

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

March 4, 2024

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, March 4, 2024, 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. The minutes of the February 5, 6, 7, 14, 21, and 26 meetings were approved, and the following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for March 2024 is attached.
2. WPS students and staff collected approximately 200 items for Agape Care Center of Woodruff. In March, we will collect items for the Spartanburg Humane Society.
3. WPS Science Fair was held February 19th and 20th. Twenty-two first and second graders entered projects. Any student who placed first, second, or third place in their category was eligible to enter the Piedmont Region III Science Fair at USC Upstate. Congratulations to the following students for placing in the competition:
Wyatt Workman (Overall Winner), Isaiah Lawson, Andrew Travis, Ryan Matz, Avril Sanders, Penny Oetken, Caylin Horton, Breonna Elmore, Brooke Crain, Charlotte Simmons, Sharjeel Rayan, Caroline Smith, and Deacon Woodbury.
4. Preschool and kindergarten enrollment will be held on Thursday, March 14th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Students new to Woodruff Primary School for the 2024-2025 school year should be enrolled on this day. Parents of students already enrolled, do not need to attend.
5. Twenty second graders qualified to take the Performance Task Assessment (PTA) in order to qualify for the gifted and talented program in third grade. PTA was administered from Wednesday, February 21st until Friday, February 23rd. Results will be received later in the spring.
6. WPS students are fortunate to participate in many field trip opportunities this year. Most recently, students visited and have plans to visit Spartanburg Science Center, Runway Park, Greenville Zoo, and The Children's Museum of the Upstate.
7. Each WPS student received a copy of a book titled The Power of Yet by Maryann Cocca-Leffler. Our young students are learning about having a growth mindset and realizing they can persevere. Our hope is that the book, along with some suggested activities, will be a way for parents to continue this conversation at home!

March

- 1-3 Jersey Mike's, Woodruff Fundraiser
- 1 – Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration
- 1 – Maintenance Appreciation Day
- 6 – Severe Weather Drill (Tornado)
- 13- Report Cards Issued
- 14 - Preschool and Kindergarten Enrollment (8:30 – 2:00)
- 15 - No School – Teacher Inservice Day
- 22 – 29 – Bedford Falls Book Fair

- 25 – 29 – Storybook Character Week
- 27 – Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
- 29 – Storybook Character Parade (9:00 a.m.)

Enrollment- As of 3/1/2024

March 2024				
Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	35	42	-7	6- Moon (Special Education)
4k	139	145	-6	6- Martell (Special Education)
5K	187	192	-5	3 -Martell (Special Education) 2- McT
1st	195	203	-8	2 - McT 7- CDC 5 -Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	208	216	-8	5- Humerez (Special Education) 2 - McT; 1- CDC
TOTAL	764	798	-34	10 - Humerez, 9- Martell, 6 - Moon 8- McCarthy Teszler & CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris gave the following report:

1. Mrs. Newton administered WIDA Access Testing to our ML students during the month of February.
2. 18- 3rd graders, 25- 4th graders, and 22- 5th graders qualified to take the South Carolina Performance Task Assessment for Academic Gifted and Talented Identification. This is based on meeting the required state criteria and includes verbal and nonverbal task assessments. Student results will be returned late spring and will determine if students qualify for Soar placement for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. In the month of February, third grade students worked diligently on a research project and presentation for Black History Month. They each chose a historical or noteworthy figure, conducted research, organized their findings, and compiled their ideas into a final project. Students wore their **Red Carpet** attire on their presentation day.
4. "Hatching Out with 4-H". The first session will be from February 27th to March 22nd -Students develop an understanding of biology through direct experiences with living things, observation of embryo development, instruction in avian life cycles, and the basics of poultry production. Students listen, observe, experiment, and apply their knowledge to real-world situations while incubating fertile chicken eggs.
5. 5th Grade Students will attend the Link Up Concert on March 5th, at Converse University
6. We are going to have designated days for students to invite a "buddy" or two to breakfast. This is called "Breakfast Buddies." Students can invite no more than two guests to come between 7 and

7:45 for breakfast. We will serve muffins, coffee, and juice. March 5th-3rd Grade/March 6th -4th Grade/March 7th 5th Grade

