

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

April 11

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, April 11, 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 March 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 April 2022 is attached.
2. WPS concluded it's after school program on March 30th. We were able to serve 88 students in this 10 week program! Students took home a collection of 12 books for participating!
3. WPS is currently collecting items for the Spartanburg Humane Society. So far, we've collected approximately 250 items!
4. Hannah Deahl, Starr Chastain, Sarah Spivey, and Jen Brown participated in training to become certified mentors. Mentors provide induction level teachers physical support, social-emotional support, and instructional support in order for them to be successful during their evaluation year.
5. Enrollment for the upcoming school year was held on Thursday, March 17th, for new 3K, 4K, and 5K students. Developmental screenings for 3K have been completed. Developmental screenings for 4K will be held in May. WPS will continue to enroll new students throughout the summer.
6. WPS was thrilled to be able to hold our traditional Storybook Character Day on April 1st. The students and staff dressed up like a storybook character and paraded around WPS and WES for families and students. This is always such a fun day for everyone!
7. Spring MAP testing will begin on April 25th for kindergarten, first, and second grade students.

April

- 1- Storybook Character Day
- 4-8- Spring Break
- 11 – Papa John's Fundraiser
- 14 – School Improvement Council Meeting
- 20 – Interims Issued
- 25 – MAP Testing Begins

Enrollment

Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
March 28, 2022				
Early Head Start	15	0	15	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	52	75	-23	7 – Moon (Special Education) 15- Early Head Start 1 – McCarthy Teszler
4k	132	134	-2	0 - Spivey (Special Education) 2 –Moon (Special Education)
5K	186	192	-6	2 – CDC 1 –McCarthy Teszler 3 - Spivey (Special Education)
1st	186	193	-7	1 - Spivey (Special Education) 6 – Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	199	203	-4	4 – Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL	770	797	-27	10 – Humerez, 4– Spivey, 9 – Moon 2 - McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. March Madness was an engaging event for third grade students to learn and practice their multiplication facts. This took place during the whole month of March. Each class participated in a bracket that placed students opposing one another in a multiplication challenge. Every week the group of competitors was narrowed down to eventually determine a class winner. Our final two competitors completed in a final challenge. The final students were Layne Scott (McNeely) and William Harrison (Cole). Layne Scott won the final round and was awarded a gift card.
2. We celebrated Terrific Kids with a luncheon on Tuesday March 22nd. All the Terrific Kids from the third nine weeks sat together at lunch and had a special treat with their lunch. One student's name from each grade level was drawn in a raffle and awarded a \$10 gift card.
3. WE Singers performed for parents and students on March 31st. They stay after school every Monday and work with Mr. Wash.
4. Jessica Burnette led us in training on using the Hapara software on March 30th.

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 3/30/22:

Grade	#
3rd	209
4th	228
5th	211

April 2022 Calendar

2 – No School for Students

4 – 8 – Spring Break

13 – 5th Grade MAP Testing

14 – 4th Grade MAP Testing

15 – 5th Grade MAP Testing
18 – MAP Make-ups
19 – 4th Grade MAP
20 – 3rd Grade MAP
 Interims issued
21 – 4th Grade MAP
22 – Stone Soup Storytellers
26 – SC Ready Field Testing
29 – 4th Grade Watershed Day

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 231 7th – 234 8th – 213
2. Interim Reports for the 4th Nine Weeks will be sent home April 20.
3. MAP testing was completed March 21 -April 1.
4. WMS 8th graders verified their course requests for 22-23 with WHS counselor Ms. Heather Abrams on March 30.
5. WMS celebrated Mrs. Jami Guker on Friday, March 11. All students and staff were treated to doughnuts during lunch. She was present and assisted with all lunches.
6. Spring sports are underway with 88 WMS students participating

Apr. 14 5th grade tours
Apr. 15 Registration materials for rising 6th delivered to WES
Apr. 18 Rising 6th grade parent meeting/Rising 7th and 8th course cards distributed
April 20 4th quarter interims
Apr. 27 Rising 7th and 8th cards due
Apr. 29 Rising 6th cards due to WMS
May 2 8th 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- 6th only, Algebra EOC
May 17 ELA field test
May 18 Chromebook turn in – 6th grade
May 19 Chromebook turn in – 7th grade
May 20 Chromebook turn in – 8th grade
May 25 6th grade awards and annual day
May 26 7th grade awards and annual day
May 27 8th grade awards and annual day

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. 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 was administered on March 8, 2022.
2. Report Cards were issued on March 16, 2022.
3. Freshmen participated in the Virtual Upstate Business Showcase on March 4th and 20th. This showcase provided information from thirty different business and colleges providing regarding career opportunities.

