

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

February 5, 2024

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, February 5, 2024, at 4:00 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 February 2024 is attached.
2. WPS currently has 89 students enrolled in our after school program three days a week. Students are working on specific skills in math to boost their overall achievement.
3. Students and staff are collecting items for the Agape Care Center in Woodruff. Our school goal is to collect at least 500 items.
4. WPS will hold the Science Fair February 19th and 20th. Students in first and second grades are encouraged to participate.
5. Preschool and kindergarten enrollment for students new to WPS will be held on March 14, 2024 from 8:30 – 2:00 in the District 4 Activity Center. Informational flyers will be sent out soon.
6. Teachers have been holding mid-year conferences with parents throughout January. Teachers met with parents of children who are below grade level in reading or math.
7. Teachers are currently reviewing materials for a new English Language Arts curriculum to be implemented next school year. Allison Duckett, Hannah Deahl, Rachel Gladden, and Kelsey Todd recently attended a textbook caravan to hear presentations about each option.
8. Hannah Deal and Erin Gambrell had the opportunity to participate in a Foundations of Literacy Standards training for Literacy Coaches, presented by the SC State Department of Education on February 5th.
9. Allison Duckett participated in a countywide event for literacy leaders on January 30th. She was able to network with other Spartanburg districts and participate in informational sessions related to the new literacy standards being implemented next school year.
10. Second grade students are going on a field trip to Spartanburg Science Center in February.

February 2024

- 7- Interims sent home (1st and 2nd)
- 7- Guidance Counselor Appreciation Day
- 14 – Valentine’s Day Class Parties
- 19 & 20 – Science Fair Projects Due
- 20 – School Improvement Council Meeting
- 23 – School Family Celebration
- 28 – School Pictures

enrollment- As of 2/1/2024

January 2024				
Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	34	40	-6	6- Moon (Special Education)
4k	138	144	-6	6- Martell (Special Education)
5K	189	194	-5	3 -Martell (Special Education) 2- McT
1st	195	203	-8	2 - McT 7- CDC 5 -Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	203	211	-8	5- Humerez (Special Education) 2 - McT; 1- CDC
TOTAL	759	792	-33	10 - Humerez, 9- Martell, 6 - Moon 8- McCarthy Teszler & CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris gave the following report:

1. Currently 153 students are attending our after-school program. It is held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons until spring break. I am so appreciative to these teachers for working with the students: Mrs. Cole, Mrs. McKoy, Ms. McNeely, Ms. Grier, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Baynes, Mrs. Spearman, Mrs. Littlejohn, Mrs. Kenndy, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. D. Harrison, Mrs. Rector, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Thompson, and Mrs. Gaffney. Ms. Mitchell has done a tremendous job with overseeing the program.
2. January 23rd-Students, faculty, and staff dressed up in their favorite 80's Style to Celebrate the 100th Day of School.
3. All of fifth grade students along with WES Student Council members, and E. Young/J. Taylor's class will be in attendance-February 8th. Gas for the field trip was paid for by a business owner. The trip was free for all students.
4. Students that met their stretch goal for the year on i-ready ELA or Math enjoyed an ice-cream party! We are so proud of these students.
5. WES Student Council and WES Students are working to spread some Valentine's Day cheer! They are making Valentine's Card for the local nursing homes in our community.

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 1/23/24

	#
3 rd Grade	199
4 th Grade	211
5 th Grade	232

Professional Development Opportunities

Moran Carroll-SCBTAM training in Columbia-January 26th

Samantha Amick will attend The Annual South Carolina Speech Learning Theory Association Convention-February 1-3rd.

Mrs. Rhodes and Ms. Mitchell will attend the 2023 SC CCR ELA Standards Training -February 15th

February 2024 Calendar (After school is held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday each week)

