

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

August 7, 2023

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, August 7, 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.

Chairman Tony Davis called the meeting to order. Minutes of the June 26 Budget meeting, June 29 Special called meeting, and July 17 Special called meeting were all approved as submitted.

Dr. Liston presented Mrs. Beth Grant with the nameplate of former board member Dr. Randy Grant. Dr. Grant served faithfully until his passing in May. Dr. Grant will forever be missed and his service to Spartanburg District Four will never be forgotten.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for August 2023 is attached.
2. WPS Summer School was held June 5th through June 29th. Seventy-nine, preschool through second grade students completed the program. A state department visit to the preschool and second grade classes indicated a successful program!
3. Registration for all students will be held on August 1st from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Parents will complete forms for transportation, pay technology plan payments, find out their child’s teacher, and have the option to purchase a yearbook or school shirt.
4. Approximately 500 students have registered online. Parents can continue to register through their parent portal. They will be able to complete online forms at school on August 1st if they have not done so already.
5. Meet the Teacher is scheduled for Thursday, August 10th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
6. WPS welcomes 13 new employees for the 2023-2024 school year! Mary Tedlock (4K Assistant), Olivia Grace Hemond (5K Teacher), Debra Lida (5K Assistant), Ki’ore Hunter (5K Teacher), Jessica Norris (5K Teacher), Jordan Long (5K Assistant), Jared Simmons (5K Assistant), Katie Bowling (First Grade Teacher), Chloe Camantigue (First Grade Teacher), Halley Stewart (First Grade Teacher), Rhonda Hines (First Grade Assistant), Gretchen Gassaway (Speech Therapist) and Casey Williams (Assistant).

August 2023

- 1 – WPS Registration 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- 7- Faculty and Staff Return
- 10 – Meet the Teacher 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 14 – First Day of School (1st and 2nd Grade)
- 14 – 18 Staggered Entry (3K, 4K, and 5K)
- Enrollment- As of 7/30

August, 2023					
Grade Level	# on Roll		# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	37		40	-3	3- Moon (Special Education)
4k	129		135	-6	4- Martell (Special Education) 1- pending withdrawal 1- waiting on class placement

5K	166		175	-9	3 –Martell (Special Education) 1- McT 5- pending withdrawal
1st	187		194	-7	1 – McT 3 –Humerez (Special Education) 3-pending withdrawal
2nd	202		215	-13	5 – Humerez (Special Education) 4- McT 4- pending withdrawal
TOTAL	721		759	-38	8 – Humerez, 7– Martell, 3 – Moon 6- McCarthy Teszler & CDC 13- pending withdrawal 1-waiting on class placement

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris gave the following report:

1. The WES Summer Reading Camp and Academic Recovery Camp operated in June. Students took the MAP assessment at the end of summer school to monitor progress.
2. As of Friday, July 28th, 500 students have registered online. Robo calls have been made to parents reminding them that they can register from home.
3. The week of August 7th through the 11th we have a lot of things scheduled for teachers including meetings on i-Ready training, crisis management, curriculum, evaluations, special education services, handbook policies and procedures, etc.
4. Students can meet their teacher on August 10th, from 5:00 to 7:00.
 - a. Technology Fee: \$30.00
 - b. Watershed Science Program: \$5.00
 - c. T-shirts: \$12.00 (We will take orders after school starts)
 - d. Agendas: \$10.00

Enrollment for WES as of 08/2/23:

Grade	# of Students
3rd	183
4th	207
5th	211

Pending Enrollment Numbers	
3 rd Grade	7
4 th Grade	5
5 th Grade	9
Total	21

August

- 1 – Registration
- 7 – First day for teachers
- 14th - First day for students
- 22nd – Begin fall testing i-Ready

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Summer School was held from June 5– June29.
2. Woodruff Middle School welcomes new staff to the building this year:
Rhonda Dye – special education
Autumn Brittain – math
Joni Skinner – math
Kim Helle - math
Sheena Abrams – ELA
Katie Harbin – math/ELA
Dale Jasper – student assistant
Deon Brice - ISS
3. Open House/Meet the Teacher will be held Thursday, August 10, 5pm-7pm.
4. The Band Instrument Rental opportunity is Thursday, August 17, 4pm-6pm in the cafeteria at WMS.
5. As of July 30, WMS has 712 enrolled with 17 students pending due to records.

Calendar of Events:

August 10	Meet the Teacher/Open House, 4-5:30 pm
August 14	WMS football practice begins
August 28	WMS football at D6 jamboree - TBA
August 17	Band Instrumental Rental, 5-7 pm in the cafeteria at WMS
September 4	Labor Day Holiday
September 5	WMS volleyball vs Ewing
September 6	WMS volleyball at Blacksburg
September 7	WMS football vs Ewing
September 11	WMS volleyball vs Campobello
September 13	WMS volleyball at Jonesville
September 13	1 st quarter interim reports
September 14	WMS football vs Clifdale

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- All student and teacher schedules were mailed in July and related instructions given. Numerous parent conferences have been held regarding course schedules.
- WHS New Teacher Orientation was held on July 18.
- Registration for the 2023-2024 school year was held on Tuesday, August 1st, from 8 am to 6 pm.
- There are currently 863 students with schedules at Woodruff High School. Students continue to transfer into and out of WHS in the weeks leading up to the start of school.
- The facility has been cleaned, and the final touches are being put in place for school opening.
- Ninety-three students completed the extended school year program, received credits and made progress toward graduation.
- Three students completed their diploma requirements during the extended school year program.
- Student athletes have been working throughout the summer and have attended various camps. A consistent group of young men and women have been conditioning in the mornings throughout the summer. This group represents players from all athletic teams at WHS.
- Band members have been working throughout the summer and have begun band camp. Several instruments were purchased or refurbished. The competition program is entitled "*Summer of Love*".

