

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2020

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, November 9, 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](http://spartanburg4.org/do/agenda).

Chairman Melvin Brewton called the meeting to order. Minutes of the October 5, 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 November 2020 is attached.
2. Second grade CogAt and Iowa testing will be completed during the week of November 9<sup>th</sup>.
3. Teachers are completing parent conferences. Conferences have been held in person, by phone, or video conference.
4. Second grade classes learned about leadership and held student council elections in class. The following students were chosen by their peers to represent their classes: James Cole, Ava Harvey, Zoey Jayne Lawson, Khloe McCall, Lexi Mitchell, Madilynn Jennings, Layne Scott, Jenna Taylor, Lydia Veneth, and Conyer Wood.
5. WPS students and faculty members have been collecting canned goods for The Woodruff Soup Kitchen. Our school goal was 500 items and we've already exceeded our goal! We will continue to collect items until Thanksgiving.
6. WPS Faculty and Staff donated \$390.00 to United Way during the month of October. Special thanks to Wendie Lawson for organizing this event.
7. WPS Custodial Staff and Cafeteria Staff were celebrated with a special meal and presented with cards and posters handmade by the students. We wanted to show our appreciation for the hard work they do each day.
8. Erin Gambrell (2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher) and Leslie Stribling (1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher) attended a virtual workshop with Jennifer Serravallo, through the Furman University Upstate Schools Consortium. Jennifer Serravallo is a best-selling author of professional books related to teaching reading and writing. Mrs. Gambrell and Mrs. Stribling presented what they learned to the first and second grade teachers.
9. WPS, in partnership with Papa John's Pizza in Woodruff, will hold monthly fundraising events. A portion of all sales will be donated to the school. The first event was held on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Papa John's reported a good turn-out for the first event. The next event is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **November**

- 2- Teacher Inservice Day
- 3- Election Day
- 3- Papa John's Pizza Fundraiser Event
- 4- Kindergarten and First Grade Device Check-Out
- 5- Kindergarten and First Grade Device Check-Out
- 11- Veteran's Day
- 11 – Interim Reports (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
- 13- World Kindness Day
- 16 – 20 American Education Week
- 25 – 27 Thanksgiving Holidays

## Enrollment

November 5, 2020					
Grade Level	# on Roll	Face to Face / Virtual	# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	9		0	9	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	36	36/0	51	-15	6 – Moon (Special Education) 9- Early Head Start
4k	94	88/6	103	-9	2 –Special Services, 2 - CDC & 5 –Spivey (Special Education)
5K	166	158/8	169	-3	2 - Special Services & 1 - Humerez (Special Education)
1st	188	176/12	192	-4	4 – Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	185	166/19	189	-4	1 – McCarthy Teszler & 3 – Humerez (Special Education)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>697</b>		<b>704</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>4 - Special Services, 1 - McCarthy Teszler &amp; 2 - CDC</b>

### Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Fourth and fifth graders have adapted very well to wearing masks. The teachers provide mask breaks and some have areas in the room for the students to sit away from others if they need a break.
2. Four teachers at Woodruff Elementary have received Donors' Choose grants totaling over \$1600.00. Congratulations to Jessica Burnette, Brenell Harris, Suzanne McConnell, and Trista Schar.
3. We would like to welcome Lori Henderson and Jennifer Howell to our staff. Mrs. Henderson will serve as a reading assistant and Mrs. Howell will serve as our media assistant.

### November

1 – Set clocks back 1 hour.

