

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

February 7, 2022

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

Chairman Tony Davis called the meeting to order. Minutes of the January 3 meeting were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

## **Woodruff Primary School**

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for February 2022 is attached.
2. The SC Department of Education conducted CERDEP monitoring visits in all seven four-year-old preschool classes on January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Teachers were observed teaching and classroom environments were evaluated. The program received an overall average score of 4.67 out of 5 possible points. Each teacher received an individual report.
3. Woodruff Primary School will host three clinical students, in second grade, from USC Upstate in the spring.
4. Woodruff Primary School staff and students are collecting paper products for Agape Care Center of Woodruff throughout the month of February. We have collected around 100 items so far.
5. Mrs. Dover will attend the Newberry College Job Fair on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Teaching candidates from Newberry College, Presbyterian College, Lander University, University of South Carolina - Aiken, Columbia College, and Limestone College will attend.
6. Eighteen qualifying second grade students will take Performance Task Assessment (PTA) on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. These students scored in a particular range on CogAt, IOWA, or MAP previously, and are eligible to take PTA. This assessment will identify students who qualify for the gifted and talented program in third grade.
7. WPS staff members have an opportunity to participate in upcoming professional development sessions. Leadership team members will attend a virtual Leaders Making Readers Conference on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Leadership team members and teaching staff can participate in two upcoming Fountas and Pinnell webinar series on the topics of phonics and reading assessment. Each web series contains multiple sessions.
8. Approximately eighty five kindergarten, first, and second grade students are attending an after school program three days a week. Students are working on specific skills in reading and math to boost their overall achievement.

## **February 2022**

- 1–28 Black History Month; National Children’s Dental Health Month
- 2 School Mall Fundraiser Brochures Due  
Class Picture Day
- 7-11 National School Counseling Week - We love Mrs. Sheffield!
- 7 Papa John’s Fundraiser Night
- 9 Interim Reports Issued
- 11 Valentine’s Day Class Parties
- 14 Teacher Inservice Day
- 18-25 Scholastic Book Fair
- 21-22 WPS Science Fair
- 25 School Spirit Day

## Enrollment

February 1, 2022					
Grade Level	# on Roll		# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	13		0	13	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	56		73	-17	3 – Moon (Special Education) 15- Early Head Start 1 – McCarthy Teszler
4k	129		131	-2	2 –Moon (Special Education)
5K	185		191	-6	2 – CDC 1 –McCarthy Teszler 3 - Spivey (Special Education)
1st	189		195	-6	1 - Spivey (Special Education) 5 – Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	201		206	-5	5 – Humerez (Special Education)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>773</b>		<b>796</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>10 – Humerez, 4– Spivey, 5 – Moon 2 - McCarthy Teszler &amp; 2 - CDC</b>

### Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

- Mrs. Harrison and Ms. Littlejohn will attend the Textbook Caravan on February 15<sup>th</sup> in Columbia to review new science materials.
- took place without any issues. Students and parents were able to communicate with teachers each day as needed. Teachers did a great job preparing students.
- We received a \$5000 donation from Mr. Hunter Brown with Palmetto Vermiculite. The money will be used to purchase math manipulatives for students.
- Currently 97 students are attending our afterschool program. It is held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons until spring break. I am so appreciative to these teachers for working with the students: Mr. Darnell, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Merck, Ms. Littlejohn, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Hedden, and Ms. McNeely.
- Dr. Aspy, Mrs. Welchel, and Mrs. Connolly with the autism team have shared some of their knowledge with the faculty on two separate occasions. We appreciate their expertise and assistance.
- Mrs. Hodge will attend a recruitment fair at Newberry College with Mrs. Dover

### **Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 2/03/22:**

	3 <sup>rd</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	210
4 <sup>th</sup>	230
5 <sup>th</sup>	212

February 2021 Calendar

2 – 4 – WIDA Testing

14 – Inservice day

15 – 16 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Watershed

22 – WES Science Fair

22 – Performance Task Assessment begins

### Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6<sup>th</sup> – 232, 7<sup>th</sup> – 238, 8<sup>th</sup> – 214
2. Interim reports for 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks will go home February 9.
3. WIDA testing begins February 7.
4. Winter sport Athlete of the Week recognition for Woodruff Middle School includes: Jordan Robinson, Jasmine McKnight, Dre Jenkins, Kori Moates and CJ Smith.
5. Congratulations to Alissa Styles for having six art works recognized by Scholastic Arts as “silver key” winners.

### **Calendar of Events:**

Feb. 7	After school math/WIDA testing
Feb. 8	After school ELA/WIDA testing
Feb. 9	Interims/WIDA testing
Feb. 11	WIDA make-up
Feb. 14	In-Service/workday
Feb. 15	After school ELA
Feb. 21	After school math
Feb. 22	After school ELA/winter sport awards program 7pm
Feb. 28	After school math
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
Mar. 22	After school ELA
Mar 28	After school math
Mar. 29	After school ELA

### **Woodruff High School**

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. WHS Guidance Counselors continue to meet with students and parents to make individual plans for the 2022-2023 school year that coordinate with the long term goals of the students.
2. Woodruff Middle School Eighth Graders toured WHS on January 6, 2022. Student Council members acted as guides and the students were given an overview of the school as well as encouraged to begin thinking about post-secondary goals.
3. Woodruff High School held the annual eighth grade parents’ night on January 11, 2022. Parents were given an overview of the academic options at Woodruff High School and given an opportunity to ask questions of administrators and counselors.
4. On January 8, 2022, Woodruff High School hosted the South Carolina Band Director Association Region Band Competition. This full day competition was used to select the best Middle and High School band musicians across our region. Approximately 800 students from five counties participated in the competition. Congratulations to the following student band student for their accomplishments.

