

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

January 11, 2023

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Wednesday, January 11, 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 December 5 meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Participation

Micha Kelley presented each board member with a notebook compiled of information she had researched regarding curriculum requirements at Woodruff High School. Ms. Kelley briefed the board on the contents of the notebook.

Special Presentation

Dr. Liston presented Chairman Tony Davis with a certificate and lapel pin from SCSBA for his 10 years of service as a member of the Spartanburg District Four Board of Trustees.

Dr. Liston presented Gordon Godfrey with a certificate and lapel pin from SCSBA for his 20 years of service as a member of the Spartanburg District Four Board of Trustees.

Audit Report

Mr. Chris Benfield reported that after reviewing financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2022, Spartanburg District Four received a “clean” audit from the accounting firm of Cherry Bekaert. District Four again qualifies as a “low-risk” audit.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for January 2023 is attached.
2. The SC Department of Education is scheduled to conduct a visit of our CERDEP classrooms at the end of January. An observer will spend one hour in each 4K classroom over several days. The observer will provide us with some feedback from her observations.
3. Kindergarten, first and second grade students completed all MAP testing on December 16th. Teachers and members of the leadership team are reviewing student, class, and grade level data as we plan for the second semester.
4. Plans are being finalized for the WPS After School Program that will begin on January 23rd and run until Spring Break. Students are invited based on need and will attend on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons until 4:00.
5. WPS students and staff will collect items for Agape Care Center of Woodruff through February. Our school goal is to collect 500 items.
6. WPS staff members enjoyed a Christmas lunch from Moe's on December 15th. We are thankful to the Spartanburg School District Four Board of Trustees and administrative staff for providing this delicious meal.

January 2023

2 - Teacher Inservice Day – No School for Students

3- Students Return to School

4 – Report Cards Issued
 16 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – No School
 25 – 100th Day of School

Enrollment- As of 1/4

January, 2023					
Grade Level	# on Roll		# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	51		57	-6	6- Moon (Special Education)
4k	140		145	-5	2- Kakule (Special Education) 2 - McT 7- Moon (Special Education)
5K	185		189	-4	3 -Kakule (Special Education) 7- Humerez
1st	199		206	-7	4 - CDC & McT 3 -Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	177		183	-6	6 - Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL	752		780	-28	10 - Humerez, 5- Kakule, 7 - Moon 4 - McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Congratulations to Jayden Brissie, the Woodruff Elementary Spelling Bee Winner. Reagan Tumblin was the first runner up.
2. Data meetings were held before the break to discuss MAP data, SC Ready projections, interventions, curriculum, and individual students.
3. The staff and students enjoyed Holiday Headgear day, ugly Christmas sweater day, pajama day, and the WES Christmas program on Friday, December 16th. Mr. Wash did an excellent job with the 5th grade students and the WE Singers.
4. Read to Succeed legislation requires that students be retained in the third grade if the student is projected to score at the “Not Met 1” level on SC Ready. We have notified parents if their student falls in this category. There are several factors that can lead to the decision to exempt students from this requirement. We expect to receive more information regarding summer reading camp for the summer of 2023.
5. We will begin an after school program on January 23rd and it will last until March 31st. We will meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons until 4:00.
6. Terrific Kids for the 2nd Nine Weeks

3rd Grade Terrific Kids

- Mrs. Burnette: Simeon Good and Bty’Ahna Garner
Mrs. Cole: Josue Belteton-Aguirre and Saydie Richards
Mrs. Crowe: Luke Bailey and Addie Elmore
Ms. Grant: Miguel Garcia Lomeli and Jocie Burgess
Mrs. Hedden: Rylan Wood and Kinsley Morgan
Ms. Hyatt: Mason Grubbs
Mrs. McKoy: Brenton Russ and A’Mirah Young
Ms. McNeely: Martin Alvarez-Lopez and Reagan Brooks

Mrs. Richards: Owen Godfrey and Sanaiya Duncan

4th Grade Terrific Kids

Mrs. Brannon: David Morton and Karli Clevenger

Mrs. Harrison: David Chavez and Zariyah Geddes

Ms. Littlejohn: Nath Campbell and Madi Jennings

Mrs. Montjoy: Emil Leiva and Natalie Thackston

Mrs. Stonesifer: Tate Montjoy and Sophia Wojtun

Mrs. Wallace: Xaiden Speaks and Arya Davis

Mrs. Watson: John Arrington and Savannah Cothran

Mrs. E. Young: Bentley Stacy

Mrs. G. Young: Jayden Brissie and Reylene Smith

5th Grade Terrific Kids

Mr. Darnell: Gregory Senn and Sierra Pederson

Mrs. Gaffney: Kaiden Prince and Emily Buhler

Mrs. Merck: Jaden Smith and Annalynn Brisciano

Mrs. Mosteller: Elder Zecena Portillo and Bella Westmoreland

Robinson: Jaxon Bosler-Dumas and Kahlan Burlikowski

Mrs. Thompson: Gabriel Maldonado and Eryn Glass

Ms. Tollison: Mykel Brown and Maryssa Barbare

Mrs. Urban: Mario Orellana and Lyndsey Gilstrap

Mrs. Williams: Dallas Reeder and Brianna Morris

Mrs. E. Young: Peyton Neale

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 12/16/2023:

3 rd Grade	214
4 th Grade	209
5 th Grade	231

January 2023 Calendar

2 – Teacher Inservice Day

3 – Gifted Art

4 – Report cards issued

9 – SRO Appreciation Day

WE Singers

10 – End of 90-day attendance

Gifted Art

13 - Mid-year Awards Program in the Activity Center

3rd Grade – 8:15

4th Grade – 9:15

5th Grade – 10:15

16 – MLK, Jr. Holiday

17 - Gifted Art

19 – Good News Club

23 – WE Singers

24 - Gifted Art

26 – Good News club

30 – WE Singers

31 - Gifted Art

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 215 7th – 231 8th – 236
2. 2nd Nine Weeks report cards were sent home January 4.
3. Parent night for rising 9th graders will be held January 10 at WHS.
4. The WMS faculty held a Christmas luncheon on December 15.
5. Maroon on a Mission sponsored a project to make and deliver 150 homemade Christmas cards to local nursing homes.

