

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

October 4, 2021

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, October 4, 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 September 13 meeting were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for October 2021 is attached.
2. The Charleston Wrap Fundraiser is wrapping up. We estimate a \$5,000 profit for PTO.
3. Jordan Odil, Tory Legette, Allison Duckett, Jennifer Brown, Sarah Spivey, Marie Davis, and Tammi Satterfield are serving on a literacy committee to develop the Woodruff Primary School Literacy Plan for 2021-2022.
4. Four-year-old preschool students and kindergarten students will complete state required PALS and KRA assessments by the 45th day of school. Teachers are entering that data now.
5. WPS is currently in the six-month window for our NAEYC accreditation visit. The visit will occur sometime before the end of February 2022. Next, we will receive a 15-day notice of the visit.
6. Giada Parris, Leslie Stribling and Hannah Deahl attended Resilient Schools Training at Spartanburg Community College. The training was provided by Spartanburg Academic Movement.
7. Teachers will schedule parent conferences for all students. The conferences will take place in the month of October.
8. Selma Baptist Church is planning an at school pumpkin patch experience for our three-year-old students. They will bring pumpkins and provide an activity for our littlest learners. WPS PTO will sponsor this event.
9. Custodial staff members will be recognized for Custodian Appreciation Day on October 4th. They will receive a small token of appreciation.
10. WPS cafeteria staff will be recognized on October 11th for School Cafeteria Staff Appreciation Day. They will receive a small token of appreciation.
11. WPS students will bring canned goods and non-perishable food items for our current community service project. The food items will be donated to Woodruff Soup Kitchen.

October 2021

11-13 Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAt), Second Grade Only

11 – 15 Book Fair

18-19 Iowa Assessments, Second Grade Only

20 - Report Cards Issued

25 – 29 Red Ribbon Week

Enrollment

September 30, 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	53		71	-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	181		187	-6	1 - Spivey (Special Education) 5 – Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	197		202	-5	5 – Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL	763		785	-22	10 – Humerez, 4– Spivey, 5 – Moon 1 - McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

- Teachers will hold conferences with parents during the month of October. Parents and teachers are given the flexibility to meet in person, through Zoom or phone conference.
- These students scored the maximum score on at least one section of the SC Ready or SC PASS test. The following information includes the grade level the student was in when the test was administered.
Jonathan Bowman – Grade 3 SC Ready Math – 825
Robert Petty – Grade 4 SC Ready math – 850
Eden Smoak – Grade 4 SC Ready Reading (not ELA) – 850
Kaelyn Young – Grade 4 SC Ready Reading (not ELA) – 850
Nathan Allen – Grade 5 SC Ready Math – 875
Micah Vanadore – Grade 5 SC Ready Math – 875
Lilian Kohler – Grade 4 SC PASS - 1530
- It is time to hold elections for School Improvement Council (SIC) members. We should finish with elections by mid-October.

October

1st – Maroon and Gold day
19th – Make-up picture day
20th – Report cards go home
29th – Maroon and Gold day
25th – 29th – Red Ribbon Week

Enrollment – 3rd grade – 206, 4th grade – 231, 5th grade - 209

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 230 7th – 236 8th – 212
2. Interims were distributed September 15. First Nine Weeks Report Cards will be sent home with students on October 20.
3. Parent contacts and conferences will be held October 5-27.
4. The PSAT, a practice opportunity for the *Scholastic Aptitude Test*, will be administered at Woodruff Middle School October 13. Results from the PSAT help guide students and parents in course selection for the 9th grade as well as serve as qualifying criteria for Junior Scholar recognition.
5. The first “Cubs on the Prowl” of the current school year were recognized September 29.
6. WMS will observe a spirit week October 4-8.

Calendar of Events:

October 4	WMS volleyball at home vs. Campobello/Spirit week
October 5	parent contacts begin
October 6	WMS volleyball at Jonesville
October 7	WMS football at home vs. Chesnee
October 11	WMS volleyball at home vs. Ewing
October 12	WMS fall team pictures/WMS home volleyball vs. Sims
October 13	PSAT
October 14	WMS football at Mabry
October 18	make-up pictures/book fair begins
October 20	1 st quarter report cards issued
October 22	ice cream sales
October 26	PSAT – alternate date
October 27	parent contacts completed
October 28	WMS football at Sims
November 1,2	No school for staff or students

