

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

May 3, 2021

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

Vice Chairperson Joni Phillips called the meeting to order. Minutes of the April 12, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

Special Presentation

The following students were recognized as William L. Howell Art Purchase Award Winners and received monetary gifts for their art pieces:

James Cole- Woodruff Primary
Haley Sprouse- Woodruff Elementary
Leah Brown- Woodruff Middle
Grace Cooper- Woodruff High

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for May 2021 is attached.
2. On April 16th we celebrated NAEYC's Week of the Young Child by having children dress as a storybook character and we let them parade for each other. It was a little different than our traditional Storybook Character Parade but the children still enjoyed it very much.
3. The students enjoyed listening to tales told by the Stone Soup Storytellers. Mrs. Rhodes coordinated the virtual event on April 23rd.
4. MAP Testing for kindergarten through second grade students and PALS testing for 4K was conducted April 19-30.
5. WHS graduates will walk-through the WPS halls for students on May 18th.
6. WPS students met a reading challenge during the week of April 12th. They read 2118 books in 4 days! The teacher whose class read the most, Mrs. Abbott, and the three principals, Mrs. Dover, Mrs. Hinson, and Mrs. Parris roller-skated through the halls on April 16th to celebrate that accomplishment. The students loved it and are still talking about it!
7. WPS plans to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week with a variety of activities May 3rd – 7th. All school employees will get lots of treats and love that week!

May

3-7 – Teacher Appreciation Week
12 – School Nurses' Day
20 – Last Day for After School Program
26-28 Half-Days
28 – Last Student Day
31 – Memorial Day Holiday – No School

Enrollment

April 28, 2021					
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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	33	39/0	55	-22	6 – Moon (Special Education) 15- Early Head Start 1 – Special Services
4k	101	101/5	109	-8	1 –Special Services, 2 - CDC & 5 –Spivey (Special Education)
5K	166	161/8	170	-4	1 - Special Services & 3 - Humerez (Special Education)
1st	187	183/8	191	-4	4 – Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	187	176/15	192	-5	1 – McCarthy Teszler & 4 – Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL		711	717	-6	3 - Special Services, 1 - McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for May 2021 is attached.
2. Landon Knighten was selected as the Terrific Kid of the Year. He is a fifth grader in Mrs. Jessica Burnette's homeroom class. Mrs. Vanessa Ray is his teacher for ELA. All his teachers say that he is a model student.
3. The students enjoyed listening to tales told by the Stone Soup storytellers. Mrs. Hamilton coordinated that virtual event on April 19th.
4. Gifted Art and Music screening will conclude by the middle of May. Students chosen to participate in those programs at WES will be notified before the end of school.
5. Second graders will tour WES tentatively on Monday, May 21st.
6. Graduation walk-through will be May 18th.
7. Students will take the SC Ready writing assessment on May 4th, SC Ready ELA on May 6th, and SC Ready Math on May 11th. Fourth graders will take SC Pass Science on May 13th.
8. Summer School will begin June 7th and end on July 2nd.
9. WES plans to have awards programs at the end of the year in the cafeteria. We will celebrate two classes of students at a time over a 3-day period.

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 11/05/20:

	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Face-to-Face	198	189	199
Virtual	11	15	11
Total	209	194	210

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

Current enrollment figures: 6th – 225 7th – 210 8th – 213

1. End of year report cards will be mailed home June 1, 2021.
2. A rising 6th grade parent night was held April 22.
3. Choral and band performances are set for May 3, May 6, and May 11.
4. SC READY testing begins May 6.

Calendar of Events:

May 3	ELA after school, WMS spring choral concert at Activity Center 7pm
May 4	math after school
May 6	READY math – all grades, WMS 6 th and 7 th band at WHS 6pm/7pm
May 10	ELA after school/contracts due
May 11	math after school. WMS 8 th grade band at WHS 6pm
May 11,12	READY ELA – all grades
May 14	Ready Science – 6 th , EOC Alg I
May 17	ELA after school
May 18	math after school/last after school
May 19	6 th grade returns devices, 6 th grade basketball camp 3-430
May 20	7 th grade returns devices, 6 th grade basketball camp 3-430
May 21	8 th grade returns devices
May 26	Half days with exams/annual day
May 27	Half days with exams/annual day
May 28	Half days with exams/annual day
May 29	workday and closeout

