

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

June 5, 2023

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, June 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office. Agenda notice was distributed to Spartanburg Herald Journal, Woodruff Times, and listed on the District website at spartanburg4.org/do/agenda.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for June 2023 is attached.
2. WPS students had a field day on May 16th. Coach Smith planned a rotation of fun, active events for kids to enjoy!
3. WPS students and staff raised \$1,116.00 for P.S. I Love You Ministries. This organization supports families of foster children in the Upstate.
4. WPS Summer School begins on June 5th and ends on June 29th. Four-year-old preschool through second grade students will be served. Eighty-one students are enrolled in the program.
5. The program will run from 7:45 A.M. until 3:15 P.M. Monday through Thursday.
6. The following staff members were recognized at the end of the year luncheon:
7. Student Support Staff Member of the Year – Lynn Teague, Reading Interventionist
8. Support Staff Member of the Year – Jordan Hyatt, Cafeteria Cashier
9. Teacher of the Year – Ben Smith, Second Grade Teacher
10. Bonnie Bynum received the Donna Cannon Award for 2022-2023.
11. Kendall Caldwell received the Terrific Kid of the Year Award for 2022-2023.
12. All WPS students performed and were celebrated at awards programs during the last week of May.
13. Twenty-two second graders placed in SOAR for third grade.
14. Twelve students placed in gifted music and two placed in gifted art for the 2023-2024 school year.
15. Three retirees were recognized at the end of the year luncheon. Renee Douglas, Kim Fowler, and Bonnie Johnson will all be missed!

June

5- Summer School Begins

29 – Summer School Ends

June, 2023					
Grade Level	# on Roll		# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	48		57	-9	9- Moon (Special Education)
4k	139		143	-4	2- Kakule (Special Education) 1 – McT 1- Moon (Special Education)
5K	187		190	-3	2 –Kakule (Special Education) 1- Humerez (Special Education)
1st	194		201	-7	4 – CDC & McT 3 –Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	178		183	-5	5 – Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL	749		776	-27	9 – Humerez, 4– Kakule, 9 – Moon 3- McCarthy Teszler & 2 - CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. WES summer school will operate from June 5th until June 29th. We will serve three classes of third graders, two classes of fourth graders, and one class of fifth graders.
2. Lindsey Thompson was selected as the Teacher of the Year for Woodruff Elementary School for the 2023-24 school year. She was recognized at the end-of-the-year luncheon. Mrs. Thompson is a Woodruff High graduate and currently teaches 5th grade.
3. Brittney Brown was chosen as our Support Staff Person of the Year. She currently runs our reading computer lab.
4. The following students placed in G/T for the 2023-24 school year:
3rd Grade: Colt Atkins, Skylar Chaney, Virginia Dees, Sidney Harris, Brayden Ramey, and Kaia Tucker.
4th Grade: Arya Davis, Onyx Dixo, Hunter Edwards, Naythan Gomez, Caleb Henderson, Jackson Hostetler, Delta Luby, Brookelyn Magyar, David Morton, Angeline Smith, Sarah Watson, and Sophia Wojtun.
5th Grade: Ava Davis, Olin Fain, Sophia Floyd, Eryn Glass, Ahkevia Harris, Sway Hinton, Vivian Page, Emilio Rodriguez, and Miley Sugalski.
5. Several awards are given annually in memory of students who attended WES. This year's students are as follows:
 - a. Victory Award – Lena Epton
 - b. Hanna Lister Horizon Award – Emery Page
 - c. Jon Bolt Award – Aubrey Shealy
 - d. Lena Kirstein Award – Martin Alvarez-Lopez
6. Second graders toured WES on May 19th. They asked questions about special classes, agendas, after school activities, homework, Chromebooks, etc.
7. The faculty faced the fifth graders in a game of kickball on May 22nd. Everyone had a great time.
8. We had a great turnout for our awards programs at the end of the year. On the half days, we had awards programs and field days.
9. Asher Casey was chosen as the Terrific Kid of the Year for 2022-23.

Enrollment for WES as of 05/29/23:

Grade	# of Students
3rd	213
4th	209
5th	229

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. End of year report cards were mailed home May 30.
2. Students requiring summer school were contacted the week of May 30 – June 2. Summer school dates are June 5- June 29.
3. Field day was held May 22.
4. The annual school chorus and band concert was held May 15.
5. Jolin Pettay and Coach Brian McConnell appeared live on Your Carolina, WSPA TV on Thursday, May 11. Jolin was the 6-8 grade *Artistic Excellence Award* for Youth Art Month at the Chapman Cultural Center. Dan Mayer, President and CEO of Chapman Cultural Center, presented the check and certificate to Jolin and asked that her art teacher join her for the presentation.
6. Awards and annual days were held as follows:
May 24 – 6th grade

May 25 – 7th grade

May 26 – 8th grade

7. Faculty and staff recognitions announced include:

Teacher of the year – Daniel Westmoreland

Support staff of the year – James Taylor

“High’ly” dedicated to WMS – Wanda Brown

Look ahead dates

June 5 Summer school begins

June 29 Last day of summer school

August 1 Registration

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

1. AP and EOC testing concluded. We feel very good about our EOC scores. We will await the state average.
2. Chromebooks along with other devices and accessories were collected and accounted for.
3. Report cards were mailed out Saturday, May 27.
4. Summer School registration took place on May 30 and 31. Summer School will begin June 1.

WHS GOOD NEWS

*The chorus concert and band concert were very well attended.

*Administration attended awards ceremonies for RD Anderson, Master Skills Center, USC Upstate Promise Scholars, and the Diana Olencki Art Show.