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. We are targeting areas in Math, English, Science, and Social Studies for R2W, ACT, and EOC testing in the spring. Teachers are examining curriculum to insure all state standards are addressed.
2. Teachers have been calling the parents of students that have a failing grade. We are making every effort to ensure that parents are informed and that each student graduates with a post-graduation plan.
3. On September 29, Woodruff High School hosted over 65 colleges and universities from around the southeast in an event called Education-Opportunity Day (Ed-Op). Juniors and Seniors had an opportunity to speak to representatives and obtain information from prospective colleges.
4. The Woodruff High School Teens for Christ club participated and sponsored the annual See You at the Pole (SYATP) rally on September 23 before school. Approximately 75 people attended the event that featured encouragement and prayer.
5. The WHS Beta Club held the induction ceremony on September 22 at 7:00 PM. Students inducted during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school year were invited to participate. The event was well attended, and a reception was held afterward.
6. Woodruff High School held our annual spirit week and homecoming the week of September 20. At halftime of the football game on September 24, Chasity Hines was crowned Homecoming Queen and Haley West was crowned Maid of Honor.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. Administrators will be submitting the accreditation compliance forms to the SC Department of Education by October 15th. With this submission, they are certifying that the district and schools hold Cognia accreditation, have no identified deficiencies, and operate under an *All-Clear* status based on the previous year's monitoring process.
2. School literacy teams reviewed ELA achievement data, provided school-ratings on practices listed in the Read to Succeed Exemplary Literacy Reflection Tool, and set goals for the upcoming school year. The Read to Succeed Literacy Plans are due to the SC Department of Education by October 15th.
3. The next Induction class will meet on October 19th. The October session will address the following topics: Trauma informed practices, adverse childhood experiences, trauma sensitive practices, skills of resilience, classroom management, and standards under the environment domain.
4. Administrators will be attending the Anderson University Education Networking Event (recruitment fair) on October 25th. There will be 100 senior education majors in attendance.
5. Teachers will be conducting parent conferences throughout the month of October to discuss student progress. Conferences may be scheduled in person, online, or over the phone. Teachers will maintain a log of these conferences.
6. Progress reports will be issued on Wednesday, October 20th.

Ms. Britt McKinney reported the following:

1. Spartanburg District Four will host a Health Screening for employees and spouses on November 5th at Woodruff High School. Staff should reach out to Melissa McCarley to make an appointment.
2. All federal grants for the FY22 school year have been submitted to the state department of education.
3. The district office is continuing to offer testing for students and staff who are symptomatic or need to return from exposure to COVID-19. This service to our students and staff has helped with students returning to school and not missing additional days due to waiting on test results.
4. COVID numbers will be presented at board meeting.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. The newly purchased Palo Alto firewall for Spartanburg Four has a tentative installation date of Thursday, October 7th.
2. Spartanburg Four has submitted an application to take advantage of the Emergency Connectivity Funding that has been granted for the 2021-2022 school year. This funding is designed as part of the E-Rate system and provides services to meet the remote learning needs of students and teachers. These services include internet connectivity and should the application be accepted, funds will be used to offset monthly subscriptions for our T-Mobile hotspots issued to both students and teachers.
3. As part of legislation Proviso 1.96, all districts must ensure all students in first-ninth grades are assessed using a state approved interim assessment tool for fall, winter, and spring. Spartanburg Four has completed the fall window testing for MAP and will soon submit all data to SCDE for review. Districts are required to have a percentage rate of 85% or higher or ten percent of funding will be withheld until the data is submitted. Spartanburg Four met this requirement with a 96.8% completion rate. As in the past, these scores will also continue to be used with computerized software to provide an individualized learning experience.

4. State mandated preschool and kindergarten assessments are well underway. PALS (4K) and KRA (5K) will be completed on or before October 18th.
5. The 2021-2022 PSAT will be given to students in 8th and 10th grade on October 13th.
6. Seniors needing to take the College and Career Ready to Work test for the first time or retake a domain of the test will be given this opportunity on October 26th.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. Social Emotional Learning Survey
 - A. We have completed the Survey for all students in grades 4-12.
2. Indicators
 - A. Indicator 8 –New this year is a Parent Survey that gives a QR code with every IEP.
 - B. Indicator 13-We are being audited on these files and providing information to the SCDE on this indicator.
3. Mental Health
 - A. We are looking at a possible grant with a local agency to address additional Mental Health Counseling needs
4. Upcoming Dates
 - A. October –SPED Teacher Meeting 10/12- 3:30-4:30PM

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

Superintendent

1. Provided information regarding the current Board Election policy.
2. The SCSBA Delegate Assembly is being held December 4, 2021 in Charleston. Sandy Norman is the voting delegate and Gordon Godfrey is the alternate.

Board Action

1. Mr. Ben Thompson, representative from McMillan, Pazdan, Smith, gave an update on DOT and OSF Infrastructure on the New High School.
2. The following policy updates were presented as information (first reading): 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.
3. Approved 10 acres (\$18,000 per acre) known as the Charles Theo property and 4 acres (\$18,000 per acre) and house (\$243,000) known as the Aranda property from the \$3,000,000 BOND proceeds.