2 – No school for students or teachers

3 – Election Day – No school for students or teachers

10 – PD for all staff (3:00 in the cafeteria – bring a device)

11 – Veteran's Day

17 – PD for all staff (3:00 in the cafeteria – bring a device)

24 – No PD

25 – 27 – Thanksgiving Holidays

Week of the 30<sup>th</sup> – MAP Testing begins

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

	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Face-to-Face	191	174	191
Virtual	19	19	18
Total	210	193	209

## **Woodruff Middle School**

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6<sup>th</sup>- 223, 7<sup>th</sup> - 208, 8<sup>th</sup>- 212
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks interim reports will be sent home Nov 11.
3. Congratulations to these student artists for having artwork virtually displayed: Angelina Tudor, Cassidy Schiele, Hunter Taylor, Kelis Gosnell, Reagan Cornelius, Zoe Cogdill, Kieleigh Kittredge, Alissa Styles, Rachel Hayes, and Madilyn Nix.
4. Smash Ink sponsors Athlete of the Week recognition for Woodruff Middle School athletes. October athletes recognized include: Jordan Hood, Kara West, Jensyn Turner, and Ashton Mock.
5. WMS girls' basketball tryouts began November 4.
6. WMS wrestling began Monday, November 2.
7. WMS boys' basketball tryouts began November 9.

### **Calendar of Events:**

Nov. 5	WMS football at Broome
Nov. 11	Interim reports
Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov. 30-Dec.11	MAP window for winter
Dec. 3	WMS basketball at Rainbow Lake
Dec. 7	WMS basketball at home vs Cowpens
Dec. 10	WMS basketball at Ewing
Dec. 14	WMS basketball at home vs. Mabry
Dec. 17	WMS basketball at Chesnee

## **Woodruff High School**

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following: Calendar of Events and Enrollment was distributed.

1. On October 7 and 8, Woodruff High School participated in College Application Day. Seniors were assisted by WHS guidance staff in filling out college applications.
2. The PSAT was administered at Woodruff High School on October 14, 2020.
3. First nine weeks report cards were issued on October 21, 2020.
4. Seniors completed the state mandated Ready to Work Assessment on October 28 and November 5.

## **Instructional Reports**

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. District Four received an "All Clear" status from the Office of Federal and State Accountability at the SC Department of Education based on the accreditation and monitoring desk audit conducted during the 2019-2020 school year. Every fifth year, the SCDE examines district databases and analyzes evidence to determine compliance with the SC Accreditation Standards. This deep dive audit was conducted last November. All submissions were accepted without corrections or the need for additional evidence. These results will be included in the *2019-20 Annual Report of the Accreditation of School Districts in South Carolina*, which will be submitted to the State Board of Education on November 10, 2020.
2. Induction contract teachers continue to meet monthly to learn the requirements of the SC Teaching Standards 4.0 Rubric and Expanded ADEPT, the SC teacher evaluation system. The next Induction class will meet on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in the Woodruff Elementary School Media Center. The November session will address trauma informed practices and trauma sensitive practices as they relate to the environment domain of the SC Teaching Standards.
3. Principals have completed all teacher orientation sessions as required under the Expanded ADEPT Evaluation System. In addition, they are finalizing Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) and Professional Goals with teachers. Principals and teachers will review progress toward those objectives and goals mid-year.

4. Eleven employees with educator licenses expiring in June 2021 are completing coursework or collecting renewal credits. Educators must have the equivalent of 120 renewal credits to renew a license for an additional five-year period. They must also meet the Read to Succeed requirements for their certification areas.
5. Interim reports will be issued on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Britt McKinney provided the following information:

1. DHEC administered 145 flu shots/mist at Woodruff Middle School on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. This event was open for all children in the Spartanburg District Four area. The clinic was set up in the carline and stayed open from 3:30-6:00 each night.
2. The adult education program being offered at Woodruff Primary School is serving one student in the morning classes and one student in the evening classes. This program is led by Spartanburg County Adult Education and continues to take interested candidates. More information about enrollment and requirements are on the district website.
3. Spartanburg Four continues to report the number of COVID cases to DHEC in a timely manner and also updates can be found on our district website for the current number of cases in the district.
4. Title I, Title II, and Title IV will have a monitoring visit in March of 2020. Principals and other administrators will gather data, information, and complete inventory checks to complete this process for compliance.
5. All budgets have been submitted for the FY2021 school year. The state department is still in the process of approving local plans, but Spartanburg Four has not been notified of any issues with our submissions.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following information:

