

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

January 4, 2021

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, January 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 December 7, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for January 2021 is attached.
2. The NAEYC accreditation visit has been postponed. I will provide updates as soon as I know more about when the visit will take place. Our accreditation validity date has been extended to May 1, 2021.
3. The SC Department of Education will conduct a CERDEP monitoring visit on March 5, 2021. They will visit one or two four-year-old classrooms and provide feedback.
4. Four-year-old preschool classes will begin the PALS assessment on January 8th. PALS is an early literacy assessment that provides a comprehensive assessment of young children's knowledge of the important literacy fundamentals that are predictive of future reading success.
5. Kindergarten, first and second grade students completed all MAP testing on December 16th. Teachers and members of the leadership team are reviewing student, class, and grade level data as we plan for the second semester.
6. Data meetings with teachers will be held in December and January to plan for individual student needs and set learning goals.
7. WPS will host two student teachers from USC Upstate, one student teacher from Converse, and ten early childhood clinical students from USC Upstate beginning in January.
8. WPS students and staff will collect items for Agape Care Center of Woodruff through February. Our school goal is to collect 500 items.
9. WPS staff members enjoyed a Christmas lunch from Moe's on December 17th. We are thankful to the Spartanburg School District Four Board of Trustees and administrative staff for providing this delicious meal.

January 2021

- 1 – 31 – School Board Recognition Month
- 1-3 – New Year Holidays
- 4 - Teacher Inservice Day – No School for Students
- 5- Students Return to School
- 6 – Report Cards Issued
- 18 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – No School
- 27 – Virtual Day

Enrollment

December 15, 2020					
Grade Level	# on Roll	Face to Face / Virtual	# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	11	11/0	0	11	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	35	41/0	53	-18	6 – Moon (Special Education) 11- Early Head Start

					1 – Special Services
4k	96	95/6	105	-9	2 –Special Services, 2 - CDC & 5 –Spivey (Special Education)
5K	165	159/8	168	-3	1 - Special Services & 2 - Humerez (Special Education)
1st	186	179/11	190	-4	4 – Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	188	173/19	193	-5	1 – McCarthy Teszler & 4 – Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL		702	709	-7	4 - Special Services, 1 - McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Congratulations to Eli Turner, the Woodruff Elementary Spelling Bee Winner. Micah Vanadore was the first runner up.
2. Data meetings were held with each teacher before the break. We discussed MAP data, SC Ready projections, interventions, curriculum and individual students.
3. Congratulations again to Jessica Burnette who had a Donors Choose grant funded.
4. The staff enjoyed ugly Christmas sweater day and pajama day in honor of The Polar Express. We are also very appreciative of the Chick-Fil-A lunch provided by the school board on Thursday, December 17th.
5. Read to Succeed legislation requires that students be retained in the third grade if the student is projected to score at the “Not Met 1” level on SC Ready. We have notified parents if their student falls in this category. There are several factors that can lead to the decision to exempt students from this requirement. Last year students were not required to attend the summer reading camp because of COVID. We expect to receive more information regarding summer reading camp for the summer of 2021.

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

	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Face-to-Face	192	173	193
Virtual	20	19	17
Total	212	192	210

January 2021 Calendar

- 4 – Inservice day
- 5 – Students return from holiday break
- 6 – Report cards issued
- 12 – End of 90-day attendance
- 18 – Martin Luther King holiday

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 224 7th – 206 8th – 213
2. 2nd Nine Weeks report cards will be sent home January 6.
3. Parent night for rising 9th graders will be held January 12 at the Activity Center.
4. The WMS faculty had a Christmas luncheon on December 17.
5. WMS wrestling is slated to begin January 5.