Calendar of Events:

Jan 10	rising 9 th night at WHS at 630PM
Jan 11	WMS wrestling at WHS
Jan 12	WMS bball home vs Sims
Jan 14	WMS wrestling at Clover
Jan 16	MLK holiday
Jan 17	WMS wrestling at WHS/WMS bball home vs R Lake
Jan 19	WMS bball home vs Clifdale
Jan 21	WMS wrestling at Lexington
Jan 23	WMS bball home vs R Lake
Feb 8	Contracts issued/Interims issued
Feb 13	in-service

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

1. The WHS Marching Cadets participated in the Woodruff Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade. They also marched in the Greenville Christmas Parade.
2. Both chorus and band held their respective Christmas concerts. Each event was well attended, and they did a fabulous job. They also performed for the student body.
3. On December 6, the senior class went on what has now become a "Senior Class Tradition" of going to the bowling alley. 132 seniors signed up to attend. Fun was had by students and chaperones.
4. Guidance met with WMS 8th grade teachers to go over course request cards for the rising freshmen class.
5. Guidance held two Lunch and Learns in the month of December and provided stressbusters during lunch on exam days giving out candy and stress management tips.
6. Thanks to the board for providing a wonderful Christmas lunch for our faculty and staff.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. PADEPP conferences will be scheduled with principals in January. The purpose of the mid-year conference is to review progress toward professional development plans and to review evidence related to the PADEPP standards. During second semester, principals will complete self-assessments for the PADEPP standards. A final conference will be held at the end of the school year. All evidence, ratings, and signatures are entered into the SC LEAD system.
2. As part of teachers' final evaluation cycle (second semester), principals will conduct formal observations in classrooms from January 3rd through the end of March. They will complete the evaluations in SC LEAD and hold final evaluation conferences by April 28th.
3. The next induction class will be held on Tuesday, January 10th from 3:00 – 6:00pm. The teachers will be working with the 12 standards in the Instruction Domain throughout the remaining class sessions. Teachers will videotape themselves teaching a lesson, view the lesson, and complete the Post-Conference Teacher Reflection form. They will rate themselves on the various domains, identify a reinforcement objective and a refinement objective, and compose a written reflection on the lesson.
4. Teachers and administrators received letters of intent on December 7th. They will return their intent forms by January 4th. These forms indicate employees' plans for the upcoming school year (e.g., retirement, resignation, or return to employment). Principals will use this information in composing teacher recommendations in February.

Mrs. Britt McKinney reported the following:

1. Spartanburg Four has been awarded a grant for McKinney- Vento students which includes funding to cover costs of transportation, school supplies, fees, and needs of students who are experiencing homelessness. Students experiencing homelessness often lack the basic needs

to be able to come to school. Through this grant, we will be able to offer students who are McKinney-Vento the items to attend school and not miss out on instruction.

2. Spartanburg District Four will begin offering rapid COVID-19/ FLU A and FLU B tests to students and staff upon request by the school nurse. When students or staff present with a fever, parents will have the option to have their child tested by the nurse before going home. This service will allow parents and staff to know immediately if they have any of the three viruses. The tests will be available at each of the schools and will be optional.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. All schools completed the winter session of MAP testing to conclude semester one before December 16th.
2. Quarterly and semester grades were entered, and report cards distributed on January 4th.
3. Plans are underway for the preregistration process for the 2023-2024 school year. Schools are completing class meetings, projected student enrollment, and the scheduling process.
4. Schools and administrators are preparing for required state assessments which begins this month with a midyear assessment for 4k students.
5. ACCESS WIDA, an assessment taken by K-12 students who are served within the multilingual program in Spartanburg School District Four, will begin testing on January 23rd.
6. Qualifying students in grades 2-5 who have been identified as needing additional testing for qualifications into South Carolina Gifted and Talented program will take part in the Performance Task Assessment from February 21- March 17.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. SPED
 - a. We saw an increase in SPED numbers in December due to recent transfers into District Four.
2. SPED Caseload
 - a. We are currently serving 518 students under an IEP or 504.
3. McCarthy-Teszler
 - a. The new wing that was built is now open and students began in that wing on January 3, 2023.
4. SPED Law Class
 - a. We will continue this month with our collaboration of Administrators in District 2, 3, and 4 meeting monthly for the SPED Law Class.

Facilities

1. **BAN 2022 Projects** - Board members received a list of projects
2. **BAN 2023 Projects** – Under Consideration.
3. **2022 / 2023 School Year Projects** – Board members received a list of projects
4. **Greenhouse** – WPS no longer uses the greenhouse that is located in their courtyard. We are receiving bids on 2/2/23 for disposal.
5. **District Office Roof** – Scheduled to be painted this spring.

Superintendent

Provided copies of the 23-24 personnel timeline.

Board Action

1. Approved the 2023-2024 school calendar.
2. Approved district administrators for the 2023-2024 school year.