

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

January 3, 2022

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, January 3, 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 December 6 meeting were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for January 2022 is attached.
2. The SC Department of Education postponed our CERDEP monitoring visit that was previously scheduled for December 6-10, 2021. They will visit all seven four-year-old classrooms and provide feedback, after the holidays.
3. Four-year-old preschool classes will complete the PALS assessment on January 4th-18th. PALS is an early literacy assessment that provides a comprehensive assessment of young children's knowledge of the important literacy fundamentals that are predictive of future reading success.
4. Kindergarten, first and second grade students completed all MAP testing on December 16th. Teachers and members of the leadership team are reviewing student, class, and grade level data as we plan for the second semester.
5. Data meetings with teachers will be held in January to plan for individual student needs and set learning goals.
6. Second grade students and teachers participated in a Christmas giving project. Students collect change for several weeks leading up to Christmas. The grade level sponsors a local family and provides Christmas gifts for them. This year they raised almost \$1,000.00.
7. WPS students and staff will collect items for Agape Care Center of Woodruff through February. Our school goal is to collect 500 items.
8. WPS staff members enjoyed a Christmas lunch from Moe's on December 16th. We are thankful to the Spartanburg School District Four Board of Trustees and administrative staff for providing this delicious meal.

January 2022

3 - Teacher Inservice Day – No School for Students

4- Students Return to School

5 – Report Cards Issued

17 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – No School

24- ACCESS Testing Begins

25 – 100th Day of School

Enrollment

December 15, 2021					
Grade Level	# on Roll		# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	15		0	15	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	51		70	-19	3 – Moon (Special Education) 15- Early Head Start 1 – McCarthy Teszler
4k	129		131	-2	2 –Moon (Special Education)
5K	186		192	-6	2 – CDC 1 –McCarthy Teszler 3 - Spivey (Special Education)
1st	188		194	-6	1 - Spivey (Special Education) 5 – Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	200		205	-5	5 – Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL	769		792	-23	10 – Humerez, 4– Spivey, 5 – Moon 2 - McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Congratulations to Benjamin Taylor, the Woodruff Elementary Spelling Bee Winner. Trustin Ross was the first runner up.
2. Data meetings were held with each teacher before the break. We discussed MAP data, SC Ready projections, interventions, curriculum and individual students.
3. The staff and students enjoyed Candy Cane day, ugly Christmas sweater day, pajama day, and the WES Christmas program on Friday, December 17th. Mr. Wash did an excellent job with the 5th grade students and the WE Singers.
4. Read to Succeed legislation requires that students be retained in the third grade if the student is projected to score at the "Not Met 1" level on SC Ready. We have notified parents if their student falls in this category. There are several factors that can lead to the decision to exempt students from this requirement. We expect to receive more information regarding summer reading camp for the summer of 2022.
5. We will begin an after school program on January 24th and it will last until March 30th. We will meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons until 4:00.

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 12/16/2021:

3 rd Grade	207
4 th Grade	231
5 th Grade	208

January 2021 Calendar

- 3– Inservice day
- 4– Students return from holiday break
- 5– Report cards issued
- 11 – End of 90-day attendance
- 17 – Martin Luther King holiday

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 233 7th – 237 8th – 214
2. 2nd Nine Weeks report cards will be sent home January 5.
3. Parent night for rising 9th graders will be held January 11 at WHS.
4. The WMS faculty had a Christmas luncheon on December 15.
5. Maroon on a Mission sponsored a project to make and deliver 150 homemade Christmas cards to local nursing homes.
6. FCA sponsored a Christmas walk at their last meeting of the semester on December 16.