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Interim reports were issued to students on April 21, 2021.
2. Seniors have received graduation supplies and information on commencement has been distributed to seniors.
3. WHS is quickly approaching Advance Placement and End of Course Tests. AP testing will take place between Monday, May 3, and Thursday May 20. EOC testing will take place between Wednesday, May 5 and Tuesday, May 20. Students and teachers have been working together all year to prepare for these tests.
4. Students and teachers have reviewed and verified course requests for the 2021-2022 school year. WHS is in the process of building the schedule for next year.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. The Cognia Index of Education Quality (IEQ) ranges from 100 – 400 points. District Four's IEQ from the recent Cognia Engagement Review was 361.77. The average IEQ over the last five years ranged from 278.34 – 283.33, so District Four substantially exceeded the average IEQ range of other schools.
2. Employees have until May 10th to return contracts/MOUs. Eighty-five percent of employees have already signed and submitted their contracts. Only 33 contracts and MOUs remain to be turned in throughout the entire district.
3. Thirty-one educators have licenses that are set to expire June 30, 2021. Twenty-six educators have already submitted the 120 renewal points and/or coursework required to renew their licenses. Twenty-five educators have licenses set to expire June 30, 2022. These educators are continuing contract employees and are evaluated at the comprehensive formative evaluation level. A comprehensive formative evaluation includes the following components: orientation, pre-conference, observation, post-conference, student learning objective (SLO), and professionalism.
4. Eight teachers will participate in the CERRA mentor training this summer. This training will allow them to serve as mentors for beginning teachers who are evaluated at the induction level. Mentors receive a small stipend for serving in this important role.
5. Schools will host student teachers from the following colleges/universities during the Fall semester: USC Upstate, Anderson University, and Newberry College. Schools also host short-term clinical placements throughout the year.

6. Three teachers are currently participating in the PACE program, which is an alternate route for certification in South Carolina. These teachers have bachelor's degrees in fields other than education. They passed the Praxis exams in their content areas and attend sessions with PACE instructors. These teachers are teaching in the following certification areas: ESOL, business, and French.
7. The 2019 Social Studies standards will be implemented during the 2021-22 school year. The 2021 Science standards are expected to be approved by the Education Oversight Committee and the State Board of Education in June. The SCDE will provide professional learning opportunities on the new Science standards during the 2021-22 school year. They will be implemented the following year.

Mrs. Britt McKinney provided the following information:

1. DHEC offered a free vaccine clinic for students who needed to update their adolescent shots the afternoon of April 29, 2021. Fifteen students were scheduled to receive the required shots to attend school.
2. A free mammogram clinic is being offered for employees May 19th. We have filled all time slots and appreciate the Bearden-Josey Center for Breast Health for providing the mobile unit to assist our employees.
3. COVID numbers have continued to decline in the district. Our plan is to follow DHEC/CDC recommendations for the remainder of the school year. We will reassess the protocols in place during the summer and make decisions for the 2021-2022 school year during that time. Free rapid testing is still being offered for employees and students of Spartanburg Four. Parents appreciate the flexibility and convenience of being able to test at the district office.
4. The Federal Programs Annual Review Meeting will be held May 20, 2021. Required participants will be able to join a ZOOM call to review spending and budgets for the current year and make suggestions for the upcoming year.

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. All Spring MAP testing has been completed for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. End of the year state required testing will begin on Tuesday, May 4th. SCReady (Reading, Writing, and Math) and SC PASS (Science 4th and 6th grade) are being administered to students in grades 3-8. End-of-course exams will be administered to students currently enrolled in English I, English II, Algebra I, U.S. History, and Biology. In addition, Advanced Placement exams will be administered to appropriate students at WHS. The testing schedule has been shared with principals, counselors, and teachers.
4. The Parent, Student, Teacher Opinion Survey are being administered for the 2020-2021 school year. Students in 5th, 8th, and 11th grade have completed the required survey that is included in the classroom environment section of the new report card model. Teachers have completed their surveys. All parents have the opportunity to take the parent survey this year. The parent survey will close on Friday, May 7th

Mrs. Rachel Traynham provided the following information:

1. **Howell Art Purchase Awards**
 - a. The Howell Award Winners are:
 - i. WPS-James Cole
 - ii. WES-Haley Sprouse
 - iii. WMS-Leah Brown
 - iv. WHS-Grace Cooper
2. **Mental Health Services**

- a. Currently Serving 120 students in the district
 - b. In 2021-2022 we will be working with Mygroup to provide mental health services for staff. This service will be provided to all Spartanburg School District 4 staff.
3. **Special Education Services**
- a. Currently, we are holding many annual review meetings for our students. Our teachers are working hard to get these completed.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

Superintendent

1. Thanked board once again for providing end of the year luncheons for schools.
2. This is Teacher Appreciation Week. We will honor educators on May 5th with bagels and muffins from Panera Bread. The teacher forum, hearts for schools, and other organizations have donated different items for educators.
3. Retirees will be recognized at the June Board meeting.
4. The Budget public hearing will be June 28th beginning at 6:00 p.m.
5. Schools are preparing for end of the year programs, testing, summer school, and athletics.

Board Action

1. Approved Resolution with provides for the Multi-District Agreement.
2. Approved purchase of activity bus.
3. Approved Daisy Ridge and April Clayton as Woodruff Primary School teachers and Nikki Clutter as Woodruff Middle School teacher.