

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2021

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, September 13, 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 Melvin Brewton called the meeting to order. Minutes of the August 2 meeting were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

## **Woodruff Primary School**

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for September 2021 is attached.
2. Beginning of the year assessments are being finalized.  
4K- PALS  
5K – MAP Fluency and MAP Math  
1<sup>st</sup> – MAP Fluency, MAP Reading, MAP Math  
2<sup>nd</sup> – MAP Reading and MAP Math  
Teachers will continue to administer the following:  
4K – DIAL-4  
5K – KRA and Fountas and Pinnell Reading Benchmark Assessments  
1<sup>st</sup>- Fountas and Pinnell Reading Benchmark Assessments  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Fountas and Pinnell Reading Benchmark Assessments
3. Four-year-old preschool through second grade teachers received Fountas and Pinnell Classroom to implement as the core reading and writing program. Teachers are busy preparing materials and learning about the seven different contexts (Interactive Read Aloud, Reading Mini-lessons, Shared Reading, Independent Reading, Guided Reading, Phonics/Spelling/ Word Study, and Writing). Teachers have participated in a face-to-face training with an implementation specialist, watched recorded trainings, and participated in grade level discussions about the new program. We will continue to work to learn this program throughout the year.
4. Hannah Deahl, Giada Parris, and Leslie Stribling are registered to attend Resilient Schools Training at Spartanburg Community College on September 15<sup>th</sup>. This training is provided by Spartanburg Academic Movement to educate teachers on childhood trauma, adverse childhood experiences, and building resilience in children. They will provide WPS teachers with information learned at the training.
5. WPS is hosting student teachers and clinical students from local colleges and universities. Micah Williams, from USC Upstate is student teaching with Kim Davis in kindergarten. Cody Halloran, from Newberry College, will student teach with Kim Fowler in kindergarten beginning in October. Clinical students from Bob Jones University and USC Upstate will be working with speech and second grade this fall.
6. All preschool and kindergarten students received two books from the We Both Read series. The books are designed to engage both the child and the parent in reading together. The books provide children with age appropriate text to read and parents with more complex text to share with the child.

September 2021

- 6 – Labor Day – No School
- 13 – Charleston Wrap Fundraiser to Begin
- 15 – Interims Issued
- 15- Resilient Schools Training
- 18 – Induction Teachers Countywide Meeting
- 22- Fall Pictures

August 31, 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	50		68	-18	2 – Moon (Special Education) 15- Early Head Start 1 – McCarthy Teszler
4k	131		133	-2	2 –Moon (Special Education)
5K	186		192	-6	2 – CDC 1 –Moon (Special Education) 3 - Spivey (Special Education)
1st	180		186	-6	1 - Spivey (Special Education) 5 – Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	197		202	-5	5 – Humerez (Special Education)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>759</b>		<b>781</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>10 – Humerez, 4– Spivey, 5 – Moon 1 - McCarthy Teszler &amp; 2 - CDC</b>

Enrollment

### Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Students took MAP reading and MAP math during the week of September 7<sup>th</sup>.
2. Daniel Addis, Jessica Burnette, Kayla Hamilton and Suzanne McConnell have all received Donors' Choose grants this year.
3. Laptops and chrome books have been distributed to students. The librarian and the guidance counselor have been implementing lessons with students regarding digital citizenship and taking care of school property.
4. We are excited to have three student teachers in the building. Cody Halloran is working in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade with Mrs. Merck, Destiny Antone is working with Mrs. Burnette in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Matthew Castillo is working with Coach Addis in PE.

### **Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 9/10/21:**

3<sup>rd</sup>- 207, 4<sup>th</sup>- 230, 5<sup>th</sup>- 209

6<sup>th</sup> - No school

7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> - MAP testing

21<sup>st</sup> - Fall Picture Day

### Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6<sup>th</sup> – 228 7<sup>th</sup> – 237 8<sup>th</sup> – 214
2. Interims will be sent home with students on September 15.
3. MAP testing is on-going.
4. The Gifted Art after school program is underway.
5. Volleyball season began at High Point on September 1.
6. Football will begin Thursday, September 16.

### **Calendar of Events:**

September 13	WMS volleyball at Mabry
September 15	WMS volleyball at Rainbow Lake
September 15	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter interims reports
September 16	WMS football at Ewing
September 23	WMS football at home vs. Cliffdale

September 27	WMS volleyball at home vs. Landrum
September 29	WMS volleyball at home vs. Sims
September 30	WMS football at Sims
October 1	youth night/teacher recognition at WHS football
October 4	WMS volleyball at home vs. Campobello
October 6	WMS volleyball at Jonesville
October 7	WMS football at home vs. Chesnee
October 11	WMS volleyball at home vs. Ewing
October 13	PSAT
October 14	WMS football at Mabry
October 20	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter report cards issued

### **Woodruff High School**

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Teachers were given an analysis of test scores, information regarding student specific services, and an overview of policies, procedures, and other requirements during in-service.
2. WHS held Open House on August 12, 2021, from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. There were approximately 350 parents in attendance with the opportunity to meet teachers and familiarize themselves with Woodruff High School. The WHS Guidance Department held a meeting for Seniors and their parents to discuss the college application and financial aid processes.
3. School and handbook orientation was held the first week of school. A handbook test was administered to all 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and new seniors. Seniors were provided information regarding the college application process.
4. The fall athletic teams are off to a great start. Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Competitive Cheer and Girl's Tennis teams have worked diligently this summer and are off to promising athletic seasons.
5. On August 23, WHS held the Ring Ceremony for Juniors who purchased class rings. Approximately 60 students and 200 guest were in attendance.

