

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

March 7

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, March 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Woodruff Elementary School. 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 February 7 meeting were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for March 2022 is attached.
2. WPS students and staff collected over 500 items for Agape Care Center of Woodruff. In March, we will collect items for the Spartanburg Humane Society.
3. WPS Science Fair was held February 21st and 22nd. Twenty-seven, first and second graders entered projects. Any student who placed first, second, or third place in their category was eligible to enter the Piedmont Region III Science Fair at USC Upstate. The following students were recognized in the regional fair:
Ginny Dees – 1st Place in Biology, Emily Morton – Honorable Mention in Biology, Chelsea Rossi – Honorable Mention in General Science, and Avery Stonesifer – Honorable Mention in Math and Computer Science
4. Preschool and kindergarten enrollment will be held on Thursday, March 17th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Students new to Woodruff Primary School for the 2022-2023 school year should be enrolled on this day. Parent of students already enrolled, do not need to attend.
5. WPS achieved a new five-year term of accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children! The program received an impressive score of 98% overall. Program standards were met at 100% in the areas of Relationships, Curriculum, Assessment of Child Progress, Families and Community Relationships, Physical Environment, and Leadership and Management. Classroom standards were assessed in 10 classrooms and scores ranged from 97% to 100%. Six classrooms scored 100%! Portfolios were rated “Above Average”, meaning that we scored in the top 25% of all evidence NAEYC evaluates. We are thrilled with the outcome and so proud of everyone’s hard work every day to meet these high standards.
6. Second graders who qualified to take the Performance Task Assessment, in order to qualify for the gifted and talented program in third grade, began that assessment on Tuesday, February 22nd. Results will be received later in the spring.
7. WPS celebrated Read Across America Week February 28th – March 4th. Children and adults participated in fun dress-up days throughout the week!

March

7- Papa John’s Fundraiser Night

9- Spring Pictures, Tornado Drill

16- Report Cards Issued

- 17- Preschool and Kindergarten Enrollment 8:30 – 2:00
- 18- No School – Teacher Inservice Day
- 30- Cap and Gown Pictures (Kindergarten Only)

Enrollment

February 28, 2022					
Grade Level	# on Roll		# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	14		0	14	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	52		72	-20	5 – Moon (Special Education) 14- Early Head Start 1 – McCarthy Teszler
4k	130		133	-3	1 - Spivey (Special Education) 2 –Moon (Special Education)
5K	186		192	-6	2 – CDC 1 –McCarthy Teszler 3 - Spivey (Special Education)
1st	187		194	-7	1 - Spivey (Special Education) 6 – Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	201		205	-4	4 – Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL	770		796	-26	10 – Humerez, 5– Spivey, 7 – Moon 2 - McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Mrs. Newton administered WIDA Access Testing to our ELL students during the month of February.
2. The WES Science Fair was held on February 17th. The list of winners is attached. Students who placed in the WES Science Fair were eligible to take their projects to the Piedmont Region III Science Fair at USC Upstate.

The following WES students placed at regionals...

- Onyx Dixon won a special award; Water Environment Association of South Carolina with his project, “Is Grey Water Really Green”
- Zoe Jane Lawson placed 2nd in the Behavioral category with her project, “Distracted by the Game?”
- Giuliana Parris placed 2nd in the Elementary Math/Computer Science category with her project, “Does Surface Matter?”
- Anna Morton placed 2nd in the Middle Grade Math/Computer Science category with her project, “What's Poppin?”

