

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

October 3, 2022

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, October 3, 2022, 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 September 12 meeting were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for October 2022 is attached.
2. WPS will hold its first School Improvement Council meeting on October 12th. Our current School Improvement Council Chairman is Hannah Hudson. Kelsey Landers was elected WPS School Improvement Council Vice Chairman.
3. Mrs. Dover will attend the University of South Carolina Upstate Educator Recruitment Fair on October 11th and the Anderson University Educator Recruitment Fair on October 24th.
4. Mrs. Dover and Mrs. Laura Turner are participating in a special education law course provided by Spartanburg Districts 2, 3, and 4. They will attend sessions throughout the school year.
5. Erin Gambrell, Allison Duckett, Jen Brown, and Casey Dover are serving on the WPS Literacy Plan Committee and the District 4 Literacy Plan Committee to write the school and district literacy plans for the 2022-2023 school year.
6. WPS custodians will be recognized on Monday, October 3rd. They will each receive a small token of appreciation for all their hard work.
7. WPS students and staff will bring canned goods and non-perishable food items for our October/November community service project. The food items will be donated to the Woodruff Soup Kitchen.

October 2022

Parent conferences will be held in October.

- 3 - Custodian Appreciation Day
- 4 – 4K Pumpkin Patch Field Trip
- 6 – 4K Pumpkin Patch Field Trip
- 7 - 14 Scholastic Book Fair
- 10-12 CogAT Testing for Second Grade
- 11- Book Fair Family Event 7:20 a.m.-8:00 a.m.
- 12 - Book Fair Family Event 7:20 a.m.-8:00 a.m.
- 12- School Improvement Council Meeting 3:30 p.m.
- 17-18 Iowa Testing for Second Grade
- 19 – Make-Up Pictures
- 19 - Report Cards Issued
- 24 – 4K Pumpkin Patch Field Trip
- 25 – 27 5K Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

September 26, 2002					
Grade Level	# on Roll		# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	49		56	-7	7- Moon (Special Education)
4k	140		145	-5	3 – Kakule (Special Education) 1 – McT 1- Moon (Special Education)

5K	193		196	-3	3 –Kakule (Special Education)
1st	194		200	-6	4 – CDC & McT 2 –Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	176		183	-7	7 – Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL	752		780	-27	9 – Humerez, 6– Kakule, 8 – Moon 3 - McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Teachers will hold conferences with parents during the month of October. Parents and teachers are given the flexibility to meet in person, through Zoom or phone conference.
2. We are excited to have Tim Lowry perform for each grade level on October 6th. Parents are invited to attend. “Audiences across the country enjoy storyteller Tim Lowry, as he mixes stories from American History with a variety of folktales and personal narrative. The award-winning recording artist and author has performed on television and in hundreds of appearances nationwide. When he is not on the road, he makes his home in Summerville, South Carolina, where he often performs stories of southern culture and history from the “Sweet Tea Trail.” He has recorded a number of storytelling CDs, filmed a DVD, and written a storytelling handbook.”
3. We have close to 100 students attending the Good News Club this year.
4. WHS athletes are once again coming over on Friday mornings to help intake students.

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 9/26/22:

3 rd Grade	208
4 th Grade	205
5 th Grade	228
	641

October

- 3 – Custodian Appreciation Day
- WE Singers
- 4 – Gifted Art
- 6 – Good News Club
- Tim Lowery, Storyteller
- 10 – WE Singers
- 11 – Gifted Art
- 13 – Good News Club
- 17 – End of 45-day attendance
- 17 - WE Singers
- 18 – Gifted Art
- 19 – Report Cards Issued
- 20 – Make-up Fall Pictures
- Earthquake drill
- Good News Club
- 24 – WE Singers
- 25 – Gifted Art
- 27 – Good News Club

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 218 7th – 230 8th – 240

2. Interims were distributed September 14. First Nine Weeks Report Cards will be sent home with students on October 19.
3. Parent contacts and conferences will be held October 17- November 4.
4. The PSAT, a practice opportunity for the *Scholastic Aptitude Test*, will be administered at Woodruff Middle School October 12. Results from the PSAT help guide students and parents in course selection for the 9th grade as well as serve as qualifying criteria for Junior Scholar recognition.
5. The first “Cubs on the Prowl” of the current school year were recognized September 30.
6. WMS will observe a spirit week October 10 -14.
7. WMS has recognized Natalee Simmons, Aiden Gibson, Danicka Simmons, and Brycen Davis as athletes of the week.

Calendar of Events:

Oct 3	WMS vb at Landrum
Oct 4	fishing team after school
Oct 5	WMS vb at Campobello
Oct 6	WMS fb at Clifdale/ice cream sales/ fishing team after school
Oct 7	WMS vb sells Chick Fil A at lunch
Oct 10	Spirit Week/WMS vb at home vs Jonesville
Oct 11	fishing team after school
Oct 12	PSAT/Foothills vb tournament begins
Oct 13	WMS fb at home vs Sims/ fishing team after school/pep rally
Oct 15	Foothills volleyball at Rainbow Lake
Oct 17	tech protection plan due/ice cream sales
Oct 18	fishing team after school
Oct 19	report cards
Oct 20	WMS fb at home vs. Chapman/ fishing team after school
Oct 25	Beta Induction 6pm
Nov 1	ice cream sales

