

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, June 7, 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.

Chairperson Melvin Brewton called the meeting to order. Minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for June 2021 is attached.
2. WPS Summer School begins on June 7th and ends on July 2nd. Four-year-old preschool through second grade students will be served. Seventy-five students are enrolled in the program. The program will run from 7:45 A.M. until 2:15 P.M. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. on Fridays.
3. The following staff members were recognized at the end of the year luncheon: **Student Support Staff Member of the Year – Teresa Cook-McGrath, Special Education Assistant - Support Staff Member of the Year – Linda Stinnett, Cafeteria Staff- Teacher of the Year – Tobey Rhodes, Librarian and School Technology Coordinator**
4. Zoey Jayne Lawson received the Donna Cannon Award for 2020-2021.
5. Jenna Cate Taylor received the Terrific Kid of the Year Award for 2020-2021.
6. All WPS students were celebrated at awards programs during the last week of May.
7. Twenty-five second graders placed in SOAR for third grade.
8. Students who placed in gifted art for the 2021-2022 school year are Conyer Wood, Jenna Cate Taylor, Konnor Simmons, Ansley Couch, and James Cole.
9. Students who placed in gifted music for the 2021-2022 school year are Coleman Fulmer, Ali Reese Phillips, Lydia Knighten, Zoey Jayne Lawson, Aubree Burch, and Cristalynn Cole.
10. Three retirees were recognized at the end of the year luncheon. Lynn Teague, Lisa Ramp, and Sandy Williams will all be missed!
11. Five kindergarten teachers will be participating in a summer family engagement program, Countdown to Kindergarten, funded by First Steps of Spartanburg. Teachers will hold virtual learning sessions with children and their families to help prepare them for their upcoming school year. Forty-five kindergarteners will be served.

June

2-3 CPR Training at WPS

7- Summer School Begins

21 – 23 Professional Crisis Management (PCM) Training

Enrollment

May 28, 2021					
Grade Level	# on Roll	Face to Face / Virtual	# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	15	15/0	0	15	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	35	39/0	56	-21	4 – Moon (Special Education) 15- Early Head Start 1 – Special Services 1 – McCarthy Teszler
4k	100	100/5	108	-8	1 –Special Services, 2 - CDC & 5 –Spivey (Special Education)
5K	166	161/8	169	-3	3 - Humerez (Special Education)

1st	186	182/8	190	-4	4 – Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	189	177/15	193	-4	1 – McCarthy Teszler & 3 – Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL		710	716	-6	2 - Special Services, 2 - McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. WES summer school will operate from June 7th until July 2nd. We will serve two classes of third graders, two classes of fourth graders, and one class of fifth graders.
2. Lori Merck was selected as the Teacher of the Year for Woodruff Elementary School. She was recognized at the end-of-the-year luncheon. Mrs. Merck taught Spanish before coming to Woodruff Elementary School. She lives with her husband and three children. Next year we plan to also choose a support staff member of the year.
3. The following students placed in G/T for the 2021-22 school year:
3rd Grade: McKenzie Berryhill, Annalynn Brisciano and John Theriot
4th Grade: Reagan Smith
5th Grade: Sydnee Cothran and Landon Mashburn
4. Brayden Orias from Mrs. Mosteller’s third grade class received the Lena Kirstein Award. Several awards are given annually in memory of students who attended WES. This year’s students are as follows:
Victory Award – Alexis Easterling
Hanna Lister Horizon Award – Jordan Booker
Jon Bolt Award – Koty Richards
5. Second graders toured WES on May 21st. They asked questions about special classes, agendas, after school activities, homework, Chromebooks, etc.
6. The faculty faced the fifth graders in a game of kickball on May 21st. Everyone had a great time.
7. We took advantage of our new technology and all students took SC Ready at the same time this year. We were pleased with how smooth everything went and experienced very few glitches.
8. We had a great turnout for our awards programs at the end of the year. Teachers and parents seemed to like celebrating two classes at a time instead of having one program for the entire grade level.

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 06/03/21:

	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Face-to-Face	208	189	204
Virtual	11	15	11
Total	219	194	215

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. End of year report cards were mailed home June 1, 2021.
2. Students requiring summer school were contacted the week of June 1.
3. Students who participated in the after school program and met their attendance goals were treated to a Chick-fil-a lunch on May 25. These 40 students also received a WMS hoodie.
4. Awards and annual days were held as follows:
May 26 – 6th grade May 27 – 7th grade May 28 – 8th grade
5. Faculty and staff recognitions announced include:
Teacher of the year – Jami Guker
Support staff of the year – Melissa McCarley
“High’ly” dedicated to WMS – Kay Arnold

6. WMS staff held girls' basketball, boys' basketball and volleyball camps in the last weeks of May and first week of June.