*Athletics held two signing days for several WHS athletes.

*Teachers and staff enjoyed Teacher Appreciation Week.

*The Graduation Walk was a big hit with our seniors and fellow Wolverines. The Class of 2023 walked through WPS, WES, and WMS this year.

*WHS Awards Day was a big success. We were able to recognize several worthy students with scholarships, certificates, recognition, and the like.

*The first annual Yearbook Tailgate was a big hit with our student body. They enjoyed the time outside to sign yearbooks, socialize, and play many different games. As well as purchase some sweet treats.

*Teachers filled up on a delicious board sponsored lunch. Afterwards teachers were recognized for their years of service.

*Graduation was a very dignified ceremony. The Class of 2023 graduated 147 students.

*Coach Brooks toured the Class of 1963 around Saturday afternoon.

Date	Event
Aug 1	Registration 8-6
Aug 7	Teachers 1 st Day
Aug 14	Students 1 st Day

Instructional Reports

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. District Four only has two teaching vacancies as of May 31st.
2. Thirty-nine educators have licenses scheduled to expire on June 30, 2023. Thirty-one of those educators submitted the 120 renewal points and/or Read to Succeed coursework and have already had their licenses renewed for an additional five years. One educator submitted documentation to the SCDE to have Read to Succeed added to his license. When the

paperwork is processed, his license will be renewed. One teacher requested an extension for the 2023-24 school year. Another teacher resigned. Five teachers are still completing recertification requirements. The SC Department of Education allows teachers to request a 1-year extension if they need additional time to meet the requirements for license renewal.

3. 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, induction class sessions, and plans for supporting the Student Learning Objective (SLO) process.
4. Teacher evaluations (ADEPT) were completed, and end-of-year conferences were held with teachers. Evaluation results were entered into SC LEAD and submitted to the SCDE by the end of May. 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.
5. The New Employee Orientation will be held on Tuesday, July 18th from 8am – 12pm. 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 reported the following:

1. Each school announced the Teacher of the Year during the last week of school. Those four teachers will now compete at the district level to represent Spartanburg Four Schools at the state level. Interviews and presentations will be judged by an outside panel of educators. Congratulations to Ben Smith, Lindsey Thompson, Daniel Westmoreland, and Laura Matz.
2. All grants for the FY23 school year have been submitted and amended. New grants will be opened and worked on during the month of July. The federal programs department will be monitoring Spartanburg Four for the FY24 school year.
3. The Federal Programs Advisory Committee met on May 11th. There were representatives from each of the four schools in attendance. The federal and state programs for the FY23 school year were discussed along with the budget expenditures when applicable. For the FY24 school year the CTE program will add a Health Science class for students who are unable to attend RD Anderson.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. All schools continue the scheduling process for the 2023-2024 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 44 students will receive services through the academically gifted program for the upcoming year.
3. Summer school sessions for Woodruff High School began on Thursday, June 1st. Woodruff Primary School, Woodruff Elementary School, and Woodruff Middle School began June 5. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 7:45 am-3:00 pm with no sessions on Friday.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

SPED

1. We ended the year with 560 students served under an IEP or 504. Last year we ended at 502.

Nursing

1. Mobile Mammogram was at the District Office May 11-May 12. We had a great turnout from our employees.
2. Immunization Clinic at WMS was a success and many students participated.

Mental Health

1. We recognized Mental Health Counselors on May 12th for Mental Health Appreciation Day.
2. The counselor from the SC Department of Mental Health started with us in May. Her name is Kala Allen. All of our Mental Health Counselors will be providing summer services to students.

Facilities

Board members received a list of projects

Superintendent

1. Presented copies of the 2023-2024 meeting schedule.
2. Budget meeting will be held June 26, 2023 at 6:00p.m.
3. BMW groundbreaking will be held June 27.
4. Grounding breaking for the new WHS site will be June 28.

Board Action

1. Approved the following personnel:
 - Jessica Norris- Teacher at Woodruff Primary School
 - Ki'ore Hunter- Teacher at Woodruff Primary School
 - Chloe Camantigue- Teacher at Woodruff Primary School
 - Allison Duckett- Assistant Principal at Woodruff Primary School
 - Cassidy Rector- Teacher at Woodruff Elementary School
 - James Taylor- Teacher at Woodruff Elementary School
 - Jami Guker- Assistant Principal at Woodruff Elementary School
 - Katie Harbin- Teacher at Woodruff Middle School
2. Approved Board Policy GCLE Unencumbered Time
3. Approved Morgan Smith as Vice Chairman of the Board
4. Appointed Jay Phillips to serve on the RD Anderson Board
5. Chairman Davis issued the following statement:

At this time, it is the unanimous opinion of this Board to leave the seat once filled by Dr. Randy Grant unfilled. After careful deliberation and discussion this Board feels confident that we can operate efficiently and carry out all District Four School Board matters, with an 8-member board. In light of the fact that there is an election scheduled for November (just a few months away), the voters will fill the seat. We elect to leave the seat vacant until that time in honor of Dr. Randy Grant. All things considered; we feel like this is the right thing to do.
6. Approved an amendment to the City of Woodruff Sewer Agreement- page 3, section 5 (e) to the following: SD4 Reimbursement- To the extent that SD4 is responsible for payment of any amounts over Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$500,000), SD4 shall be fully refunded for such amount through a credit on all sewer bills for Spartanburg County School District Four.
7. Approved quote from Davenport Group (State Contract) in the amount of \$130,844.00 for replacement/upgrade of Spartanburg Four's core network infrastructure.
8. Approved to amend the FY 2023 Budget in order to correct the revenue codes (per SC Dept. of Education funding manual).