### **Instructional Reports**

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. Teachers are evaluated under the Expanded ADEPT system. Teachers and principals access and sign evaluation forms in SC LEAD. This system requires a specified number of meetings to discuss progress toward Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) and feedback on classroom observations. Principals provided orientations for induction, annual, and continuing contract teachers at the beginning of the school year. They are currently meeting with teachers to discuss and establish SLOs.
2. The SC Department of Education released new evaluation forms for school counselors, school librarians, and speech professionals in SC LEAD this year. Their evaluation standards and procedures had not been revised since 2006.
3. Principals are evaluated under the PADEPP system. They access and sign forms in SC LEAD. The deadline for their orientation and goal-setting conferences has been extended from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. The Read to Succeed Literacy Plans are due to the SC Department of Education by October 15<sup>th</sup>. School literacy teams will meet to review ELA data, self-assess on practices listed in the Read to Succeed Exemplary Literacy Reflection Tool, and set goals for the upcoming school year.
5. The first Induction class will meet on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The September session will address the following topics: overview of the induction program, Expanded ADEPT system, SC Teaching Standards 4.0 rubric, SC LEAD evaluation portal, data analysis, needs assessment, and Student Learning Objectives (SLOs).
6. Interim reports will be issued on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Britt McKinney provided information on COVID testing, positive cases and quarantines.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following information:

1. Attached you will find grade level enrollment numbers for the 2021-2022 school year. Numbers are reflective of enrollment on September 7, 2021.
2. Schools continue issuing Chromebooks for 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students and iPads for Woodruff Primary School students. At present, 95% of Chromebooks have been issued to students in 3<sup>rd</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade and 90% of iPads have been issued to students at Woodruff Primary School.
3. Mrs. Jessica Burnette, Ed Tech Specialist for Spartanburg School District Four, will offer Professional Development opportunities during the month of September. Session topics are Schoology Introduction (101) and Synching Schoology with PowerSchool.
4. The 2020-2021 South Carolina Report Card posted on September 1, 2021. While the U.S. Department of Education waived school ratings, assessments and other reporting requirements for this "report to the community", most aspects report as normal. Home reports will go home to parents with 1<sup>st</sup> nine week report cards on October 20, 2021.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. Mental Health Counseling
  - a. Currently serving 135 Students weekly
  - b. 7 Columbia Rating Scales
  - c. We are keeping a detailed log of student referrals
  - d. SCDMH is currently doing a campaign called "Hold On to Me" #HopeLivesInSC
2. Whitlock/Brookwood/McCarthy Teszler
  - a. Several D4 students at McCarthy Teszler have opted to go to virtual instruction/homebased due to COVID. We currently have 11 students at this school. In addition: Fair Forest-2, Roebuck Elementary- 3, Anderson Mill-2
  - b. Whitlock/Brookwood-
    - i. We currently have 18 students who are attending one of these programs.
3. SPED and 504
  - a. SPED Numbers have significantly increased this school year:
  - b. IEP
    - i. WPS-66
    - ii. WES-135
    - iii. WMS-110
    - iv. WHS-94
  - c. 504
    - i. WPS-3
    - ii. WES-17
    - iii. WMS-16
    - iv. WHS-28
  - d. Transfer 504 students new this year:
    - i. WPS-0
    - ii. WES-2
    - iii. WMS-2
    - iv. WHS-0
  - e. Transfer IEP students new this year:
    - i. WPS-13
    - ii. WES-16
    - iii. WMS-12

iv. WHS-13

4. Suicide Prevention Labels
  - a. To comply with state-law, although we do not issue student ID's, each student is provided an agenda. We have issued labels for students to be placed on student agendas in grades 7-12 with the National Suicide Crisis Line as well as the text line.
5. Social Emotional Learning Survey
  - a. The state has required an SEL Survey this year. The survey is now open for grades 4-12. The data from this survey will shed light on students with mental health concerns as well as contribute to decisions regarding lessons that will be required to address character building.

**Facilities**

1. **BAN 2021 Projects** –List attached.
2. **2021 / 2022 School Year Projects** – Listing attached.
3. **Varner Road Properties** –
  - a. **49 Acre site** – Under contract for \$500,000. Closing by 9/28/21.
    - i. (108 Patio homes)
4. **PPE** – List of available PPE attached.

**Superintendent**

1. Presented information from local physicians and DHEC representatives regarding COVID.

**New Business**

1. Approved the building of a new high school and reorganization of the current grade structure.
2. Approved to enter into a retainer agreement in regards to the JUUL lawsuit.