Calendar of Events:

Jan. 4	Students return
Jan. 5	report cards issued
Jan. 6	8 th grade tours WHS AM and PM group/WMS bball vs. Mabry at home
Jan. 8	Region band/WMS wrestling at B Springs
Jan. 10	WMS home bball vs. Ewing/WMS wrestling at Mabry
Jan. 11	8 th grade parent night at WHS 6:30pm
Jan. 12	WMS wrestling WHS vs. Broome
Jan. 13	WMS bball at Sims
Jan. 15	WMS wrestling at Clover
Jan. 17	MLK holiday
Jan. 18	rising 9 th course cards due to WMS
Jan. 20	WMS bball at Clifdale/WMS wrestling at Chesnee
Jan. 21	rising 9 th course cards to WHS
Jan. 22	WMS wrestling at Lexington
Jan. 24	WMS bball at home vs. Rainbow Lake
Jan. 27	WMS wrestling at High Point
Jan. 31	WIDA testing begins (Mon, Tues, Weds)

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. The state mandated teacher evaluation process is on schedule and will be completed this spring.
2. Woodruff High School Administration and Guidance met with Woodruff Middle school 8th grade teachers on December 8 to discuss the scheduling process for the 22-23 school year.
3. Woodruff High held first semester exams on December 14-17, 2021. First Semester Report Cards will be issued on January 5, 2022.
4. The WHS student council held a toy drive to aid the victims of the tornados in Kentucky. Students brought in toys during exam week and students were granted admission to the December 17th Basketball game if they brought a toy to the game.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. PADEPP conferences will be scheduled with principals in January. The purpose of the mid-year conferences is to review progress toward professional development plans and to review evidence related to the PADEPP standards. During second semester, principals will complete self-assessments for the PADEPP standards. A final conference will be held at the end of the school year. All evidence, ratings, and signatures are entered into the SC LEAD system.
2. The next induction class will be held on Tuesday, January 18th from 3:00 – 6:00pm. The teachers will be working with the 12 standards in the Instruction Domain. Teachers videotape themselves teaching a lesson, view the lesson, and complete the Post-Conference Teacher

Reflection form. They rate themselves on the various domains, identify a reinforcement objective and a refinement objective, and compose a written reflection on the lesson.

3. Mentor trainings were held on December 7th and 8th. The purpose of these trainings was to provide information to mentors who had been trained online and held provisional certificates. This additional training allowed them to be fully certified as mentors to induction level teachers. Mentors must accumulate 18 additional hours of training within a five-year period in order to recertify. Mentors are required for first year teachers. They are provided a small stipend for serving in this important role.
4. Teachers and administrators received letters of intent on December 8th. They will return their intent forms by January 5th. These forms indicate employees' plans for the upcoming school year (e.g., retirement, resignation, or return to employment). Principals will use this information in composing teacher recommendations in February.

Ms. Britt McKinney reported the following:

1. Presented update COVID procedures.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. All schools completed the winter session of MAP testing to conclude semester one before December 17th.
2. Quarterly and semester grades were entered and report cards distributed on January 5th.
3. Plans are underway for the preregistration process for the 2022-2023 school year. Schools are completing class meetings, projected student enrollment, and the scheduling process.
4. Schools and administrators are preparing for required state assessments which begins this month with a midyear assessment for 4k students.
5. ACCESS WIDA, an assessment taken by K-12 students who are served within the multilingual program in Spartanburg School District Four, will begin testing on January 24th.
6. Qualifying students in grades 2-5 who have been identified as needing additional testing for qualifications into South Carolina Gifted and Talented program will take part in the Performance Task Assessment from February 22- March 11.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. County-wide considerations

- a. The SPED Directors in Spartanburg County are looking at options for beginning 2 new classrooms next school year to be shared services for pre-school as well as upper elementary students whose needs require more behavioral supports. We are looking closely at the budget as well as possible locations for these classroom recommendations.

2. Mental Health Counseling

- a. We have seen an increase in the number of students receiving Mental Health Counseling during the previous month. The needs are growing significantly.

3. Audits

- a. We will have a Medicaid Audit on 12/10/2022. All items for the audit will be due to the SCDE two weeks prior to that date. (01/20/2022)

4. Training

- a. School Guidance Counselors, Administrators and SRO's took place in training on January 3rd at the District Office related to protocols and procedures for district-wide processes related to Mental Health and Behavioral Threat Assessments.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects

Superintendent

1. Provided copies of the 22-23 personnel timeline.
2. Provided information on Statement of Economic Interests.

Board Action

1. Approved the 2022-2023 school calendar.
2. Approved the amended Affiliation Agreement for RD Anderson.
3. Approved Skylar Grant as Woodruff Elementary School Teacher for the 22-23 school year.
4. Approved district administrators for the 22-23 school year.