

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

**May 2, 2022**

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, May 2, 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](http://spartanburg4.org/do/agenda).

Chairman Tony Davis called the meeting to order. Minutes of the April 11 and April 21 meetings were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

## **Woodruff Primary School**

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for May 2022 is attached.
2. North Greenville University is offering a new program for persons who would like to complete their bachelor's degree in education. WPS will be hosting an informational meeting for non-certified district staff on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Dr. Lori Vinson will provide an overview of the program.
3. The students enjoyed listening to tales told by the Stone Soup Storytellers. Mrs. Rhodes coordinated the event on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
4. MAP Testing for kindergarten through second grade began on April 25<sup>th</sup>. PALS testing for 4K began on April 18<sup>th</sup>.
5. WHS graduates will walk through the WPS halls for students on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
6. WPS plans to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week with a variety of activities May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. All school employees will get lots of treats and love that week!
7. End of year programs for all grades will be held beginning on May 20<sup>th</sup>.  
May 20 – 3K  
May 23 – 4K  
May 24 – 5K  
May 25 – First Grade  
May 26- Second Grade  
Programs will be held at various times, assigned by class.
8. WPS will hold summer school classes for kindergarten through second grade on June 6<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>. A limited number of slots will be available. Students will be invited based on need.

## **May**

- 2 – Papa John's Fundraiser Night
- 2-6 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- 9-13- BOGO Book Fair
- 11 – School Nurses' Day
- 17 – Field Day
- 25-27 Half-Days
- 27 – Last Student Day
- 30 – Memorial Day Holiday

## **Enrollment**

April 25, 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		78	-26	9 – Moon (Special Education) 16- Early Head Start 1 – McCarthy Teszler
4k	132		134	-2	0 - Spivey (Special Education) 2 –Moon (Special Education)
5K	188		194	-6	2 – CDC 1 –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)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>769</b>		<b>800</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>12 – Humerez, 4– Spivey, 11 – Moon 2 - McCarthy Teszler &amp; 2 - CDC</b>

### Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for May 2022 is attached.
2. The students enjoyed listening to tales told by the Stone Soup storytellers. Mrs. Hamilton coordinated that event on April 22nd.
3. Mr. Wash and Mrs. Vaughn have been screening students for gifted art and music for next year. Students chosen to participate in those programs at WES will be notified before the end of school.
4. Fifth graders toured WMS on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
5. Graduation walk-through will be May 19<sup>th</sup>.
6. This year we are participating in a field test for the writing portion of SC Ready. Students will do that on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Students will take the SC Ready writing assessment on May 3rd, SC Ready ELA on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and SC Ready Math on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Fourth graders will take SC Pass Science on May 12<sup>th</sup>.
7. Summer School will begin June 6<sup>th</sup> and end on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We will attend Monday through Thursday from 7:45 until 3:15. Students in the Read to Succeed summer reading camp must receive 96 instructional hours.
8. WES plans to have awards programs at the end of the year in the cafeteria. We will celebrate two classes of students at a time on the last three half days.
9. Fifth graders will have a fun day on May 20<sup>th</sup>. They will have grilled hotdogs and participate in several fun events.

### **Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 4/25/22:**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	208
4 <sup>th</sup>	228
5 <sup>th</sup>	209

### May 2022 Calendar

- 2 - 6– Teacher Appreciation Week
- 3 – SC Ready Writing – all students
- 5 – SC Ready ELA – all students
- 10 – SC Ready math – all students
- 23 – SC Pass Science – fourth graders

- 17 – Kiwanis Math Program for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders @ 9:00 and 9:45
- 19 - Graduation walk
- 20 – Fifth grade fun day
- 23 – Faculty vs. 5<sup>th</sup> grade in kickball
- 25 – half day for students
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade awards day
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade field day
- 26 – half day for students
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade awards day
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade field day
- 27 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade awards day
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field day