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 3/02/22:

Grade	#
3rd	211
4th	228
5th	212

March 2022 Calendar

- February 28 – March 3rd – STAR Testing
- 10 – Office of Health and Nutrition to visit WES
- 15 – Spring pictures

16 – Report Cards go home
18 – No school for students – Teacher Inservice Day
22 – Terrific Kid luncheon at WES
29 – 30 – Watershed for 5th grade

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 233, 7th – 236, 8th – 212
2. Report cards for 3rd nine weeks will be sent home March 16.
3. The awards program for WMS winter sports was held February 22.
4. Spring Map testing begins March 21.
5. The WMS after school program continues with math on Mondays and ELA on Tuesdays.
6. Mrs. Jami Guker recently received a surprise visit from Chuck Watson from the Palmetto
7. State Teachers Association. The PSTA presented Mrs. Guker with a banner to display in recognition of being the district teacher of the year and gift bags for her fellow teachers.
8. Students in Mrs. Linder's class received a surprise on Friday, February 25, 2022. They were presented with a framed United States Flag and certificate recognizing the students' efforts as they raise and lower our national flag each day of the school year. Students learned that the framed flag had flown over the United States Capitol on January 31, 2022. The certificate was signed by US Senator Lindsey Graham.

Calendar of Events:

Mar. 1	Afterschool ELA
Mar. 7	After school math
Mar. 8	After school ELA
Mar. 14	After school math
Mar. 15	After school ELA
Mar. 16	Report Cards
Mar. 18	Teacher In-Service
Mar. 21	After school math/MAP opens
Mar. 22	After school ELA
Mar 28	After school math
Mar. 29	After school ELA
Apr. 1	MAP closes
Apr. 4-8	Spring Holidays
Apr. 14	5 th grade tours
Apr. 15	Registration materials for rising 6 th delivered to WES
Apr. 18	Rising 6 th grade parent meeting/Rising 7 th and 8 th course cards distributed
Apr. 21	Spring pictures
Apr. 27	Rising 7 th and 8 th cards due
Apr. 29	Rising 6 th cards due to WMS

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Registration for 2022-2023 continues: selection of courses, entering requests, feedback to departments, coordination between WMS/WHS, and course tallies. These are the initial phases of building our Master Schedule. This process will continue according to our timeline.
2. WHS held a pep rally on February 4 to recognize and support winter sports teams.
3. On February 11, Derek Royster, Woodruff High School and Citadel Alum, spoke to the WHS student body. He challenged our students to set high goals, work hard and persevere.
4. Advanced Placement science students helped judge the Science Fair at WES and WPS on February 22.

5. Student Council held a fund raiser at Pizza Inn on February 24. Student Council members waited and bussed tables in exchange for a portion of the proceeds. The fundraiser is going to support the Prom.
6. On March 2, third year high school students participated in statewide SAT testing. By state regulation, students could choose to participate in the ACT, SAT or neither. The ACT will be given on March 8, 2022.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. Contracts were issued on February 9th. Over 50% of those contracts have already been signed and submitted to the District Office.
2. The last induction class will be held on Tuesday, March 15th from 3:00 – 6:00pm. The successful completion of this class and a proficient score on classroom observations will allow teachers to move from induction evaluation to annual evaluation for the 2022-23 school year.
3. Administrators are following the end-of-year timeline for the completion of ADEPT observations and final evaluation conferences. The timeline in the District Four ADEPT Plan has been approved by the SC Department of Education.
4. All principals have completed the PADEPP mid-year evaluation conferences. They will complete a self-assessment related to the standards on which they are being evaluated and submit evidence to document performance on those standards. A full evaluation requires evidence for all nine of the PADEPP standards. A partial evaluation requires evidence for Standards #2 (Instructional Leadership) and #9 (Principal's Professional Development). Principals are required to complete full evaluations every third year.
5. Thirty-two educators have licenses that will expire on June 30, 2022. Fifteen teachers are still completing recertification requirements, which include 120 renewal credits/points.
6. Annual updates to the District Strategic Plan and the School Renewal Plans are due to the SCDE on April 29th. The report will include updates to the needs assessment, executive summary of the needs assessment data findings, and progress toward performance goals. In addition, Gifted and Talented Tables, Proficiency-Based System Plan Evaluation, and Summer School Program Site Identification must be submitted.