Erin McCallion	Flute	2 <sup>nd</sup> chair region 4 <sup>th</sup> alternate All-State
Dell Brockman	Baritone Saxophone	1 <sup>st</sup> alternate
Karina Lopez-Campos	Trumpet	5 <sup>th</sup> alternate
Gwen Norris	Trombone	5 <sup>th</sup> alternate
Kaleb Thomas	Euphonium	1 <sup>st</sup> alternate

Shane Smith French Horn 4<sup>th</sup> alternate

5. Five WHS students garnered five All East Regional Scholastic Art Awards. WHS is proud of their accomplishments and appreciates all the hard work of Ms. Doshier and all the Art students.

Hannah Burgess	Honorable Mention
Haley Harkins	Gold Key
Brandon Hernandez-Cesmas	Honorable Mention
Adaline Rudder	Honorable Mention
Sydney Stephenson	Honorable Mention

### **Instructional Reports**

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. The next induction class will be held on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00pm. The teachers will continue working with the 12 teaching standards in the Instruction Domain at the February and March sessions. Instructional Standards include the following: Standards and Objectives, Motivating Students, Presenting Instructional Content, Lesson Structure and Pacing, Activities and Materials, Questioning, Academic Feedback, Grouping Students, Teacher Content Knowledge, Teacher Knowledge of Students, Thinking, and Problem Solving.
2. Principals have conducted mid-year evaluation conferences with teachers and discussed progress toward the Student Learning Objectives (SLOs). According to the ADEPT timeline, the ending date for final evaluation conferences is April 29<sup>th</sup>.
3. Thirty-two educators have licenses that will expire on June 30, 2022. Fifteen educators have already submitted documentation for license renewal. Seventeen teachers are still completing recertification requirements, which include 120 renewal credits/points. One graduate course counts as 60 renewal credits.
4. The SC Department of Education will provide a Professional Learning Library through Educational Impact. The library will be available in late April and will contain videos and assignments for teachers. The videos will be organized according to the SC Teaching Standards. These videos can count toward the teachers' license renewal credits. They can also be used to support teachers who may need improvement on any of the teaching standards.
5. Administrators will attend the Newberry Job Fair on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Teacher candidates from Newberry, Presbyterian, Lander, USC Aiken, Columbia, and Limestone will be available to interview.

Ms. Britt McKinney reported the following:

1. Test to Stay Program- Employees and students will be allowed to use the Test-to-Stay option. Those who are vaccinated are not required to test if they have been exposed to a positive case, but it is recommended by District Four to test all exposed to a positive case to eliminate asymptomatic cases being in the building. Students and staff would be allowed to continue to come to school wearing a mask and testing on Day 5 as long as they remain asymptomatic. We will try this to gather data and determine if we would like to continue operating this way.
2. Civil Rights Data Report- This report is in the process of being completed with the due date of February 28<sup>th</sup>. Using data and information from each of the four schools and our district, the required report is completed every two years and given to the federal government. The information reported can be found on the Office for Civil Rights website. The report online runs about five years behind.
3. Upstate Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment- District Four is partnering with other Spartanburg County districts, Cherokee County, and Union County to develop the required CLNA for federal programs. Information and data are gathered to determine where Perkins

funding will be allocated. Various sources are used to gather information about the area we live using surveys and reports from federal programs. Our Career Development Facilitator for the region and the Upstate Workforce Advisor for the Upstate are assisting in this process.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. Staff members from each school attended a workshop in preparation for the 2022-2023 school year. Each school's PowerSchool database is ready to begin the scheduling process for the upcoming school year.
2. District technology members and school testing coordinators conducted school meetings on February 4<sup>th</sup> to review the spring 2022 testing season.
3. ACCESS WIDA, a state-mandated assessment required for Multilingual Learners, began on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The window will conclude on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
4. The Performance Task Assessment begins for qualifying students on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and concludes on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
5. Attached you will find the recently approved 2022-2023 Spartanburg School District Four calendar. Please make note of the added statement, "Spartanburg District Four is a SCDE approved eLearning district. Currently the provision allows up to (5) days in eLearning. They are not planned days in the calendar." This note was added at the recommendation of South Carolina Department of Education.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. Mental Health Counseling
  - a. The Spartanburg Mental Health Counselor that was out on maternity leave is back and doing a weekly schedule with students
  - b. We have seen an increase since Christmas in Columbia Screenings
2. SPED
  - a. The county is looking at adding an additional satellite class for McCarthy-Teszler. Each classroom is reaching capacity at that location. This class would be added in District 2 and shared among all 7 districts. In addition, a satellite class for the county to share will also be located in District 6.
  - b. We have our Medicaid Audit on February 10, 2022. This is a desk audit.
  - c. We have completed audit Indicators 2 and 3 this month with a timely submission

### **Facilities**

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

### **Superintendent**

1. Reminded board members about the upcoming annual conference.

### **Board Action**

1. Approved the low bid of \$45,570 (Quartz Tile) and \$65,800 (Moisture Mitigation) from Bonitz.
2. Approved Chris Benfield as Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, Aaron Fulmer as Assistant Superintendent for Operations, Accountability, Personnel, & Student Services and Christine Morris as Woodruff High School Principal for the 22-23 school year.
3. Approved returning teacher contracts for the 2022-2023 school year for all schools.
4. Approved Paula Richards and Jean Urban as WES teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.
5. Approved Megan Spurlin as WMS teacher for the 2022-2023 school year.

6. Approved Heather Abrams as WHS Guidance Counselor for the 2022-2023 school year.