### **Woodruff Middle School**

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6<sup>th</sup> – 228 7<sup>th</sup> – 231 8<sup>th</sup> – 213
2. End of year report cards will be mailed home May 31, 2022.
3. A rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent night was held April 18.
4. Choral and band performances are set for May 2 and 3.
5. SC READY testing begins with math on May 3. ELA will be given May 10 and 11 and science for 6<sup>th</sup> graders on May 13.
6. The end-of-course test for Algebra will be given Friday, May 13.
7. Mrs. Jami Guker will represent WMS and District Four on Wednesday, May 4 at the teacher gala sponsored by the department of education.

### **Calendar of Events:**

May 2	8 <sup>th</sup> and WHS spring band concert at WHS, chorus rehearsal at Act. Center
May 3	6/7 spring band concert at WHS 6pm, Spring choral concert at Act. Center
May 3	Ready math
May 10,11	Ready ELA
May 13	Ready science- 6 <sup>th</sup> only, Algebra EOC
May 17	ELA field test
May 18	Chromebook turn in – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade
May 19	Chromebook turn in – 7 <sup>th</sup> grade
May 20	Chromebook turn in – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade/WMS field and fun day
May 25	6 <sup>th</sup> grade awards and annual day
May 26	7 <sup>th</sup> grade awards and annual day
May 27	8 <sup>th</sup> grade awards and annual day
May 28	workday (Saturday am) in place of May 31
June 6	Summer school begins

### **Woodruff High School**

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. On April 1, 2022, business classes worked though JA Inspire, a virtual career fair hosted by Junior Achievement. Students engaged in the hands-on JA Inspire expo where they explored various careers, practiced soft skills and gathered information about requirements for careers.
2. In accordance with state regulations, third year high school students took the WIN test on April 14, 2022.
3. Interim reports were issued to students on April 20, 2022.
4. Seniors have received graduation supplies and information on commencement exercises has been distributed to seniors.

5. WHS is quickly approaching Advance Placement and End of Course Tests. AP testing will take place between Tuesday, May 3 and Wednesday, May 11. EOC testing will take place between Tuesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 12. Students and teachers have been working together all year to prepare for these tests.

### **Instructional Reports**

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. The annual updates to the District Strategic Plan and School Renewal Plans were submitted by the April 29<sup>th</sup> deadline. The SC Department of Education Office of Federal and State Accountability will review the plans over the next few months and notify the district of approval or required changes.
2. Employees have until May 10<sup>th</sup> to return contracts/MOUs. Eighty-three percent of employees have already signed and submitted contracts for the 2022-23 school year. There are only 38 outstanding contracts/MOUs throughout the entire district. Currently, principals are interviewing to fill five remaining vacancies for the upcoming year. Additional vacancies may become available depending on the decisions related to the 38 outstanding contracts.
3. Thirty-three educators have licenses that are set to expire June 30, 2022. Twenty-one educators have already submitted the 120 renewal points and/or coursework required to renew their licenses. Thirty-one educators have licenses set to expire June 30, 2023. Educators on their final year of the license validity period are considered continuing contract employees and must be evaluated at the comprehensive formative evaluation level. A comprehensive formative evaluation includes the following components: orientation, pre-conference, observation, post-conference, student learning objective (SLO), and professionalism.
4. Three teachers are currently participating in the PACE program, which is an alternate route for certification in South Carolina. These teachers have bachelor's degrees in fields other than education. They passed the Praxis exams in their content areas and attend sessions with PACE instructors. These teachers are teaching in the following certification areas: ESOL, business, and French.
5. Nineteen teachers are currently National Board educators. They are certified according to the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. However, SC regulations require that they be evaluated as continuing contract teachers and obtain the Read to Succeed endorsement. They are not required to accumulate the 120 renewal credits within the five-year period to renew their licenses. Teachers also receive stipends for national board certification.
6. One hundred forty educators have specialty endorsements on their licenses beyond their regular certification areas. These specialty endorsements include Read to Succeed Teacher, Read to Succeed Literacy Coach, Gifted and Talented, Project-Based Learning, Advanced Placement, and Online Teaching.

