

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

November 8, 2021

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, November 8, 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 Melvin Brewton called the meeting to order. Minutes of the October 4 meeting were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for November 2021 is attached.
2. CogAT and Iowa tests for second graders have been completed. These assessments determine eligibility for SOAR in third grade. Students who don't qualify for the gifted program based on CogAT and Iowa, may qualify to take Performance Task Assessment, as another opportunity, in the winter.
3. Teachers met with parents during the month of October to review students' progress. Teachers at WPS meet with parents of all students.
4. Red Ribbon Week was observed October 25th – 29th. Students and staff participated in dress-up days each day.
5. Mrs. Dover attended the Anderson University Educator Career Fair on October 25th and plans to attend the career fair for USC Upstate on November 10th.
6. Preschool and kindergarten students attended presentations by local firefighters to learn about fire safety. Trinity Fire Department and North Spartanburg Fire Department provided these presentations.
7. Stewart Farms and Selma Baptist Church provided in-house field trips for our preschoolers. They all were able to pick out a little pumpkin to take home.
8. Allison Duckett, Early Childhood Coach, and Jen Brown, Kindergarten Teacher, are providing monthly sessions for teachers and support staff to learn about Conscious Discipline.
9. WPS staff and students are collecting canned goods for the Woodruff Soup Kitchen during October and November. So far, we've collected 3,261 items.
10. Student Council representatives were elected by their peers to represent each class. The elected members are Campbell Rogers, Skylar Chaney, Kaia Tucker, Abel Dye, Colt Atkins, Ava Smith, Aiden Fields, Hamilton Zellner, and Liam Henderson. These students will work, as a group, throughout the year to learn about leadership, teamwork, problem solving, and other important skills. They will participate in leading community service projects and school spirit activities.
11. Mrs. Dover added that NAYCE accreditation visit would be somewhere between November 15th and December 3rd.

November 2021

- 1- Teacher Inservice Day
- 2- Election Day
- 5- District Health Screenings
- 10- Interim Reports (1st and 2nd grade)
USC Upstate Education Career Fair
- 11 – Veteran's Day
School Improvement Council Meeting
- 24 – 26 Thanksgiving Holiday

Enrollment

October 28, 2021					
Grade Level	# on Roll		# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	16		0	16	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	51		70	-19	2 – Moon (Special Education) 16- Early Head Start 1 – McCarthy Teszler
4k	132		134	-2	2 –Moon (Special Education)
5K	187		193	-6	2 – CDC 1 –McCarthy Teszler 3 - Spivey (Special Education)
1st	183		189	-6	1 - Spivey (Special Education) 5 – Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	197		202	-5	5 – Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL	766		788	-22	10 – Humerez, 4– Spivey, 4 – Moon 2 - McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. We celebrated Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 25th through the 29th. The students especially enjoyed wearing Hawaiian clothes for “Lei Off Drugs”.
2. The students have participated in a Read-a-Thon for the last two weeks of October. Students asked family members to sponsor them in their personal challenge to read a certain number of books or for a certain amount of time. As of Thursday, October 28th, Mrs. Hamilton had raised \$6000.00 to purchase new books for the library.
3. The WE singers will perform for Veterans’ Day on November 11th. Performances will be in the cafeteria during lunch and parents of the WE singers are invited to attend. They will perform “God Bless America”, “A Tribute to the Armed Services” and “God Bless the USA”.

November

1– No school for students or teachers

2- Election Day – No school for students or teachers

7– **Set clocks back 1 hour.**

10 – **Interims issued**

11-**Veterans Day (Gifted Music will perform during lunch)**

22, 23, and 29 – Watershed Science Programs

24 – 26 – **Thanksgiving Holidays**

Week of the 29th – **MAP Testing begins**

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 10/28/21:

	#
3 rd Grade	208
4 th Grade	232
5 th Grade	208

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures:
6th – 232
7th – 237
8th – 213
2. 2nd Nine Weeks interim reports will be sent home Nov 10.
3. The Woodruff Middle School volleyball team won their division and conference championship finishing unbeaten in region play.
4. Congratulations to these student artists for having artwork place at the Piedmont Fair:
1st place painting – Caroline Lopez, 1st place drawing – Maddie Nix, 2nd place drawing – Andromeda Penland, 3rd place drawing – Nathan McConnell
5. Athlete of the Week recognition for Woodruff Middle School athletes this fall includes Ruthie Sheffield, Jordan Hood, Jensyn Turner, Connor Davis, Georgia Amick and Nathan Kelly
6. WMS basketball tryouts began November 3.
7. WMS wrestling began Monday, November 3.

