

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

December 4, 2023

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

Superintendent Dr. Rallie Liston called the meeting to order. Minutes of November 13, 17, and 28 were approved as submitted.

Dr. Liston administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Rick Sloan, Ms. Sandy Norman, Mrs. Micha Kelley, and Dr. Nathan Craig prior to the meeting.

Dr. Liston presided over the election of Board Chairperson. Tony Davis was nominated by Gary Lee and seconded by Sandy Norman. Mr. Tony Davis was unanimously approved.

Chairman Davis took nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Morgan Smith was nominated by Sandy Norman and seconded by Ted Harrison Jr. Morgan Smith was unanimously approved.

Chairman Davis took nominations for Secretary. Sandy Norman was nominated by Rick Sloan and seconded by Ted Harrison Jr. Sandy Norman was unanimously approved.

The following members were selected to serve on the hearing committee: Rick Sloan, Sandy Norman, and Morgan Smith.

Rick Sloan and Micha Kelley will serve on the Board of R. D. Anderson Applied Technology Center.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for December 2023 is attached.
2. WPS students and staff donated approximately 2,000 items to The Woodruff Soup Kitchen in October and November. We will be collecting socks for Helping Hands in December!
3. i-Ready Diagnostic 2 begins on December 4th. All kindergarten, first, and second grade students will take this assessment. The goal would be for students to meet the halfway mark to their end of year target growth goal.
4. WPS held a family literacy night called Candy Land! Students and their parents came out to participate in a variety of candy themed literacy activities and games. All students received a free book! We had a great turn-out and received a lot of positive feedback. Kindergarten teacher, Susan Richard, and the event committee did an excellent job planning the event. Our next big family event will be in the spring.
5. Lion's Club completed vision screenings for students on November 20th. Healthy Smiles will conduct dental screenings for students on November 30th. These two organizations provide a great service for our community.
6. First grade classes have enjoyed a field trip to Publix in Duncan to learn about what goes on behind the scenes at a grocery store. This store provides such a fun and informative experience for students.
7. Second grade student council members collaborated to plan a school wide game for World Kindness Day on November 13th. All classes were presented with a challenge to focus on acts of kindness throughout the week and complete a bingo board.

December 2023

- 4 – Mid-Year Assessments Begin
- 14 – School Improvement Council 3:00
- 14 – SCOOPS Family Night 2:00 – 9:00
- 19 – Christmas Lunch for Staff
- 20 – North Pole Day

Enrollment- As of 11/27/23

December 2023				
Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	33	38	-5	5- Moon (Special Education)
4k	139	146	-7	7- Martell (Special Education)
5K	184	189	-5	3 -Martell (Special Education) 2- McT
1st	194	203	-9	2 - McT 7- CDC 6 -Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	204	211	-7	4 - Humerez (Special Education) 2 - McT; 1- CDC
TOTAL	754	787	-33	10 - Humerez, 10- Martell, 5 - Moon 8- McCarthy Teszler & CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris gave the following report:

1. We will i-Ready test math on December 6th and 7th and i-Ready test reading on December 12th and 13th.
2. We will hold our annual Spelling Bee in the media center on December 4th. These class winners will participate:

4th grade:

Stonesifer-Winner: Cowen Graves and Alternate: Ethan Packard

Harrison-Winner: Kolvin Coke and Alternate: Allionnah Jenkins

Young-Winner: Amaya Rice and Alternate: Rylan Wood

Wallace-Winner: Tayelor Riddle and Alternate: Jocie Burgess

Brannon-Winner: Luke Sullivan and Alternate: Ed Harris

Littlejohn-Winner: Colt Atkins and Alternate: Aleia Greene

Burnette-Winner: Kaia Tucker and Alternate: Brayden Ramey

Watson-Winner: Lucas Dickard and Alternate: Veronica Knight

5th grade:

Jacobi-Winner: Alex Cohan and Alternate: Hannah Dimsdale

Tollison-Winner: Hunter Edwards and Alternate: Serenity Lee

Gaffney-Winner: Sarah Watson and Alternate: John Arrington

Rector-Winner: Noah Loy and Alternate: Callie Rhodes

Thompson-Winner: Wyatt Goetz and Alternate: Adin Vazquez-Perez

Richards- Winner: Jayden Brissie and Alternate: Miriam Taylor
 Williams-Winner: Lillian Honeman and Alternate: Jackson Hostetler
 Mosteller- Winner: Nytrell Brown and Alternate: Jose Moreno Gutierrez

3. We were pleased with the turnout of family members and guests at the Veterans' Day Program.
4. During the month of December, students and staff members can participate in some fun and festive activities planned by our "Christmas Month" committee. We will have an Ice-Cream Sundae Wonderland, Christmas games, ornament exchange, sweet treats, holiday headgear day, cocoa bar, Christmas sweater day, and Moe's for all faculty and staff. We thank the board for our Christmas luncheon. The students will enjoy a visit from the Grinch where they can take a picture with him.
5. The students at WES and Willow Creek Golf Club Community members donated 1,105 items to the Agape Care Center in Woodruff.
6. Our guidance counselor taught Social and Emotional lessons (SEL) to our students during the month of November.
7. Several teachers from WES will be attending NMH Learning Event in Laurens District 55. They will get the opportunity to explore ELA resources that have been recommended for the State K-12 ELA Adoption list.
8. Mrs. Guker, Mrs. Mitchell, and Mrs. Rhodes visited Oakland Elementary in Spartanburg District 3 during the month of December.

