SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING June 6, 2022

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, June 6, 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 May 2 and May 17 meetings were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

- 1. Calendar of Events for June 2022 is attached.
- 2. WPS students enjoyed a field day on May 17th. Coach Smith planned a rotation of fun, active events for kids to enjoy!
- 3. WPS students and staff raised \$1242.20 for P.S. I Love You Ministries. This organization supports families of foster children in the Upstate.
- 4. WPS Summer School begins on June 6th and ends on June 30th. Kindergarten through second grade students will be served. Sixty students are enrolled in the program.
 - a. The program will run from 7:45 A.M. until 3:15 P.M. Monday through Thursday.
- 5. The following staff members were recognized at the end of the year luncheon:
 - a. Student Support Staff Member of the Year Fran Thomas, Classroom Assistant
 - b. Support Staff Member of the Year Officer Darrell Dawkins, Resource Officer
 - c. Teacher of the Year Jen Brown, Kindergarten Teacher
- 6. Luke Dickard received the Donna Cannon Award for 2021-2022.
- 7. Ethan Hudson received the Terrific Kid of the Year Award for 2021-2022.
- 8. All WPS students performed and were celebrated at awards programs during the last week of May.
- 9. Thirteen second graders placed in SOAR for third grade.
- 10. Students who placed in gifted art for the 2022-2023 school year are Pyper Burch, Able Dye, Miguel Garcia-Lomeli, and Paislee Simmons.
- 11. Students who placed in gifted music for the 2022-2023 school year are Ginny Dees, Saniaya Duncan, and Hyatt Southern.
- 12. Three retirees were recognized at the end of the year luncheon. Patrick Goforth, Linda Stinnett, and Jennifer Trench will all be missed!

June

6- Summer School Begins

27 – 30 CPI Train the Trainer Training

30 - Summer School Ends

Enrollment

| May 19, 2022 | | | |
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| Grade Level | # on Roll | # in PS | Difference | Why |
|------------------|--------------|---------|------------|---|
| Early Head Start | 16 | 0 | 16 | Included in 3K Grade Level Count |
| 1/2 day 3K | 52 | 79 | -27 | 10 – Moon (Special Education) 16- Early Head Start 1 – McCarthy Teszler |
| 4k | 131 | 133 | -2 | 0 - Spivey (Special Education) 2 -Moon (Special Education) |
| 5K | 188 | 193 | -5 | 2 – CDC 0 –McCarthy Teszler 3 - Spivey (Special Education) |
| 1st | 185 | 192 | -7 | 1 - Spivey (Special Education) 6 – Humerez (Special Education) |
| 2nd | 196 | 202 | -6 | 6 – Humerez (Special Education) |
| TOTAL | 768 | 799 | -31 | 12 – Humerez, 4– Spivey, 12 – Moon 1 - McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC |

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

- 1. WES summer school will operate from June 6th until June 30th. We will serve three classes of third graders, two classes of fourth graders, and one class of fifth graders.
- 2. Elaina Hyatt was selected as the Teacher of the Year for Woodruff Elementary School for the 2022-23 school year. She was recognized at the end-of-the-year luncheon. Mrs. Hyatt has taught self-contained special education students for the past 3 years.
- 3. Heather Bailey was chosen as our Support Staff Person of the Year. She has worked in the district for fifteen years.
- 4. The following students placed in G/T for the 2021-22 school year:
 - a. 3rd Grade: Hannah Dimsdale, Keeylia Ernst, Wyatt Goetz, Emma Lanford, Pierce Lynch, Anna Owens, Mason Smith, and Allie Zampell
 - b. 4th Grade: Grace McCall and Madeline Murfin
 - c. 5th Grade: Jaxon Campbell and Elijah Richardson
- Lily Sprouse from Mrs. McKoy's third grade class received the Lena Kirstein Award.
- 6. Several awards are given annually in memory of students who attended WES. This year's students are as follows:
 - a. Victory Award Kaelyn Young
 - b. Hanna Lister Horizon Award Ahkevia Harris
 - c. Jon Bolt Award Ashton Leake
- 7. Second graders toured WES on May 19th. They asked questions about special classes, agendas, after school activities, homework, Chromebooks, etc.
- 8. The faculty faced the fifth graders in a game of kickball on May 23rd. Everyone had a great time.

- 9. We had a great turnout for our awards programs at the end of the year. On the half days, we had awards programs and field days.
- 10. Kaelyn Young was chosen as the Terrific Kid of the Year for 2021-22.

Enrollment for WES as of 05/03/21:

| Grade | # of Students | | |
|-------|---------------|--|--|
| 3rd | 207 | | |
| 4th | 227 | | |
| 5th | 208 | | |

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

- 1. End of year report cards were mailed home May 28.
- 2. Students requiring summer school were contacted the week of May 30 June 4. Summer school dates are June 6- June 30.
- 3. Field day was held May 20.
- 4. The annual school chorus and band concert was held May 12.
- 5. Awards and annual days were held as follows:

 - a. May $25 6^{th}$ grade b. May $26 7^{th}$ grade
 - c. May 27 8th grade
- 6. Faculty and staff recognitions announced include:
 - a. Teacher of the year Missy Beck
 - b. Support staff of the year Billi Wood
 - c. "High'ly" dedicated to WMS Tina Harrell

Look ahead dates

Summer school begins June 6

Form completion assistance available at WMS July 21 July 28 Form completion assistance available at WMS

Registration Aug. 1 Aug.11 Open House

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- 1. Advanced Placement Exams were administered in Calculus, Statistics, U.S. History, Government, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Biology, Computer Science and Studio Art.
- 2. End of course tests were administered in Algebra I, English II, U.S. History and Biology from May 3 through May 17.
- 3. Award's Day was held on May 20. Awards were given in all academic areas as well as other designated areas voted upon by faculty, staff, and students. Coco Zheng was selected as student-of-the-year. Coco Zheng was recognized as Valedictorian, and Emily Brown was recognized as Salutatorian.
- 4. The Diana Olencki Art Show was held at the Muse in Woodruff on May 6. Art from WMS and WHS was on display and the reception was well attended.