Calendar of Events:

- Jan 4 teacher workday
- Jan 5 Students return with “B” day schedule/WMS wrestling at WHS 6pm
- Jan 6 report cards issued
- Jan 7 WMS basketball at home vs. Rainbow Lake
- Jan 11 WMS basketball at Cowpens

Jan 12	8 th grade parent night at the activity Center at 6:00
Jan 14	WMS basketball at home vs. Ewing/WMS wrestling at WHS
Jan 18	MLK holiday
Jan 21	WMS basketball at Mabry
Jan 22	WMS wrestling at WHS
Jan 25	WMS basketball at home vs. Chesnee
Jan 26	PSAT
Jan 27	Virtual learning

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

Calendar of Events and Enrollment was distributed.

1. The registration process for the 2020-2021 school year is already underway. Pre-registration packets are under development with pre-registration to begin in January.
2. Teachers continue to focus on curriculum standards in preparation for EOC, Ready to Work, and ACT testing.
3. Woodruff High School held a Homecoming Parade on November 12, 2020. At the conclusion of the parade, Addie Ree Harrison was crowned Homecoming Queen and Sara Chiffon was crowned Maid of Honor.
4. Interim progress reports were distributed on November 11, 2020.
5. Fall Athletic Awards were held on November 30, 2020.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. Mid-year conferences have been held with principals to review progress toward their professional development plans and to review evidence related to the PADEPP standards. During second semester, principals will complete self-assessments for the PADEPP standards. A final conference will be held at the end of the school year. All evidence, ratings, and signatures are entered into the SC LEAD system.
2. Principals are conducting mid-year conferences with teachers to review progress toward their Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) and professional goals. They are also providing feedback on classroom observations and the SC Teaching Standards.
3. The next induction class will be held on Tuesday, January 19th from 3:00 – 6:00pm in the Woodruff Elementary School Media Center. The December session was re-scheduled due to concerns regarding the increase in COVID-19 cases.
4. Woodruff Primary School will host two student teachers from USC Upstate during second semester. One placement will be in kindergarten with Jen Brown and the other placement will be in second grade with Erin Gambrell.
5. Woodruff Primary School and USC Upstate will collaborate this Spring to provide classroom experiences for their Early Childhood Clinical I students. These students will be placed in 4K classrooms.
6. Ms. Mary Brinkman from Texas will serve as the lead evaluator for the Cognia Accreditation Engagement Review. She has over 30 years of experience in education serving in birth-to-three, elementary, middle, and high school programs. She taught special education, served as assistant principal, and then principal for 11 years. Her last school was a public charter STEM and International Baccalaureate school for grades 6 – 12. She also serves as an IB field representative. She will serve as the lead evaluator on a 5-member evaluation team. The engagement review will be conducted remotely over Zoom on March 1 – 4.

Mrs. Britt McKinney provided the following information:

1. Gave COVID updates for each school.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following information:

1. Students in grades K-9 completed the winter session of MAP testing on December 16th. ACT 142 required all districts to administer a reading and math pre-and post-assessment to students and submit this data to SCDE for analysis.
2. Quarter and semester grades were entered and report cards will be distributed on January 6th. Third quarter for all students will begin on January 5th.
3. Schools and administrators continue to prepare for state required assessments. Select Woodruff Middle School students will complete PSAT testing on January 26th. WIDA testing will begin for students served in the English as a Second Language program beginning in February. The ACT test will be given to 11th grade students at Woodruff High School. During the months of February and March, select District Four students will participate in the SC Performance Task Assessment for the identification of students regarding the Gifted and Talented program.
4. Enrollment numbers for students participating in Spartanburg Four's virtual program for second semester are as follows:
 - a. Woodruff Primary School: 42
 - b. Woodruff Elementary School: 55
 - c. Woodruff Middle School: 47
 - d. Woodruff High School: 68

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

Superintendent

1. Provided copies of 21-22 personnel timeline.
2. Provided information on Ethics forms that are due by March 30.
3. Due to COVID restrictions, the SCSBA Conference is limited to 300 attendees. Chairman Brewton and Dr. Liston will attend the conference.

Board Action

1. Approved the 2021-2022 school calendar.
2. Approved District Administrators for the 2021-2022 school year.