7. WES Science Fair March 7th (winners will be announced on April Board Report)
8. Greta Fulmer is shadowing Mrs. Gaffney this semester for our Future Teachers of America Club. Jasmine Candelas will be shadowing Miss McNeely.
9. Clinical Students-Brooke Bailey will be with Coach Addis and Katyln Cunningham will be with Mrs. E. Young.
10. In February, WES students held a Read-A-Thon, and they met their reading minutes goal of 10,000 minutes!!! WES students also met their money goal for the Read-A-Thon! Mrs. Bostdorff, the Media Specialist, will be able to buy lots of new books! Mrs. Stonesifer was the top class for the most minutes read (2142 minutes) and Mr. Darnell was the top class for the most money raised (\$250)! Wahoo! WES students raised \$1215.
11. **WES Family Game Night**-This is a free event. We will have corn hole, line dancing, photo booth, ring toss, multiplication, and division bingo, Jenga, speech bingo, math stacks, checkers, tic-tac-toe, card games, "Headbandz", Speed Stacks, Connect 4 and other games for students and their families to enjoy. We will also have pizza and concessions for sale.

Enrollment for WES as of 2/26/24:

Grade	#
3rd	199
4th	210
5th	233

March

- 1 – Maintenance Appreciation Day ,Make-up Gifted Testing
- 4 – After School Program, WE Singers
- 5– 3rd Grade Breakfast Buddies, Link-up Concert-5th Grade Field Trip to Converse, After School Program, Gifted Art
- 6 – 4th Grade Breakfast Buddies, 5th Grade Watershed, After School Program
- 7 – 5th Grade Breakfast Buddies, Science Boards Due, 5th Grade Watershed
- 8 – Student Council Meeting, Science Fair Viewing (9:00-1:00pm)
- 11– After School Program, WE Singers
- 12 –After School Program, Gifted Art
- 13 – 3rd Grade Watershed, Report Cards Issued, After School Program
- 14 – 3rd Grade Watershed
- 15 – Teacher Inservice Workday
- 18 –After School Program, WE Singers
- 19 – SEL Survey, After School Program, Gifted Art
- 20 – SEL Survey make-up, After School Program
- 21 – WES Parent/Family Engagement Event 4:00-6:00 pm, WE Singers Last Meeting
- 22 -Fire Drill
- 25 – After School Program, WE Singers, After School Program
- 26– After School Program, Gifted Art, After School Program
- 27-School Paraprofessional Appreciation Day, After School Program
- 28 – WE Singers Spring Concert during lunch in the cafeteria (parents are invited)

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 243 7th – 223 8th – 230

2. Report cards for 3rd nine weeks will be sent home March 13.
3. The winter sport awards program will be held March 18.
4. Spring Map testing begins March 18.
5. The WMS after school program continues with ELA on Mondays and math
6. on Tuesdays. The program continues through March 26.

Calendar of Events:

March 6	7 th grade field trip
March 8	Friday Night Flights Archery at WMS 6pm
March 13	Report Cards
March 15	Student council shamrock sales
March 15	Teacher In-service
March 18	WMS winter sport awards/Spring MAP begins
March 20	Lunch and learn
April 1-5	Spring break
April 18	TDAP clinic
April 23	Field Test
April 24	Lunch and learn

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- WIDA testing took place February 5 and 6.
- Interims went out Wednesday, February 7.
- WHS held RDA/MSC registration in the library this month with designated days for each class and three days of make up registration.
- WHS faculty and staff took a field trip to the new school work-site on Friday, February 16.
- Students participated in their first SEL lesson for the third nine weeks.
- WHS held a fire drill on Wednesday, February 21.
- Jostens distributed ring packets to the sophomore class Friday, February 23.
- Mr. Duckett and Mrs. Lyda have met with students who received FAs from the first semester. They were given a letter outlining how they can recover their seat time. An all call was sent home as well notifying the parents.

WHS GOOD NEWS

*WHS held their Winter Pep Rally. All winter sports athletes were recognized. Our basketball cheer team performed and led the student body in the spirit stick competition. The freshman won.

