

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

April 12, 2021

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, April 12, 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 March 1, 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 April 2021 is attached.
2. The SC Department of Education conducted a CERDEP monitoring visit on March 12th. Very positive feedback was provided. Preschool teachers should be commended on their hard work to provide quality programs for students.
3. WPS students and staff have collected over 850 items for the Spartanburg Humane Society. As always, WPS staff members and the Willow Creek Community are huge supporters of our projects.
4. Three WPS students received awards at the Piedmont Region III Science Fair. Jenna Cate Taylor received an Honorable Mention in the area of Behavioral Science. Zackery Ball received an Honorable Mention in the area of General Science. Aubrey Shealy placed 1st in the Math and Computer Science category. We are very proud of their accomplishments.
5. Enrollment for the upcoming school year was held on Thursday, March 25th, for 3K, 4K, and new 5K students. Developmental screenings for 3K have been completed. WPS will continue to enroll new students through the summer.
6. WPS looks forward to our annual Storybook Character Day on April 16th. The parade was postponed from earlier in the year in hopes of hosting this event for parents and the community in the spring. However, we've decided it's safest to keep this an "at school" event this year. Students will parade for each other while wearing costumes of their favorite storybook characters.
7. WPS students will participate in the Stone Soup storytelling event, virtually, on April 23rd. Our students always enjoy seeing the performers.
8. Spring MAP testing will begin on April 19th for kindergarten, first, and second grade students.

April

2 – Teacher Inservice Day – No School

5 – 9 - Spring Holidays

6 – Papa John's Fundraiser

10 - 16 – NAEYC Week of the Young Child

16 – Storybook Character Day

19 – MAP Testing Begins

21 – Interim Reports Issued for 1st & 2nd Graders

21– Administrative Professionals'/School Secretaries' Day **Please let our secretaries and receptionists know how much we value them and their excellent work.*

- 22 – Earth Day
- 23 – Spirit Day
- 23 – Stone Soup Storytellers Virtual Program
- 27 – School Improvement Council Meeting

Enrollment

March 31, 2021					
Grade Level	# on Roll	Face to Face / Virtual	# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	14	14/0	0	14	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	32	38/0	53	-21	6 – Moon (Special Education) 14- Early Head Start 1 – Special Services
4k	101	101/5	109	-8	1 –Special Services, 2 - CDC & 5 –Spivey (Special Education)
5K	163	159/7	167	-4	1 - Special Services & 3 - Humerez (Special Education)
1st	186	182/9	191	-5	5 – Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	186	175/15	191	-5	1 – McCarthy Teszler & 4 – Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL		705	711	-6	3 - Special Services, 1 - McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. We are very excited to share that we had several of our WES students place in the Piedmont Region III Science Fair!
 - Lunden Lanford placed 2nd in the Elementary Math & Computer Science category
 - Anna Morton placed 3rd in the Elementary Math & Computer Science category
 - Alexis Easterling received Honorable Mention in the General Science category
 - Hailey Pearson placed 1st in the Behavioral Science category
 - Aiden Lawson placed 2nd in the Middle grade Math & Computer Science category and also received a special award, The Spartanburg Science Center Award
 - Braedyn Shealy received a special award, The Office of Naval Research Award
 - Ian Clutter received a special award, The Spartanburg Science Center Award2.
2. On April 1st, we had #1 Wolverine Fan Day. Lots of staff members wore items that belonged to their husbands or dads.

Estimated Enrollment for WES

	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Face to Face	194	187	199
Virtual	11	15	11
Total	205	202	210

Calendar of Events

- April 1 - #1 Wolverine Fan Day
- April 2- No school for students
- April 5-9 Spring Break
- April 13- MAP Testing – ELA- all grade levels

April 15- MAP Testing- Math- all grade levels
April 20- Mock Writing Test-all grade levels
April 22- 5th Graders meet at WMS (Tentative)

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

Current enrollment figures: 6th – 224 7th – 208 8th – 212

1. Interim Reports for the 4th Nine Weeks will be sent home April 21.
2. Four WMS student-athletes participated in the virtual SCHSL Middle School Students Leadership Summit on March 25. Those attending were Ruthie Sheffield, Sadie Burnette, Jensyn Turner and Ivy Kate Rhodes.
3. MAP testing was completed March 16-31.
4. Spring sports are underway with over 100 WMS students participating.