- 5. The 2022-2023 Woodruff Student Council elections are complete. The Student Body officers are: President-Easton Burch, Vice President-Lily Zheng, Secretary-Marlee Wood and Treasurer-Olivia Thompson.
- 6. Woodruff High School presented the Choral and Band Nights of Music on May 2 and and May 3 respectively.
- 7. The annual Most Improved Banquet was held on May 12. Students were recognized for improvement in academics, attitude, and work ethic. Over 200 people were in attendance for the banquet and ceremony.
- 8. The Spring Sports Awards Ceremony was held on May 23. The program was well attended. In the spring of 2022, Woodruff High School won region championships in Girls' Soccer and Golf.
- 9. Senior Exams were May 23, 24 and 25. Underclassmen exams were held on May 25, 26, and 27.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

- 1. District Four only has four teaching vacancies as of May 31st. Two interviews are scheduled for the first week in June. In addition, the district is working with the SC Department of Education to determine any flexibility that may be available for educators, such as alternate route certification or permits.
- 2. Thirty-three educators had licenses that were set to expire June 30, 2022. Twenty-eight of those educators submitted the 120 renewal points and/or Read to Succeed coursework and have already had their licenses renewed. Two teachers have submitted documentation to the SCDE to have Read to Succeed added to their licenses. When this paperwork is processed, these licenses will be renewed. Three teachers may have to request extensions for the 2022-23 school year if they are unable to complete and submit coursework by November 1st. An extension will allow the district to remain in compliance
- 3. District Four's Expanded ADEPT Implementation Plan has been submitted to the SCDE. The plan outlines the district's methods for evaluating educators at the various contract levels (induction, annual, and continuing). In addition, it includes the district's evaluation timeline, induction class sessions, and plans for supporting the Student Learning Objective (SLO) process.
- 4. Teacher evaluations (ADEPT) were completed, and end-of-year conferences were held with teachers. Evaluation results were entered into SC LEAD and submitted to the SCDE by the end of May. Principal evaluations (PADEPP) will be completed and submitted by June 30th. Principals must self-assess and present evidence on the assigned standards. Standards 2 (Instructional Leadership) and 9 (Professional Development) are required annually for every principal.
- 5. The New Employee Orientation will be held on Tuesday, July 19th from 8am 12pm. Dr. Liston will present an introduction to District Four, and Mr. Benfield and Mrs. Skinner will provide insurance, payroll, and retirement information.

Ms. Britt McKinney reported the following:

- Administrators are continuing to review safety plans and procedures as more and more information is made available about incidents across the nation. Our school resource officers are front and center in our schools and at events. We value them and their service to our district. We are committed to making sure our staff and students are safe.
- 2. Proof of Residency will roll out in the coming weeks for people to start gathering their information. We have had employees start this process and it only takes a few minutes for those who are computer savvy. We have been able to help others with no major obstacles. Our hope is to have only a handful left to complete by the end of July. Our office will set up appointments for those who are having a difficult time.
- 3. Principals will begin working on a Needs Assessment Narrative for schools based on the latest test data. The Needs Assessment drives the funding behind the purchases of resources for the classroom. This is also part of the District Strategic Plan each year.
- 4. The District Teacher of the Year judging will be held June 7th. Our four teachers competing are Jen Brown, WPS, Elaina Hyatt, WES, Missy Beck, WMS, and Hayley Lawson, WHS. The District Teacher of the Year is announced at the Welcome Back Breakfast for teachers and staff the first day of in-service.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

- 1. All schools continue the scheduling process for the 2022-2023 school year with course requests and grade level assignments.
- 2. Performance Task Assessment results for placement in the academically gifted program have arrived. An additional 18 students will receive academic services through the gifted program for the upcoming year.
- 3. Summer school sessions for Woodruff Primary School, Woodruff Elementary School, and Woodruff Middle School will begin today. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 7:45 am-3:00 pm with no sessions on Friday. Woodruff High School began their first summer session on Thursday, June 2nd.
- 4. The 2022-2023 South Carolina School Report Cards are scheduled to post on September 1, 2022. This report card will be the first reporting all data elements as well as rankings (Excellent-Unsatisfactory) since the pandemic.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

- 1. Mental Health Counseling
 - a. We will continue with services and therapy throughout the summer
 - b. Our newly hired therapist will begin at the end of July.

2. SEED Document

- a. The SCDE has postponed the July 1 implementation of the new SEED document. The SCDE plans to review all feedback during the 2022-2023 school year and have the new SEED document fully implemented for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 3. McCarthy Teszler

a. McCarthy Teszler held their graduation on May 20th, 2022. District 4 had one student who graduated from that program this year.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update on facilities projects

<u>Superintendent</u>

- 1. Presented copies of the 2022-2023 Board meeting schedule.
- 2. Budget meeting will be held June 27, 2022.

Board Action

- 1. Approved revisions to Board policy JFAB.
- 2. Approved the following personnel:

Cassie Whitten- Woodruff Primary School
Maggie Crowe- Woodruff Elementary School Teacher
Chelsea Williams- Woodruff Elementary School Teacher
Robert Vanadore- Woodruff Middle School Teacher/Coach
Ryan Thomas- Woodruff High School Strength Coach