Calendar Dates

June 7-18	Summer session I
June 21- July 2	Summer session II
July 12-23	Summer session III
August 3	Registration

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Advance Placement Exams were administered in Calculus, Statistics, U.S. History, Government, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science and Studio Art.
2. End of course tests were administered in Algebra I, English II, U.S. History and Biology from May 5 through May 19.
3. Award's Day was held on May 21. Medals were given in all academic areas as well as other designated areas voted upon by faculty, staff, and students. The ceremony was well attended by parents.
4. The 2021-2022 Woodruff Student Council elections are complete. The Student Body officers are: President-Coco Zheng, Vice President-Allie Green, Secretary-Emily Thompson and Treasurer-Jennifer Delgado.
5. Senior Exams were May 24, 25 and 26. Underclassmen exams were held on May 26, 27 and 28. Graduation was held May 28, 2021 in the WHS Gymnasium.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. District Four's Expanded ADEPT Implementation Plan has been submitted to the SCDE. The plan outlines the district's methods for evaluating educators at the various contract levels (induction, annual, and continuing). In addition, it includes the district's evaluation timeline and plans for supporting the Student Learning Objective (SLO) process.
2. Beginning in 2021-22, speech-language pathologists, school counselors, and school librarians will be evaluated under the Expanded ADEPT system based on rubrics specific to their specialty areas. The evaluation for speech-language pathologists includes the following domains: Planning, Instruction, Collaboration, and Professionalism. The evaluation for school counselors includes the domains of Planning, Program Management, Direct and Indirect Services, and Professionalism. The evaluation for school librarians includes the domains of Instruction, Environment, Library Services and Management, and Professionalism.
3. Principals have reviewed evaluations and conducted end-of-year conferences with teachers. Evaluation results will be entered into SC LEAD and submitted to the SCDE by June 18th. Principal evaluations (PADEPP) will be completed and submitted by June 30th. Principals must self-assess and present evidence on the assigned standards. Standards 2 (Instructional Leadership) and 9 (Professional Development) are required annually for every principal.
4. The Academic Recovery Plan was submitted to the SCDE. The district's plan includes six goals that support students' learning loss in the areas of ELA and math. The measures include MAP assessments, SC Ready assessments, and graduation rate. The SCDE has contracted Education Elements to review all plans and provide feedback to districts.
5. The New Staff Orientation will be held on Thursday, July 8th from 8am – 12:30pm. Dr. Liston will present an introduction to District Four, and Mr. Benfield and Mrs. Skinner will provide insurance, payroll, and retirement information.

Mrs. Britt McKinney provided the following information:

1. Schools announced Teachers of the Year before getting out for summer. Our District Teacher of the Year interviews will be held June 11, 2021, at the district office. The announcement of the winner will be at the Back to School Breakfast with all faculty and staff.
2. School Resource Officers and Administrators are preparing for the 2021-2022 school year by updating plans and providing training to staff. All schools will continue to have a School Resource Office for next year.
3. Grants awarded to Spartanburg Four for the 2021-2022 school year are Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, Career and Technology, ESSER I, ESSER II, and ESSER III. These grants will be submitted for approval as soon as possible. The Federal Programs Advisory Committee met to discuss options for funds and how to meet the needs of students.
4. The district office is closing the testing center for the summer and will no longer be offering this service to the faculty and staff.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following information:

1. All schools continue the scheduling process for the 2021-2022 school year with course requests and grade level assignments.
2. Performance Task Assessment results for placement in the academically gifted program have arrived. An additional 21 students will receive academic services through the gifted program for the upcoming year.
3. Summer school sessions for Woodruff Primary School, Woodruff Elementary School, and Woodruff Middle School began today. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 7:45 am-2:15 pm and 7:45 am-12:00 pm on Friday. Woodruff High School began their first summer session on Thursday, June 3rd.
4. The 2020-2021 South Carolina School Report Cards are scheduled to post on October 1, 2021. As with last year's report card, many reporting elements have been waived due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mrs. Rachel Traynham provided the following information:

1. Mental Health Counseling
 - a. We will offer mental health services through the summer for students who are already identified on the caseload. Britni will work 3 days a week for June, 2 days a week in July. Simone will also have a summer schedule for her summer sessions here.
2. Howell Art Purchase Awards
 - a. The artwork is now framed and hanging in the District Office
3. SPED Summer PCM Training
 - a. Woodruff Primary June 21-23

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

Superintendent

Dr. Liston reported the following:

1. Presented copies of the 2021-2022 Board Meeting Schedule and 2021-2022 School Calendar.
2. Budget Meeting will be held June 28, 2021.

Board Approved

1. Approved transfer from General Fund to Construction Fund of \$500,000.
2. Approved the following personnel:
 - a. Magan McAbee- WPS
 - b. Katie Hedden- WES

- c. Lauren Gregory- WMS
- d. Mandy Connolly- District Speech Pathologist
- e. Lauren Welchel- District Board Certified Behavior Analyst
- f. Ruth Aspy- District Psychologist