Ms. Britt McKinney reported the following:

1. The Civil Rights Data Collection will be submitted by March 11th. Schools are finalizing information to be uploaded. Schools across the nation submit data which will be available on the CRDC website in the next five years.
2. The Career Technical Education departments at both Woodruff High School and Woodruff Middle School will be monitored during March. The final review is set for April 1st. This desk audit and visit will be completed by the state department as part of the required monitoring process. In addition to looking at curriculum for courses taught under the CTE codes, identifying purchased equipment with CTE funds, and checking enrollment numbers, the group will also be analyzing financial records.
3. Spartanburg Four will continue to work with area pastors and churches in an effort to provide materials to students who need school supplies. We hope to be able to have these items available for pickup during school registration.
4. Woodruff Elementary School's cafeteria has been selected for a visit by the Nutrition Department from the state. Ms. Terry will be doing a nutrition lesson with third graders on March 16th and the cafeteria will also be observed.
5. School Safety Week is March 7th-11th. Various safety drills will be performed during the week at the schools.

6. Spartanburg Four has suspended testing for COVID, the wearing of masks, and contact tracing as of March 1st. We will review this if our case numbers rise above 10%. The district office has test kits available for parents who might need to test their children.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. On January 24th, all schools began an after-school program that will conclude on March 30th. Students will receive additional standards-based instruction in a small group setting in Math, Language Arts, or both. At present, approximately 220 students are enrolled districtwide.
2. Schools, along with district staff, continue to review testing procedures and guidelines. Upcoming webinars and workshops are scheduled as we prepare for SCReady, SCPass, EOCEP, and ACT WorkKeys.
3. Performance Task Assessments will be given from February 22nd- March 11th to previously identified students.
4. The WIDA Access test for Multi-Lingual learners will conclude on March 25th.
5. Woodruff Middle School will begin MAP testing on Monday, March 21st and conclude April 1st. Woodruff High School will begin MAP testing on Monday, March 28th and will conclude on April 1st.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. Mental Health Counseling

- a. 21 Columbia Rating Scales this semester
- b. Increase in students needing Mental Health services second semester

2. SPED News

- a. We are actively holding ongoing student IEP/504 meetings
- b. Total SPED Enrollment Number to date: **430**
- c. Total 504 Enrollment Number to date: **74**
- d. Students receiving interventions as part of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) process: **247**
- e. Middle and High School Special Education Teachers and Representatives are participating in a virtual course related to post-secondary education IEPs as it relates to Indicator 13.

3. Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

- a. The EAP can be utilized for the employee or their immediate family members for the following: family and relationship issues, resiliency and coping skills, grief and loss, stress, mental health as it relates to depression and anxiety, work-related issues, alcohol or substance use, legal and financial issues.
- b. 11.17% our employees are utilizing this program as of our last report from February. This is an increase from our 5.31% reported use in our September report.
- c. The majority of those using the EAP are utilizing counseling services either in person or virtually.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects

Superintendent

1. Teachers of the Year will be recognized at the next board meeting.
2. Reminded Board members that the Art Awards will be judged in May.
3. Retirees will be honored at the June board meeting.

4. Employees need to be aware that the information on the \$4,000 teacher raise from the House Ways and Means and the Governor is based on a minimum scale and is not accurate for our employees.

Board Action

1. Approved a resolution which authorizes a referendum to be held on August 11, 2022, in which the registered voters of District Four will have the opportunity to vote to approve the issuance of up to \$100,000,000 for constructing a new Woodruff High School.
2. Approved low bids for WPS counter tops, sinks, cabinets, and WMS room 102 base cabinet, countertop, and sink, WMS teacher storage cabinets, and Wetland Delineation.
3. Approved the \$600,000 Bond Anticipation Note Resolution.
4. Approved the \$1,250,000 General Obligation Bond Resolution.
5. Approved Cheyenne Brown as a teacher at Woodruff Primary School, Deborra Pittman as a guidance counselor at Woodruff Elementary School, Beth Ramey as a teacher at Woodruff Middle School, Christine Anderson, Kenneth Haltiwanger, and Aaron Chappell as teachers at Woodruff High School and Eddie Brooks as Assistant Principal at Woodruff High School.
6. Granted the City of Woodruff a sewer easement on the Varner Road property.