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

1. WHS administered their first Social Emotional Learning survey on September 6th. Guidance has begun to pull results and set up student “check-ins”. Our second SEL lesson for first quarter will take place on September 28th. The topic is Four Pillars of Focus.
2. Interims went home on September 14th. Parents were encouraged to contact subject teachers with any questions or concerns.
3. WHS had its first fire drill on September 14th. Everyone exited the building in a timely manner.
4. Senior Beta Club inductions were held on September 21st. There were 69 new inductees. It was nice ceremony. Cake and punch were served afterwards and students and parents had the opportunity to take a few pictures in front of the Speed W backdrop.
5. Student Council has begun to make plans for Homecoming.
6. WHS hosted Unity in the Community at W.L. Varner Stadium on September 23rd. WHS and WMS gave out 500 “Beat Broome” stickers and had self-help information available from how to study to how to plan your future. 311 parents/students signed in at the event.
7. Yearbook make up pictures were taken September 28th (grades 9-11) and September 29th (seniors) during all three lunches.
8. Teens for Christ hosted “See You at the Pole” on September 28th. Several local churches participated in this event, providing donuts and waters.
9. Guidance hosted an Educational Opportunities day for juniors and seniors on September 28th. It was a college fair event. Seventy colleges were represented.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. The Accreditation Option form must be submitted to the SC Department of Education by October 14th. With this submission, District Four certifies that the district and schools hold Cognia accreditation. Districts must hold Cognia accreditation or utilize the accreditation services of the SCDE.
2. School literacy teams are reviewing ELA achievement data, rating their schools on literacy practices listed in the Read to Succeed Exemplary Literacy Reflection Tool, and setting goals for the upcoming school year. The Read to Succeed Literacy Plans are due to the SC Department of Education by October 14th.
3. The next Induction class will meet on October 10th. The October session will address the following topics: Trauma informed practices, adverse childhood experiences, skills of resilience, classroom management, and SC Teaching Standards under the Environment domain.
4. Administrators will be attending the USC Upstate Recruitment Fair on October 11th. With the teacher shortage, it is important to recruit early, particularly at the local colleges and universities.
5. Teachers will be conducting parent conferences throughout the month of October to discuss student progress. Conferences may be scheduled in person, online, or over the phone. Teachers will maintain a log of these conferences.

Mrs. Britt McKinney reported the following:

1. Each school is in the process of selecting representatives for the School Improvement Council. These representatives meet with school administrators, faculty, and students to make suggestions for improvement to the school based on data, surveys, and other information.
2. Schools are beginning to schedule field trips for the year. Primary school students in 4-K and Kindergarten will be attending the pumpkin patch, and 8th grade students will be visiting Furman to watch a play on five short stories that will be studied in English classes. Woodruff Elementary will have a guest storyteller for parents and students in October. The storyteller, Tim Lowry, will focus on folk tales as he entertains guests in the Activity Center.
3. Federal grants have been submitted on time and are awaiting approval from the state department for the FY23 school year.
4. The District Read to Succeed Literacy Team is in the process of submitting plans to the state department. These plans look at the goals from last year to see how we performed, and these plans allow us to submit goals for this year based on data. Each school has a team that send representatives to the district level for input.
5. The Model Safe Schools Assessment and District Safety Plans required to be completed by the state have been submitted.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. Spartanburg Four is in the process of transitioning from our current district/school website provider, School Messenger, to BlackBoard. The new district/school websites will go live on or before July 1, 2023.
2. All state required assessment results have been received for the 2021-2022 school year as well as SC state averages. Attached you will find the 2021-2022 assessment data compared to SC state averages as well as a county comparison. Home reports will go home to parents with the 1st nine weeks report card on October 19th.
3. As part of legislation Proviso 1.86, all districts must ensure all students in first-eighth grades are assessed using a state approved interim assessment tool for fall, winter, and spring. Spartanburg Four has completed the fall window testing for this proviso and has submitted all

data to SCDE for review. Districts are required to have a percentage rate of 85% or higher or ten percent of funding will be withheld until the data is submitted. Spartanburg Four met this requirement with a 98.2% completion rate. As in the past, these scores continue to be used with computerized software to provide an individualized learning pathway.

4. State mandated preschool and kindergarten assessments are well underway. PALS (4K) and KRA (5K) will be completed on or before October 17th.
5. The 2021-2022 PSAT will be given to students in 8th and 10th grade on October 12th.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. SPED

- a. We have partnered with Spartanburg School District 2 and District 3 for a SPED law class. We have 15 participants in the class, 3 from Spartanburg District 4. We held our second meeting of the year today.
- b. I recently attended a Special Education Directors meeting in Columbia where the Director from the Office of Exceptional Children at the SCDE, Jill Christmus, spoke to the group. The state is currently undergoing a Special Education Audit from the US Department of Education.

2. SPED Caseload

- a. We are currently serving 486 students under an IEP or 504 and are no longer the smallest population of SPED students in the county.

3. Mental Health Counseling

- a. We have several new referrals this year actively seeing students in each school as well as referring students to our shared services with the Department of Mental Health in Spartanburg.

Facilities

1. BAN 2022 Projects - List attached.
2. 2022 / 2023 School Year Projects – Listing attached.
3. Trees removed / trimmed at Baseball – Complete 9/27/22
4. Trees at WES Dumpsters trimmed – Completed 9/27/22.
5. New Playground Structure – Completed 8/24/22.

Superintendent

1. There will be no tax increase this year from the school district.
2. Next month the Spartanburg County Oversight committee will meet to discuss an increase in the teacher salary scale. Chairman Davis will attend the meeting.
3. The SCSBA Delegate Assembly is being held December 3 and 4, 2022 in Charleston. Sandy Norman is the voting delegate. An alternate will be decided later.

Board Action

1. Approved a resolution for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$100,000,000 General Obligation Bonds.
2. Approved Dawn Dickerson as Woodruff Primary School Art Teacher beginning January of 2023.