4. Woodruff High is offering academic enrichment sessions for students taking an English End of Course test, a Mathematics End of Course test or an Advanced Placement course in Calculus, Statistics, Biology, Environmental Science, Computer Science, Government and United States History. These sessions are optional and take place after school and on the weekend.
5. On March 30, WHS guidance met with eighth grade students and teachers to verify course requests for the 22-23 school year.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. An annual update to the District Strategic Plan and the School Renewal Plans must be submitted to the SCDE by April 29th. These are the five-year plans that include goals for student achievement, teacher/administrator quality, and school climate. Each year, the schools and district must update the following parts of the five-year plans: Needs Assessment; Executive Summary of Needs Assessment Data Findings; and Progress toward Performance Goals. In addition, the schools and district must submit Interim Performance Goals for the upcoming year. The Interim Performance Goal is a yearly goal that aligns with the five-year Performance Goal.
2. Employees have until May 10th to return contracts/MOUs. Seventy percent of employees have already signed and submitted their contracts. Only 60 contracts and MOUs remain outstanding throughout the entire district.
3. Teachers are evaluated under the Expanded ADEPT system, which includes the South Carolina Teaching Standards 4.0 Rubric. Evaluation teams are completing classroom observations, and administrators are scheduling end-of-year conferences with teachers. The goal is to complete evaluations by April 29th. Principals are evaluated under PADEPP standards. They are completing self-assessments and submitting evidence for each standard. Their evaluations must be complete by September 1st. Results of ADEPT and PADEPP are entered into SC LEAD.
4. Thirty-two educators have licenses that will expire on June 30, 2022. Fourteen educators are still completing recertification requirements.
5. The State Board of Education approved instructional materials for the following courses: Anatomy and Physiology; Social Studies (K-2); Economics and Personal Finance; Macroeconomics AP; Microeconomics AP; Sociology; Social Studies (Grade 6); Human Geography; Human Geography (World) AP; and Psychology. The State Board will vote on the following recommendations at the April meeting: Social Studies (Grades 4 – 5); SC History (Grade 8); US Government; US Government AP; US History and Constitution; and US History and Constitution AP.

Ms. Britt McKinney reported the following:

1. Spartanburg District Four will complete required monitoring from the state department regarding our Career and Technical Education funding during April. The state department visited Woodruff High School and stated the high school had done a good job of labeling equipment and technology purchased with those funds. Final submission of paperwork and documentation will be completed by the end of the week.
2. Budgets for the FY22 school year are being updated and amended as needed based on student need and data. Principals are submitted requests for approval.
3. Proof of residency for the 2022-2023 school year will have a few changes. Parents will be required to provide proof of residency (2) for each student enrolled in District Four. Parents and guardians will be able to submit information to verify residency beginning July 1st each year at the district office. In preparation for the expected growth for each school, the district will no longer accept new legacy, new superintendent approval, or new tuition students. A letter will be sent to the homes of students currently under these categories to inform them no

new acceptance will be allowed into the schools for out of district students. There will also be a new affidavit of residence for those who do not have verification with a rental agreement, lease agreement, or taxpayer paperwork.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. Participating students in grades 2-5 completed the Performance Task Assessment on March 11th.
2. Students at Woodruff High School participated in the SAT School Test Day on March 2nd and the ACT School Test Day on March 8th.
3. Third year Woodruff High School students will take the ACT WorkKeys Career Assessment on April 14th.
4. Woodruff High School and Woodruff Middle School concluded their Spring MAP testing window on April 1st. Woodruff Elementary School's testing window will begin on April 11th and will close on April 29th. Woodruff Primary School will begin testing on April 25th and complete testing on May 6th. All interim assessments for the 2022-2023 school year must be sent to the South Carolina Department of Education to meet the requirement of Proviso 1.96. Proviso 1.96 states all students in grades 1-9 participate in three interim assessments during the 2021-2022 school year. In addition, schools with state required assessments will continue to use this data in preparation for their upcoming testing windows.
5. Third quarter report cards were issued on March 16th. 4th Quarter interims will be issued on April 20th.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. Mental Health
 - a. We have posted a position for an additional Mental Health Therapist on our website. Our needs have increased significantly in the area of Mental Health Services.
2. SPED News
 - a. We are reviewing a Draft SEED Document from the SCDE and providing feedback. The new SEED Document will go into effect July 1, 2022.
 - b. We plan to review Employability Credential Curriculum on April 15 along with other Spartanburg County School Districts
3. Diana Olencki Art Show
 - a. Tentative show dates to be held at **MUSE** April 28-May 6, 2022, with a reception to be held on Friday, May 6, 2022.
4. Howell Art Purchase Awards
 - a. Voting will take place at the District Office April 11-15. We will close voting on April 15 at 12:00. Winners will be honored at the May Board Meeting. Board Members, please take time this week to come to the District Office this week to vote.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

Superintendent

1. Graduation will be Friday, May 27, 2022.
2. Student half-days will be May 25, 26, and 27.
3. Memorial Day holiday is May 30, 2022.
4. Dr. William L. Howell Art Purchase Award winners will be announced and recognized at the May board meeting.
5. Preliminary budget information will be given next month.

Board Action

Approved the SCDE Waiver request.

Approved Local Board Approved courses for the 2022-2023 school year.

Approved the CMAR Proposal from Harper General Contractors.

Approved the following personnel:

Tara Nelson -	District wide Psychologist
Polly O'Shields-	Teacher, Woodruff Primary School
Summer Baxter-	Teacher, Woodruff Primary School
Brittany Kakule-	Teacher, Woodruff Primary School
Brooklyn McElrath-	Teacher, Woodruff Primary School
Alexis Burdette-	Teacher, Woodruff Primary School
Jorge Santos-	Teacher/Coach, Woodruff Middle School
Lauryn Murrell-	Teacher, Woodruff High School