WHS GOOD NEWS

*Thursday, August 10, WHS will hold Open House from 5-7 pm. The Marching Cadets will be hosting a Meet the Wolverines event from 7-9 pm in the stadium. There will be food trucks, introduction of fall sports teams, and the Marching Cadets will preview their show "Summer of Love".

*Monday, August 14, will be the first day of school ☺

Date	Event
8-14	First Day of School
8-21	Ring Ceremony
9-9	ACT
9-13	Interims
9-19	Beta Club Induction
9-20	Education Op Day
9-29	Homecoming
10-6	College Application Day
10-7	ACT

Instructional Reports

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Orientation for new employees was held on Tuesday, July 18th in the Woodruff Elementary School library. Dr. Liston addressed the new employees regarding district vision and goals. They completed payroll and insurance documentation with Mr. Benfield and Mrs. Skinner. Accommodations were made for new employees who were unable to attend due to vacations or other conflicts.
2. Employees will participate in trainings specific to their roles through the Vector/Safe Schools online training modules. Universal trainings will include the following online videos: Bloodborne Pathogen, Sexual Harassment, and Child Abuse. Employees have had access to the training videos since early July, so they can view them at a time that is convenient.
3. District Four has eleven teachers who will be evaluated at the induction level. They will be assigned mentors and participate in monthly induction classes. These classes support first year teachers, as they learn the SC Teaching Standards and the teacher evaluation instrument utilized in SC.
4. Sixteen teachers will be evaluated at the annual contract level. These teachers will participate in a formal evaluation process with a team consisting of a building administrator and peer evaluator. They will be evaluated using the SC Teaching Standards Rubric 4.0.
5. Forty-nine continuing contract teachers will renew certificates on June 30, 2024. These teachers will participate in the comprehensive formative evaluation. Teachers complete this evaluation the year in which their certificates are scheduled to expire (5-year cycle). Mrs. Denise Brown completes these evaluations for District Four.

Mrs. Ann Hodge reported the following:

1. For the 2022-2023 school year, Spartanburg Four will receive funds from Title 1, Title II, Title III, Title IV and ESSER. Each of these grants will be submitted to the state department by the end of October. Funds may be spent upon approval.
2. Spartanburg Four has received donations of school supplies from Wal-Mart and the United Way. The supplies were divided among the schools.
3. Great Start was held on August 1st at the Woodruff Community Center. Families could pick up basic school supplies.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. Registration for the 2023-2024 school year was held at all schools August 1st from 8 am- 6pm.

2. SD4's partnership with T-Mobile Project 10Million continues for the 2023-2024 school year. This partnership allows SD4 to provide internet connectivity to students who have no access or need financial assistance to connect digitally outside of the traditional school setting.
3. The most up-to-date Spartanburg School District Four assessment calendar is attached. Please note all dates for testing are not currently available.
4. Assessment data for the 2022-2023 school year has been received, and we await state averages for comparison.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

SPED

1. We are starting the new school year with 591 students served under an IEP or 504. We ended the year at 560.
2. Using a new program to replace iReady with SPED students for progress monitoring. We will be using Classworks and providing training for teachers on this program August 9, 2023.
3. We welcomed Brian Thompson and Suzanne McConnell to our SPED staff this week.

Nursing

1. Nurses are working with families to ensure Individual Health Plans are completed for students who need specialized nursing services, allergies, medications, etc.

Student Services:

1. Attended a Whitlock Meeting on August 3, 2023 with all Spartanburg County
2. County SPED Directors are meeting at McCarthy-Teszler on August 10
3. I will be conducting meetings with SPED Teachers, School Psychologist, Guidance Counselors, Mental Health, EL Teachers, Nurses over the course of this week.
4. I will be meeting with faculties in all schools to share EAP information as well as Special Service information this week.

Facilities

1. **BAN 2023 Projects** – Board members received a list.
2. **2022 / 2023 School Year Projects** – Board members received a list.

Major Summer Projects:

Tennis Court Repair and Resurfacing – Complete 5/27/23
Varner Stadium Scoreboard - Complete 6/27/23
Gym Floor Refinishing – Complete 7/25/23
VCT Tile Replacement in (10) WES Classrooms – Complete 7/14/23
Repair / Resurface Tennis Courts – Complete 5/27/23
Replace Bus Drive at WHS Student Parking – 7/13/23
Paint Parking lot lines – Complete 7/7/23
Stadium Painting – Complete 6/21/23

Superintendent

1. Presented copies of the 2023-2024 meeting schedule.
2. Registration was held at all schools, August 1.
3. Great Start assisted over 600 students with back-to-school supplies.
4. Great first day back for teachers.
5. An update on the new WHS building will be given in September.

Board Action

1. Approved the updated sewer agreement with the City of Woodruff.
2. Approved the low bid of \$111,461.90 from Eaton for the main electrical switchboard for the new WHS.