December Events

- 1- 4th Grade Field trip to Spartanburg Youth Theater to see the play "Christmas Carol."
- 4- WES Spelling Bee
- 5-SEL Survey/Dental Screenings
- 6-and 7 I-Ready Math Testing
- 12 and 13- I Ready ELA Testing
- 13 Taylor/Young Paradise Lanes Field Trip
- 14/18- 5th Grade Watershed
- 20- Christmas Program at 9:00 in the Activity Center

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 11/24/23:

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<i>3rd Grade</i>	<i>199</i>
<i>4th Grade</i>	<i>208</i>
<i>5th Grade</i>	<i>223</i>

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 236, 7th – 222, 8th – 237
2. 2nd Nine Weeks report cards will be issued January 4.
3. FCA and Maroon on a Mission filled boxes for Operation Christmas Child.
4. WMS basketball kicked of the season by hosting the annual Cub Classic with teams from High Point Academy, Boiling Springs and Campobello Gramling.
5. Over 100 students were recognized as WMS students on the PROWL first semester. Postcards were mailed home to each student.
6. Winter MAP testing is underway.

7. The school spelling bee was held November 20. Avey Benton was the winner with Lucas Guastafarro named runner-up.
8. The winter chorus concert will be held December 7 at 7pm at the activity center. The WMS winter band concerts are scheduled for December 4 at 6pm for 6th and 7th grade and December 5 at 6pm for 8th grade. All band concerts are at WHS.

Calendar of Events:

WMS basketball at Sims/ WMS 6 th /7 th grade band concert at WHS at 6pm	
December 5	WMS 8 th grade band concert at WHS at 6pm
December 7	WMS basketball at Mabry/ Choral concert at Activity Center at 7pm
December 8	School band/chorus concert PM/Mid-year SLO should be complete
December 9	Archery try-outs 9am – 6 th , 10am-7 th , 11am – 8 th
December 11	WMS basketball at home vs. Clifdale
December 14	ELA exams/WMS basketball at Rainbow Lake
December 15	Science and social studies exams/Winter MAP closes
December 18	ENCORE exams/WMS basketball at Chesnee
December 19	Math exams/WMS winter sports pics
December 20	Make-up exams/Last student day before Christmas Holidays
January 3	Teacher workday
January 4	Students return from holidays/Report cards issued

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- The Career Ready Re-Test was given on Wednesday, November 1. There were 35 students who took the Career Ready Re-test.
- AP US and Hon Government students took a field trip on Thursday, November 9, to see The Wall That Heals. The Wall That Heals is a traveling three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
- WHS held a Veterans Day program on Friday, November 10. James Mulak spoke to the student body. He served the United States Marine Corps from July 2001-2009. His military service included deployment to 14 countries and training on 4 continents.
- The National Honor Society Induction was held on Monday, November 13. There were 13 new inductees.
- On Wednesday, November 15, students participated in their second SEL lesson of the second nine weeks, an earthquake drill and interims were sent home.
- A flyer that contained information on grades, attendance, and eligibility was mailed home prior to Thanksgiving break to remind parents of these policies and procedures.
- Mrs. Morris attended a workshop at the Master Skills Center on Friday, November 17.
- WHS Fall Sports Banquet was held on Monday, November 27. It was very well attended, and many athletes were recognized.
- Mrs. Traynham provided professional development to WHS teachers on Tuesday, November 28. The professional development addressed the needs of our multi-lingual learners and special education students.
- Guidance held a Palmetto Fellows meeting on Thursday, November 30, in the library.

WHS GOOD NEWS

*Students with zero demerits for first nine weeks received a free “Scoops” ice cream on Friday, November 3. Faculty and staff enjoyed the free sweet treat.

*WHS faculty, staff, and students provided for and served the meal Tuesday, November 14, at the Woodruff Soup Kitchen. We are making plans to do this again in the spring.

*WHS teachers sent home two “Good News” postcards to various students.

*Student Council worked to put up our Christmas tree before leaving for Thanksgiving break.

*Coach Logan hosted a "Lunch and Learn" on Tuesday, November 28. The guest speaker was a real estate agent.

