrs. Britt McKinney reported the following:

1. COVID / FLU A and FLU B tests are available, and nurses have been trained using DHEC guidelines.
2. The Gifted and Talented referral and screening process will begin in February for students in all schools for art and music. Each gifted and talented teacher has been trained and will be submitting information to the district office in May.
3. Woodruff High School has been working closely with the Federal and State Program director to research and make a determination for an additional course at Woodruff High School to accommodate the interests of students. A survey was completed by students to determine topics of interest to the student body. Throughout this process the interest in the medical field has had a high response. Training in the medical field has also been shown to be an area of need for the Upstate Region. Using this information, along with the interest surveys, decisions will be made to phase in Health Science I, Health Science, II, and Medical Terminology. District Four receives some funding for classes and supplies by federal and state government. A Federal and State Advisory Committee will be informed and give input for final decisions.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. Staff members from each school will attend a workshop on February 15th in preparation for the 2023-2024 school year. Each school's PowerSchool database is ready to begin the scheduling process for the upcoming school year.
2. District technology members and school testing coordinators will conduct school meetings on February 9th to review the spring 2023 testing season.
3. ACCESS WIDA, a state-mandated assessment required for Multilingual Learners, began on January 23rd and will conclude on March 10th.
4. The Performance Task Assessment begins for qualifying students on February 21st and concludes on March 17th.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. SPED
 - a. February 2nd-3rd McCarthy-Teszler School hosted a drop-in for parents, school administrators and board members to tour the new addition that was recently completed. There was a great turnout.
 - b. The SPED Directors in Spartanburg County met at District 3 on February 2nd for their monthly meeting.
 - c. I will be attending a conference on Dyslexia next week
 - d. I will attend the Spartanburg County Advisory Council meeting on February 23, 2023. We will be discussing mental health and multi-tiered systems of support for struggling students.
2. Medicaid
 - a. The Medicaid audit was conducted in district on February 2, 2023. It was an on-site visit. We are awaiting the results.
3. Mental Health
 - a. Spartanburg Department of Mental Health is currently short Mental Health Therapist and therefore students in District Four are not being served by DMH during the school day if they are a patient of DMH. We do still have our two District employees who serve students but students who are served through DMH must travel to Spartanburg

to be seen. The Department of Mental Health is looking for Mental Health Therapist to serve our District Four Schools.

4. Nursing
 - a. District Four is currently looking into again hosting the Mobile Mammogram Unit for employees. We hope to have this service available and on-site in May.

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. **District Office Roof** – Scheduled to be painted this spring.
5. **Activity Center Corridor Repairs**- Under new business

Superintendent

1. Reminded board that teacher contracts will be issued February 8.
2. Provided board members with information regarding SCSBA Conference.
3. Provided a copy of approved 2023-2024 school calendar.
4. Provided a copy of information related to Statement of Economic Interest.
5. Discussed having a work session on February 14.

Board Action

1. Activity Center Corridor repairs was tabled. The recommendation will be made at the March meeting.
2. Approved the low bid of \$92,160.90 from Y&S Technologies for 65 Desktops – WHS labs.
3. Approved 2023-2024 returning teacher contracts at Woodruff Primary School.
4. Approve the 2023-2024 returning teacher contracts at Woodruff Elementary School.
5. Approved the 2023-2024 returning teacher contracts at Woodruff Middle School.
6. Approved the 2023-2024 returning teacher contracts at Woodruff High School.
7. Approved Brett Sloan as Head Football Coach for Woodruff High School for the 2023-2024 school year.
8. Approved Joni Skinner as a teacher at Woodruff Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year.
9. Approved Blakely Abercrombie as a school psychologist for the 2023-2024 school year.