*The ninth-grade class toured RDA and the MSC on Wednesday, February 7. We had over 100 students participate. It was very informative.

*Mrs. Morris taught a lesson in Woodruff 101 for the day! I had a great time getting to know our freshman even better.

*Several WHS Band students attended a USC Band Clinic February 16-18. Seven band students made All-Region and one band student All-State.

*Several AP Biology and APES students helped judge the WPS Science Fair.

*WHS Career Fair was held on Wednesday, February 21. Seventeen classes participated in the Career Fair. We had fifty businesses/colleges that were represented.

*Students have voted once again for the Choice Lunch Line...Deli Sandwiches won.

*Guidance held a Lunch and Learn Wednesday, February 28. The topic was self-love/self-compassion. Learning to give ourselves some grace and not be so hard on ourselves all the time.

*Mayor Gist came and spoke to the entire WHS Student Body on Thursday, February 29. His message was very positive and uplifting.

Coming Events

Date

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
 5-2 Olencki Art Show, Band Concert (evening)
 5-3 US History EOC, Lunch and Learn
 5-4 SAT
 5-6 AP Gov't
 5-7 Eng II Reading EOC, Chorus Concert (evening)
 5-8 AP Lit
 5-9 Algebra I EOC, APES
 5-10 APUSH, AP Art
 5-13 AP Calc
 5-14 Biology EOC, AP Lang
 5-15 Graduation Walk, End Year Concert, AP CS
 5-16 AP Bio, Senior Exams
 5-17 Awards Day/Yearbook Tailgate
 5-20 Senior Exams, 1st and 4th period exams
 5-21 Senior Exams, 2nd and 5th period exams
 5-22 3rd and 6th period exams
 5-23 7th period exam, Last Day of School, Senior Breakfast/Graduation
 5-24 Teacher Workday
 5-28 Summer School Registration
 5-30 1st day of summer school

Instructional Reports

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Contracts were issued in February. Thirty-seven percent of those contracts have already been signed and submitted to the District Office.
2. The last induction class will be held on Monday, March 11 from 3:00 – 6:00pm. The successful completion of this class and a proficient score on classroom observations will allow teachers to move from induction evaluation to annual evaluation for the 2024-25 school year.
3. Administrators are following the end-of-year timeline for the completion of ADEPT observations and final evaluation conferences. The timeline in the District Four ADEPT Plan has been approved by the SC Department of Education.
4. All principals have completed the PADEPP mid-year evaluation conferences. They will complete a self-assessment related to the standards on which they are being evaluated and submit evidence to document performance on those standards. A full evaluation requires evidence for all nine of the PADEPP standards. A partial evaluation requires evidence for

Standards #2 (Instructional Leadership) and #9 (Principal's Professional Development). Principals are required to complete full evaluations every third year.

5. Twenty-nine educators have licenses that will expire on June 30, 2024. Twenty teachers are still completing recertification requirements, which include 120 renewal credits/points.
6. Presented procedures regarding the appeal of Scholar's Academy and Spartanburg County Early College High School eligibility.

Mrs. Ann Hodge reported the following:

1. Spartanburg Four has qualified for Title III, Part A Immigrant funding in the amount of \$11,335.07. 51 immigrant students are currently enrolled in D4.
If the student has a birth country other than the United States and the entry date is within three years or less, this student qualifies toward the immigrant students count.
2. All the required data for the 2021-22 Civil rights Data Collection has been submitted.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. On January 22nd, all schools began an after-school program that will conclude on March 27th. Students receive additional standards-based instruction in a small group setting in math, Language Arts, or both. At present, approximately 336 students are enrolled districtwide. This is an increase of about 100 students from last year.
2. Schools, along with district staff, continue to review testing procedures and guidelines for upcoming state mandated assessments. Upcoming webinars and workshops are scheduled as we prepare for SCReady (which includes Science), EOCEP, and the WIN Career Readiness Assessment.
3. Performance Task Assessments will be given from February 20th-March 8th to previously identified students.
4. The WIDA Access test for Multi-Lingual learners will conclude on March 15th.
5. Woodruff Middle School will begin MAP testing on Monday, March 18th and conclude March 28th. Woodruff High School will begin MAP testing on Monday, March 11th.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. Mental Health
 - a. I attended the Advisory Council Meeting recently with other Spartanburg County School Districts as well as other Mental Health and SAM professionals. We are discussing ways to improve systems to support students through trauma informed instruction.
 - b. We have seen a rise of students needing Mental Health services over the last few months and a significant increase from the 22-23 to the 23-24 school year.
2. SPED
 - a. There will be a county SPED Director meeting March 7th.
 - b. The county-wide review of satellite programs was completed and I am finalizing results to share with the other Spartanburg County Directors and Superintendents.
 - c. As mentioned last month, the state-wide system, Enrich, that holds IEP/504 and other student data will be replaced. SPED leaders in the state will be training on the new system this month. D4 and other Spartanburg County School Districts have discussed a process for this transition and will be implementing procedures in the next few weeks and months to prepare for this transition.
 - c. I was able to attend the SCCEC (South Carolina Council of Exceptional Children) Conference with other Special Education Professionals from around the state last week and was additionally honored to be chosen to serve on the Advisory Panel for a session geared to answering questions regarding Special Education issues impacting educators

and administrators statewide. I was honored to represent Spartanburg 4 as a member of this Panel and appreciated being able to attend.

3. Medicaid Audit
 - a. The follow-up meeting was held February 7th
 - b. The auditor was very pleased with D4
4. Multi-Lingual Learners
 - a. The addition of the bilingual assistant at WHS to assist our Lead ML teacher in meeting student needs, has been helpful. We are still seeing increased growth with this subgroup. We recognize a need for increased staffing for ML learners for the 24-25 school year and appreciate the work our current staff is doing to ensure our students are learning and making significant academic progress.
5. Art and Music
 - a. We will begin notifying families of students chosen to audition for the gifted art and music programs within D4 in March.
 - b. Screenings for these programs will take place in April
 - c. It is Youth Art Month at the Chapman Cultural Center. The Exhibit will run from March 13-April 28th.

Facilities

1. Closed out 47 work orders.
2. Completed 47 preventive maintenance requirements.
3. Completed repairs on the small Trane chiller at WHS – for the computer labs.
4. Completed installing 200 feet of underground UF cable to install an outlet at the batting cage for girls' softball.
5. Completed installing a new electric water heater in the boiler room for WMS.
6. Completed the replacement of several feet of chill water piping and fittings that were leaking over the cafeteria manager's office at WPS.
7. Completed the installation of two new handrails at WPS.
8. Trane Service has started the repair of a leak on the main chiller at WPS.
9. Hired a new facilities technician.
10. Presented information regarding generators to be used for emergency back-up to protect servers.

Superintendent Report- Mr. Chris Benfield and Dr. Aaron Fulmer

1. Reminded the board about the statement of economic interest.
2. Construction meetings are being held weekly regarding the new WHS.
3. Currently two state teacher salary scales are being discussed by the state.
4. District teachers of the year and state champions will be recognized at the April meeting.
5. Updated the board on recently approved permits for new housing in District Four.

Board Action

1. Approved the cost of \$64,206 to be paid to Piedmont Natural Gas for the gas line at the new WHS site.
2. Approved the \$700,000 Bond Anticipation Note Resolution.
3. Approved the \$1,395,000 General Obligation Bond Resolution.
4. Approved the instructional materials for the 24-25 school year for ELA curriculum.
5. Approved the following new hires for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - a. Nicole Barber- District Speech Language Pathologist- Housed at Woodruff Primary
 - b. Kathryn Johnson- Teacher at Woodruff Primary School
 - c. Morgan Carroll- Guidance Counselor at Woodruff Elementary School

- d. Renee Robinson- Teacher at Woodruff Elementary School
- e. Alyssa Silver- Teacher at Woodruff Elementary School
- f. Jennifer Wiggins- Returning Teacher at Woodruff Elementary School
- g. Michelle Call- Assistant Principal at Woodruff Middle School
- h. Emily Montjoy- Librarian at Woodruff Middle School