Date	Event
12-4	Chorus Rehearsal
12-5	Band Concert
12-7	Chorus Concert
12-14	Lunch and Learn
12-15	School Christmas Concert
12-15	Begins 1 st Semester Exams
12-21	Begins Christmas Break

Instructional Reports

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Principals are holding mid-year conferences with teachers to discuss progress toward Student Learning Objectives and/or Professional Development Plans. They will conduct the preliminary evaluation conferences and enter results into SC LEAD by December 20.
2. The next Induction class will be held on December 11. The December session will address the following topics: Ethics for Educators, Maintaining Professional Boundaries with Students, Effective Teachers Research, and the SC Teaching Standards under the Professionalism Domain.
3. In addition to graduate courses, VirtualSC offers courses for renewal credits that educators can use to renew their licenses. These online renewal courses are provided at reduced rates of \$50 - \$85. Certain courses through VirtualSC are approved to meet the Read to Succeed requirements. Registration for Spring 2024 courses opens January 8th – 29th. Courses begin in February.

Mrs. Ann Hodge reported the following:

1. District Four completed the desk audit of our American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds on November 16, 2023.
2. There was an outpouring of clothing and toiletry items donated from community members for a family in need. The local churches worked together to spread the news and collect items. The family was very appreciative.
3. We are still waiting for Title III and CTE to be approved by the state department. At the last roundtable meeting I attended, it was announced that they are working diligently to approve them.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. Grades K-8 are completing midyear formative assessments with students. iReady (K-5) and MAP (6-8) assists teachers in identifying strengths and weaknesses of students and enables targeting of instruction. Both assessments provide a predictability model that gives a probability of a student scoring proficient on state standards when taking the SC Ready state assessment in May. For the 2023-2024 school year, the South Carolina Department of Education has been directed under Interim Assessment Proviso 1.76 to create a report on student performance statewide and submit these findings to the General Assembly. Any district failing to meet the required 85% participation rate will have 10% of classroom funding aid withheld.
2. The 2023-2024 early precode process has begun for SCReady and EOCEP. These assessments will take place during the last twenty calendar days of the 2023-2024 school year. Students in 11th grade will participate in the WIN Career Readiness assessment during the testing window of March 25th-April 12th. Seniors who need to qualify Career Ready will also retest during this window.

3. A revised assessment schedule for the 2023-2024 school year is attached. In January, the process to prepare for upcoming assessment windows will begin for all schools. This process will include district and school meetings as well as numerous trainings to ensure each testing environment meets the requirements set forth by the South Carolina Department of Education.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. Nursing
 - a. Sub Nurse -we were able to hire an additional sub nurse and will be working to get her acclimated to our schools and students. We now have 2 nurse subs.
 - b. I met with Nurses November 16th as a check-in.
 - c. 126 people participated in the recent Health Fair at WHS.
2. COVID-19
 - a. The following numbers have been reported for testing positive to COVID-19:
Staff: 37 Students: 78
3. Mental Health
 - a. This time of year we see an increase in students requiring Mental Health Services so we are carefully monitoring our students to offer support as needed.
4. SPED
 - a. The state SPED Director meeting was held November 17th in Columbia.
 - b. There was a county SPED Director meeting December 7th.
 - c. We are doing a county-wide review of our satellite programs.
5. Professional Development and Support
 - a. I provided PD and a Q/A for teachers at WHS on IEP's, 504, and Multi-Lingual Learners on November 28th during planning periods.
 - b. Carefully monitoring student numbers and additional ways we can offer support to teachers and students.
6. Medicaid Audit
 - a. The audit is the week we return from Christmas break in January so we will be collecting information to submit over the next few weeks.

Facilities

BAN 2023 Projects – Board members received a copy of projects.

2023 / 2024 School Year Projects – Board members received a copy.

School Safety Grant – We have applied for the following items through the SCDE Safety Grant program:

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| 1. Metal Detectors for WPS (1), WES (1), and WMS (4) | \$120,000 |
| 2. Classroom Door Locks for WPS, WES, and WHS | \$82,800 |
| 3. Classroom Window Glass Replacement at WES | \$7,500 |

Generator for District Office Server Room - We are working on a proposal for a backup generator to maintain power and air conditioning in our server room at the District Office. These servers control computers, security cameras, telephones, and data backups.

Furniture for New WHS-Consider bid under New Business

Superintendent

1. Provided copies of the policies that were approved at last month's meeting.
2. Presented poinsettias to each board member as a small token of appreciation.
3. State mandated orientation for newly elected board members was held along with a separate meeting regarding the construction of the new WHS.
4. Presented a personnel timeline and certified letter of intent form for the 24-25 school year.
5. Reminded the board about the annual convention in February.
6. Audit results will be presented at the January meeting.

7. Presented pictures of current construction activity at the new WHS site.
8. Presented a power point slide show of furniture design and layout at the new WHS.
9. Kara Turner with MPS Architects was asked to give a brief overview of some of the furniture choices.

Board Action

1. Approved the following policies: GBEBE Gavin's Law (Sexual Extortion- Staff) and JICFB Gavin's Law (Sexual Extortion- Student).
2. Approved the furniture bid for the new WHS from Nu-Idea in the amount of \$1,658,281.53.