Ms. Britt McKinney reported the following:

1. Teacher Appreciation Week will be the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup>- May 6<sup>th</sup>. Various churches and community members will be providing treats to all employees throughout the week. The district office will provide breakfast Wednesday morning.
2. The 2022 Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment is being finalized with all districts in Spartanburg County along with Cherokee and Union counties. A look at the Labor-Market data, student performance, CTE programs offered, the implementation of new programs, recruitment of educators to teach CTE courses, and a description of the progress to implement equal access to all students in all populations were factors considered during this process.
3. The Mobile Mammography machine will be in the district two days to offer services to our employees and spouses.

4. The Federal Programs Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 9:00 on May 12<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. A presentation encompassing all federal and state programs will be shown to gain input from stakeholders regarding funding and ideas to make the best decisions for programs within the district.
5. Letters have been sent to families who pay tuition, fall under the legacy clause, or have superintendent permission to attend school informing them the district will no longer be accepting new students in preparation for the growth expected.
6. School safety plans are being reviewed to include a reunification process for students with their families in case of an emergency.

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. Spring MAP testing began for Woodruff Primary School on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
3. End of the year state required testing will begin on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. SCReady (Reading, Writing, and Math) and SC PASS (Science 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade) are being administered to students in grades 3-8. Students in grades 3-8 must also participate in a Field-Testing session for Writing. End-of-course exams will be administered to students currently enrolled in English II, Algebra I, U.S. History, and Biology. Advanced Placement exams will be administered to appropriate students at Woodruff High School. The Spartanburg Four testing schedule has been shared with principals, counselors, and teachers as well as posted in the recent release of *Visions*, social media, and each school's website.
4. The 2021-2022 Parent, Student, Teacher Climate Surveys opened on April 11<sup>th</sup>. All Students in grades 3-12 will compete the required survey that will account for up to 10 points on the 2021-2022 Woodruff Elementary School's, Woodruff Middle School's, and Woodruff High School's Accountability Report Card. Teachers are in the process of completing their surveys. All parents can take the parent survey this year, which is housed in their PowerSchool parent portal. All surveys will close on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
5. Spartanburg Four is preparing for a new job application process using the PowerSchool Applicant Tracking and SchoolSpring Job Board. This new system will provide applicants a digitized streamlined process for all job postings within Spartanburg Four. In addition, adding the Unified Talent Applicant Tracking system will create a new digitized process for all employees (new and current).

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. Mental Health Counseling
  - a. We are going to begin interviews for an additional mental health therapist next week.
2. SPED
  - a. We are holding several annual review meetings.
  - b. Students are receiving accommodations for state testing as permitted by law based on their IEP.
3. Social Emotional Learning Survey
  - a. Everyone in grades 4-12 recently took the final SEL survey for the school year.
  - b. We have set up a check-in system with adults in each building to check-in on students as needed.
4. Art
  - a. Diana Olencki Art Show Reception May 6, 2022. 5:30-7:00 at MUSE 134.

## **Facilities**

1. Board members received a printed update on facilities projects.

## **Superintendent**

1. Thanked board once again for providing End-of-Year Luncheons for schools.
2. This is Teacher Appreciation Week. We will honor educators on May 4 with bagels and muffins from Panera Bread and a small monetary appreciation gift.
3. Retirees will be recognized at the June board meeting.
4. The 2022-2023 budget public hearing will be held June 27, 2022.
5. Presented information on annual risk assessment.

## **Board Action**

Approved the following personnel:

Madison Bostdorff- Woodruff Elementary School Librarian

Rena Burnette- Woodruff Elementary School Teacher

Joel Goff- Woodruff High School Teacher/Coach