1. Woodruff Primary School continues to checkout iPads to students. The original 450 Chromebooks continue to be delayed and currently have an estimated arrival time of December.
2. Students with no internet at home continue to checkout mobile hotspots. At present, 348 students have a district assigned mobile hotspot in use at their home.
3. The 45 Day Student Count has been successfully completed and we await submission to the South Carolina Department of Education for the 2020-2021 year.
4. PALS and KRA state mandated testing for 4K and 5K completed on October 19<sup>th</sup>. PALS (4K) will complete a mid-year screening in January.
5. Second Grade CogAT and IA testing continues at Woodruff Primary School. These tests are used as identifiers for the Gifted and Talented program.
6. Woodruff Middle School eighth graders (A students only) and Woodruff High School tenth grade students participated in the PSAT on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Woodruff Middle School (B students only) and make-up testing for Woodruff High School will be offered on January 26<sup>th</sup>.
7. Woodruff High School's senior class completed the Ready to Work test on October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>.
8. The 2020 South Carolina School Report Card released to the public on October 30<sup>th</sup>. These report cards do not reflect any overall rating but display graduation rates, student safety, teacher and administration retention, and other financial and classroom details.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

#### **1. Virtual Education Day**

- a. Special Education Teachers were asked to provide a description of the instruction they provided on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, when students were home due to Hurricane. I was very pleased with the information I received from teachers. Almost all our Special Education students were able to access the curriculum they were to be working on and were able to reach their teachers if they had questions. Parents were comfortable

calling teachers and it seemed to be a success for Special Education students. Those students who were unable to access the curriculum that day had issues with power or slow internet connection possibly due to the wind. That was recorded and comp services will be provided as needed.

## **2. PPE**

- a. I placed a request with Mr. Simpkins for SPED teachers to received PPE offered from the state. Some of that has come in and we are distributing it to aid in student and staff safety during small group instruction.

## **3. Mental Health Counseling**

- a. Brenda Lipe and an intern therapist from Spartanburg Mental Health are working in our schools (primarily Middle and High School) two or three days a week until our two position within Spartanburg Mental Health are filled.

## **4. Whitlock/Brookwood/McCarthy Teszler**

- a. All students have returned to 5 days a week instruction.

## **5. Indicator 13**

- a. We will have an Indicator 13 Audit due in November. This Audit impacts the Middle and High School because it examines IEP's for transition age students
- b. We are reviewing student files currently to submit those by the deadline

## **6. Special Education Roundtable**

- a. We were able to go to Columbia, Friday for a state-wide meeting for Special Education Directors. The state is sharing how students who earn a credential impact graduation rates as well as best practices to reduce drop-out.

## **7. Spartanburg Special Education Director Meeting**

- a. We will meet this Thursday, November 12, 2020, in Spartanburg School District 1

## **Facilities**

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

## **Superintendent**

1. The Spartanburg County Oversight Committee, which oversees disbursement of the 13 mils, will meet Thursday Nov. 12 at Chapman High School. Chairman Brewton will represent District Four.
2. The SCSBA Delegate Assembly is virtual this year. Sandy Norman is the voting delegate.
3. Copies of revised policies will be provided to board members at the December meeting.
4. The SCSBA annual convention will be held in February 2021. The space is limited to 300 board members to be present.
5. Gave brief update on possible return to full time after Thanksgiving.

## **Board Action**

1. Approved following policy revisions: EBC-R(2)- Remote Instruction, GCOA-R- Evaluation of Instructional Staff, GCOA- Evaluation of Instructional Staff, GCO-R Evaluation of Administrative Staff, JE-R Student Attendance, JLCDD-Service Animals (Students).
2. Approved sell of land parcel 1 and parcel 2 on Varner Road.