April 12	ELA after school
April 13	Dr. Liston – 3:15/math after school
April 19	Registration materials to teachers/ELA after school
April 20	Math after school
April 21	Registration materials sent home
April 22	rising 6 th grade parent meeting
April 28	ELA after school
April 29	math after school
April 30	teachers return completed registration cards
May 3	ELA after school
May 4	math after school
May 6	READY math – all grades
May 10	ELA after school
May 11	math after school
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

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Representatives from RD Anderson were on campus to assist students for registration for classes in the 2021-2022 school year on March 1,2,4 and 5.
2. Third year WHS students participated in the state mandated WIN test on March 11.
3. Report Cards were issued on March 17, 2021.
4. Jostens met with members of the Sophomore Class on March 19, 2021 to discuss class ring orders for the Class of 2023.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. The Cognia Accreditation Engagement Review Team was very complimentary of District Four, its stakeholders, and the entire review process. The Team Leader provided Areas of Impact (Leadership and Community) and Areas of Improvement (Innovation and Vertical Alignment) during the closing presentation. We anticipate receipt of the final report in mid- or late-April.

2. The SC Department of Education will be requiring all districts to submit Academic Recovery Plans by May 28th. These plans will be based on student achievement data and include goals, strategies, action steps, timeline, evaluations, and funding sources to address students' learning losses in ELA and math. The learning losses will be categorized into three tiers: mild remediation, moderate remediation, and severe remediation.
3. An annual update to the District Strategic Plan and the School Renewal Plans must be submitted to the SCDE by April 30th. These are the five-year plans that include goals for student achievement, teacher/administrator quality, and school climate. In addition to these annual updates, the Read to Succeed Literacy Plans must be submitted by October 15th. These plans include additional goals for literacy.
4. Teachers are evaluated under the Expanded ADEPT system, which includes the South Carolina Teaching Standards 4.0 Rubric. Evaluation teams are completing classroom observations, and administrators are scheduling end-of-year conferences with teachers. Principals are evaluated under PADEPP standards. They are completing self-assessments and submitting evidence for each standard. Results of ADEPT and PADEPP are entered into SC LEAD.
5. Employees have until May 10th to return contracts/MOUs. Seventy percent of employees have already signed and submitted their contracts. Only 64 contracts and MOUs throughout the entire district remain to be turned in.

Mrs. Britt McKinney provided the following information:

1. Spartanburg District Four was monitored in Title I, Title II, and Title IV during the week of March 15, 2021. Dr. Liston has received a letter from the state department notifying the district we have met all requirements with no instances of non-compliance.
2. The Federal Programs Advisory Committee Meeting will be held virtually this year on May 20th. This annual meeting is held to comply with guidelines requiring input from a variety of people associated with Spartanburg Four.
3. Spartanburg Four was notified by DHEC they will host a vaccine clinic April 29th to help the community and students who need to update immunization records.
4. COVID Report will be done in person with up-to-date information.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following information:

1. Students in grades 2-5 who qualified to take the Performance Task Assessment completed this assessment on March 18th.
2. Third year high school students completed the Ready to Work Career Assessment on March 11th. Seniors who received a score lower than silver in any tested category in October also had the opportunity retake the Ready to Work Career Assessment.
3. Students at Woodruff High School had the opportunity to participate in SAT School Test Day on March 3rd.
4. Woodruff Middle School concluded their Spring MAP testing window on April 1st. Woodruff Elementary School's testing window begins on April 12th and will close on April 23rd. Woodruff Primary School will begin testing on April 19th and complete testing on April 30th. Schools with state required testing will use this data as they prepare for their upcoming testing windows.
5. Third quarter report cards were issued on March 17th.
6. Day 135 reports were completed on March 18th.

Mrs. Rachel Traynham provided the following information:

1. Mental Health

- a. We have seen a significant increase in the number of student referrals over the past month. We are looking to begin group therapy options for students as a pro-active approach.

2. Columbia College Partnership

- a. Spartanburg Four and Columbia College have come to an agreement to enjoy a cooperative endeavor involving preparation for teaching professionals through the SC CREATE Project. These individuals will be Special Education Multi-Categorical Certified upon completion of the program. This is an exciting opportunity for us as we look to recruit teachers with diverse backgrounds by providing an alternative path to certification.
3. **504 Training**
 - a. District Administrators, School Principals, Assistant Principals, Guidance Counselors, SPED Liaisons, and School Psychologist have all successfully completed 504 training in the district.
4. **Howell Art Purchase Awards**
 - a. Thank you to those of you that took the time to come and vote on the art work that was presented by our students. We have a winner at each grade level. These winners will be guests at the May 3, 2021 Board Meeting where they will receive recognition as well as a check for the purchase of their artwork.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

Superintendent

1. Graduation is set for May 28, 2021.
2. Student half-days will be May 26, 27, and 28.
3. Dr. William L. Howell Art Purchase Award winners will be recognized at the May board meeting.
4. Mr. Benfield will give a brief update at the May board meeting on the preliminary budget for 21-22.

Board Action

1. Approved Local Board Approved WHS Courses.
2. Approved Compliance Waiver for Virtual Programs.
3. Approved low bids for asbestos abatement and quartz tile at WMS.
4. Approved low bid for a technology protection plan.
5. Approved Emily McKoy as WES teacher and Janice Broyles and Kelly Dixon as WHS teachers.