1- Good News Club

5- WE Singers

6- Gifted Art

7- School Counselor Appreciation Day

Gifted Art

8- Wofford Basketball Trip 5th Grade

Good News Club

9 – Student Council Meeting

Last day for Valentine Grams

12- WE Singers

13- Gifted Art

14-3rd Grade Watershed

Gifted Art

15-3rd Grade Watershed

Good News Club

16-Teacher Inservice/Workday

19-SEL Lessons

WE Singers

20-SEL Lessons

3rd Grade Verbal Gifted Testing

Gifted Art

21-SEL Lessons

3rd Grade Non-Verbal Gifted Testing

22-SEL Lessons

4th Grade Verbal Gifted Testing

School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day

Good News Club

23-SEL Lessons

4th Grade Non-Verbal Gifted Testing

26-5th Grade Verbal Gifted Testing

WE Singers

27-5th Grade Non-Verbal Gifted Testing

Gifted Art

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 241 7th – 224 8th – 233
2. Interim reports for 3rd nine weeks will go home February 7.
3. WIDA testing began January 29.
4. Winter sport Athlete of the Week recognition for Woodruff Middle School includes: Bailee Brown, Curtis Bell, Jay Glenn, Kennedy Scruggs, Tylar Smith, Mehki Norman
5. The WMS boys' basketball team went undefeated in their division of the Foothills conference and was tournament runners-up. The WMS girls' basketball team finished 3rd in their division and won their opening game of the Foothills tournament.

Calendar of Events:

After school ELA on Mondays thru March 25

After school math on Tuesdays thru March 26

February 7

Interims

February 15	NAEP testing for 8 th grade
February 16	Teacher In-service
February 21	Lunch and learn
February 27	Spring Pictures
March 13	Report Cards
March 15	Teacher In-service
March 18	WMS winter sport awards/Spring MAP begins
March 20	Lunch and learn
April 1-5	Spring break

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- Report cards went home Monday, January 11.
- Thursday, January 11, WMS 8th graders toured WHS. And that evening WHS hosted an 8th Grade Parent Night. In both meetings students and parents were presented with a power point about High School Registration. The parent meeting was well attended.
- Thursday, January 18, guidance held a Financial Aid/Dual Enrollment Night. Representatives from SCC made the presentations.
- Monday, January 22, after school enrichment started for our EOC courses. Math and Biology meet on Mondays and Tuesdays. English meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Wednesday, January 24, students completed their first SEL lesson of the third nine weeks.
- Thursday, January 25, WHS participated in a Code Red drill.
- WIDA testing started on Monday, January 29. Testing will also take place on January 30, February 5 and 6.

WHS GOOD NEWS

*Seniors went on their annual bowling field trip to Paradise Lanes. 143 seniors attended and had an amazing time playing and fellowshiping with one another. The faculty enjoyed it as well. Many of them were sore the next day.

*Ms. Carrigan hosted Lunch and Learn on Friday, January 19. A hot coco bar was set up for students. They made Valentine Days cards for Woodruff Manor.

*Art Society held their annual Empty Bowls fundraiser on Sunday, January 21. The event was very successful, and everyone was well held.

*Scoops was on campus during lunch on Friday, January 26. Students who had zero demerits for second nine weeks received a free scoop along with faculty and staff.

*A Soup-er Bowl contest was held during lunch for the faculty and staff on Wednesday, January 31. Mrs. Murrell took home first place in the chili category and Mrs. Morris took home first place in the soup category for her chicken fajita soup.

Coming Events

Date

2-5	WIDA Testing
2-6	WIDA Testing
2-7	9 th Grade RDA/MSD Tour
	Interims
2-16	Teacher Workday
2-21	Advisory Schedule

Career Fair
Fire Drill
2-23 Sophomore Jostens Meeting
2-29 Lunch and Learn
3-12 ACT/SAT School Testing
3-13 Advisory Schedule SEL Lesson
Report Cards
3-15 Teacher Workday
3-16 Art Spring Fling
3-18 Winter Sports Banquet
3-27 Career Ready Testing
Last day of after school enrichment
3-28 Lunch and Learn
4-1 Spring Break Begins
4-13 Prom
4-17 Advisory Schedule SEL Lesson
Interims
Tornado Drill
4-18 Lunch and Learn
4-19 Eng II EOC Field Test
4-20 Band to Carowinds
4-26 Stone Soup
4-27 Chorus to Carowinds
4-29 Most Improved
4-30 Eng II Writing EOC

Instructional Reports

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Principals have conducted mid-year evaluation conferences with teachers and discussed progress toward the Student Learning Objectives (SLOs). According to the ADEPT timeline, the ending date for final evaluation conferences is April 26.
2. The next induction class will be held on Monday, February 12 from 3:00 – 6:00pm. The teachers will be working with the 12 standards in the Instruction Domain throughout the remaining class sessions in February and March. Teachers videotape themselves teaching a lesson, view the lesson, and complete the Post-Conference Teacher Reflection form. They reflect on their teaching in relation to the SC Teaching Standards and share their findings with their colleagues.
3. Fifty-one educators have licenses that will expire on June 30, 2024. Twenty-nine educators have already submitted documentation for license renewal. Twenty-two teachers are still completing recertification requirements, which include 120 renewal credits. Renewal credits can be accumulated through graduate courses, SCDE workshops, and professional development related to Student Learning Objectives.