November 22,23	Cub Classic basketball at WMS
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Holidays
November 29	MAP opens, Fall sports awards
December 2	8 th band concert at WHS at 6pm/WMS basketball at Mabry
Dec. 4	WMS wrestling at Chester
Dec. 6	6 th /7 th band concert at WMS/WMS basketball at Ewing
Dec. 7	Choral concert
Dec. 8	WMS wrestling at home at WHS 5pm
Dec. 9	WMS basketball at home vs. Sims 5pm
Dec. 10	ice cream sales
Dec. 11	WMS wrestling at Powdersville
Dec. 13	WMS home basketball vs. Clifdale
Dec. 16	WMS basketball at Rainbow Lake

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. The WHS Guidance department held a financial aid workshop for parents and students on October 4, 2021 at 6:30 PM.
2. On October 8, Woodruff High School participated in College Application Day. Seniors were assisted by WHS Guidance Department in filling out college applications.
3. The PSAT was administered at Woodruff High School on October 13, 2021.
4. First nine weeks report cards were issued on October 20, 2021.
5. The WHS Cadets finished seventh in the 2021 AA Upper State Band Competition. Additionally, the WHS Cadets will compete in the AA State Band Competition to be held on October 30, 2021 at Spring Valley High School.
6. Seniors met with an area representative from Jostens to commence ordering their cap & gown, along with other graduation supplies. Jostens detailed the ordering process and procedures for the Class of 2022.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. Administrators attended the Anderson University Education Networking Event on October 25th. They plan to attend the USC Upstate Recruitment Event on Tuesday, November 9th.

2. Principals established their annual goals as part of PADEPP, the principal evaluation system. These goals were due by October 15th. Teachers set goals for student achievement and/or professional growth, principals set goals for their professional growth and development plans, and schools set goals in the Read to Succeed Reading Plans and in the School Renewal Plans. These goals are tracked and updated each year.
3. The next Induction class will meet on November 30th. The November session will address the following topics: Standards, Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment; Gradual Release of Responsibility; Differentiated Instruction; and Planning Domain.
4. Trainings for mentor teachers will be held by mid-December. These teachers serve as mentors to induction teachers during their initial year of service. The provision of mentors for first year teachers is a requirement of the SC ADEPT evaluation system.
5. The SC Department of Education has approved for teachers to receive renewal credits from the implementation of a new curriculum, the participation in professional learning communities, and the completion of micro-credentials. Teachers may collect renewal credits for these activities in place of taking college courses. A teacher is required to submit 120 renewal credits in order to renew his/her license

Ms. Britt McKinney reported the following:

1. Spartanburg Four will host a Health Fair November 5th at Woodruff High School for all faculty, staff, and spouses in the district. Employees can have bloodwork, health screenings, and receive a flu shot.
2. All federal program grants have been sent and reviewed by the state department. Each grant has specific funds appropriated to schools for various instructional activities or parental events. Schools are using the money to increase supplies in art, music, and physical education as well as other academic classes. A focus in each school has also been on providing social and emotional health for students who are in need of a mental health counselor.
3. The district office continues to offer testing in the afternoons to students and staff who have symptoms of COVID. All schools are showing minimum numbers of students and staff dealing with the virus. As the flu season approaches, custodians will be encouraged to take extra care while cleaning buildings.
4. The Return to School Plan required by the federal guidelines in the use of ESSER funds was recently reviewed and edited to reflect the current procedures in the district. This plan is available on the district website.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. The required 45 day funding report has been successfully submitted to the South Carolina Department of Education for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. PALS and KRA state mandated testing for 4K and 5K completed on October 18, 2021. PALS (4K) will complete a mid-year screening in January as well as an end of year assessment.
3. Second grade CogAT/IA testing completed on Friday, October 29th at Woodruff Primary School. These tests are used as identifiers for the Gifted and Talented program.
4. The PSAT was administered at Woodruff Middle School and Woodruff High School on October 13th. 244 students took part in this testing opportunity.
5. Using the Federal Communications Commission E-Rate program allows for schools to receive discounts on telecommunications, telecommunications services, internet access as well as internal connections. In order to participate in the Federal Communications Commission E-Rate program, Spartanburg Four must certify compliance under the Children's Internet

Protection Act (CIPA) each year. CIPA requires all K-12 schools and libraries to use internet filters and other measures to protect students from inappropriate online content and behavior. Approved Board Policy IJNDB-Use of Technology Resources in Instruction fulfills this requirement for all technology use. (Board Policy is attached for your convenience)

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. Mental Health Counseling
 - a. Currently serving 142 Students weekly
 - b. 15 Columbia Rating Scales
 - c. We are keeping a detailed log of student referrals for Mental Health
2. SPED News
 - a. We have put a Sensory Room in at Woodruff Elementary School
 - b. Teachers are participating in Vector Dyslexia Trainings
 - c. We are actively meeting district-wide on student IEP/504's
 - d. Total SPED Enrollment Number to date: 407
 - e. Total 504 Enrollment Number to date: 70

Facilities

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

Superintendent

1. The Spartanburg County Oversight Committee, which oversees disbursement of the county wide 13 mils, and the 2 mils to the Teacher Foundation, will meet Thursday November 11, 2021, at Chapman Cultural Center. Chairman Brewton will represent District Four.
2. The SCSBA Delegate Assembly will be held December 3-5. Sandy Norman is the voting delegate and Gordon Godfrey is the alternate.
3. The Oath of Office for newly and re-elected board members, as well as the election of officers, will be held at the December meeting.
4. Orientation for newly elected Board Members will be November 16. A work session for all board members will be November 29.

Board Approval

1. Approved updated policies: EBCB- Safety Plans and Drills, IHAC-Social Studies Education, IKA-R-Grading Assessment Systems, IKF-R- Graduation Requirements, and KB-Parent and Family Engagement in Education.

Special Presentation

Dr. Liston presented Chris Bennett, Joni Phillips, and Melvin Brewton, their board nameplates to commemorate outstanding service on the District Four Board of Trustees.