Mrs. Ann Hodge reported the following:

1. The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Program self-assessment and desk audit were completed in the fall. We received this from the SCDE, *“After careful review of your ARP ESSER Program Monitoring Self-Assessment and your submission of the Desk Audit, we have concluded that Spartanburg County School District 4 has satisfied all requirements and a Field Monitoring Visit will not be conducted at this time.”*
2. All of the documents for the audit on March 6, 2024, have been submitted to the SCDE auditor for review.

3. Celanese donated headphones, Kleenex, Lysol spray, backpacks, crayons, highlighters, and notebooks. The items were divided and distributed to the schools.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. Staff members from each school will attend a workshop on February 19th in preparation for the 2024-2025 school year. Each school's PowerSchool database is ready to begin the scheduling process for the upcoming school year.
2. District testing and technology members will be conducting meetings with school testing coordinators on February 8th to review the spring 2024 testing season.
3. ACCESS WIDA, a state-mandated assessment required for Multilingual Learners, began on January 22nd and will conclude on March 15th.
4. The Performance Task Assessment begins for qualifying students on February 20th and concludes on March 15th.
5. Congratulations to the eight WMS students for qualifying as a Junior Scholar for the 2023-2024 school year. To qualify as a Junior Scholar, students participate in the fall offering of the PSAT and score either a 550 on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or a 530 on the mathematics portion. These students will be recognized at the May Board Meeting.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. Mental Health
 - a. I attended the Spartanburg County Behavioral Health Meeting on January 25th.
 - b. There are many important partnerships between Spartanburg County and our school system, the committee is working hard to improve mental health resources within Spartanburg County. I am proud to represent Woodruff within this group and advocate for mental health services for our community.
2. SPED
 - a. There will be a county SPED Director meeting February 8th.
 - b. Things are on track for the county-wide review of satellite programs.
 - c. The state-wide system, Enrich, that holds IEP/504 and other student data is being replaced at the end of this year. We are closely monitoring the transition of this system.
3. Medicaid Audit
 - a. The audit was January 18th, 2024.
 - b. The follow-up meeting will be held February 7th.
 - c. The auditor was very pleased when she left and noted that D4 should be the example for all districts.
4. Nursing
 - a. We will host the Mobile Mammogram Unit in the school district in May. Plans are currently being made to ensure our staff can take advantage of this wonderful service.
5. Multi-Lingual Learners
 - a. Mrs. Hodge is actively preparing for the Federal Program audit which included Multi-Lingual Learners
 - b. We have added a bilingual assistant at the high school level to assist our ML teachers in meeting student needs.

Facilities

BAN 2024- board members received a proposed project list.

Superintendent

1. Reminded board that teacher contracts will be issued February 7.
2. Provided board members with information regarding SCSBA Conference.
3. Provided a copy of approved 2024-2025 school calendar.
4. Provided a copy of information related to Statement of Economic Interest.

Board Action

1. Approved the low bid of \$67,310.75 from Y&S Technologies for computers (desktop and monitor) for the Project Lead the Way CATE Class at WHS.
2. Approved the Easement Agreement with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC at the site of the new WHS.
3. Approved the following new hires:
 - a. Haley Farner- Teacher at Woodruff Primary School for the 2024-2025 school year
 - b. Lina Marcelas Garcia Brock- Teacher at Woodruff Middle School for the 2024-2025 school year
 - c. Tyesha Fulmer- Teacher at Woodruff High School for the 2024-2025 school year
4. Approved 2024-2025 returning teacher contracts at Woodruff Primary School.
5. Approved 2024-2025 returning teacher contracts at Woodruff Elementary School.
6. Approved 2024-2025 returning teacher contracts at Woodruff Middle School.
7. Approved 2024-2025 returning teacher contracts at Woodruff High School.