

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

May 6, 2024

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office. Agenda notice was distributed to Spartanburg Herald Journal, Woodruff Times, Post and Courier and listed on the District website at spartanburg4.org/do/agenda.

Chairman Tony Davis called the meeting to order. The minutes of the April 8 and April 30 meetings were approved, and the following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for May 2024 is attached.
2. The students enjoyed listening to tales told by the Stone Soup Storytellers. Mrs. Rhodes coordinated the event on April 26th.
3. I-Ready Diagnostic testing for kindergarten through second grade students began on April 15th.
4. The WHS graduating class will walk through the WPS halls for students on May 15th.
5. WPS held the St. Jude Children's Hospital Walk-A-Thon on April 25th. The event was a huge success and families were able to enjoy this event with their child. All of our fundraising efforts paid off and we are thrilled to be able to donate over \$8,000.00 to St. Jude from the Woodruff community. Community members, businesses, churches, staff members, families and students came together to provide this generous donation!
6. WPS plans to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week with a variety of activities May 6th -10th. All school employees will get lots of treats and attention that week!
7. End of year programs for all grades will be held beginning on May 16th.
May 16 – 3K
May 17 – 4K
May 20 – 5K
May 21 – First Grade
May 22- Second Grade
Programs will be held at various times, assigned by class.
8. WPS will hold summer school classes for kindergarten through second grade on June 3rd – June 27th. A limited number of slots will be available. Students will be invited based on need.
9. Students are looking forward to a visit from Carolina Critters. All students will have the opportunity to attend an engaging program and meet some interesting animals.
10. Mrs. Lala Franco held a parent session on children's technology use on April 17th. There were 14 parents who participated.
11. Terrific Kid of the Year Alyssa Entwistle was recognized at a luncheon in Spartanburg on April 18th.

MAY

- 3 – Carolina Critters Program
- Project Search
- 6 – 10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 9 – WPS Second Graders Tour WES
- 14 – Field Day
- 16 – 22 Awards Programs

23 – Last Student Day
Enrollment- As of 4/29/2024

March 2024				
Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	37	44	-7	7- Moon (Special Education)
4k	140	146	-6	6- Martell (Special Education)
5K	188	193	-5	3 -Martell (Special Education) 2- McT
1st	196	204	-8	2 - McT 7- CDC 5 -Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	209	217	-8	5- Humerez (Special Education) 2 - McT; 1- CDC
TOTAL	770	804	-34	10 - Humerez, 9- Martell, 6 - Moon 8- McCarthy Teszler & CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for May 2024 is attached.
2. The students enjoyed listening to tales told by the Stone Soup storytellers. Ms. Bostdorff coordinated that event on April 26th.
3. Mr. Wash and Mrs. Vaughn have been screening students for gifted art and music for next year. Congratulations to the following students on being selected as new members of the WE Singers for the 2024-25 school year: Matthew Atkins, Skyler Colleen, Liam Cribbs, Ali Dixon, Adalyn Fowler, Isaac Gentry, Memphis Glass, Owen Godfrey, Abigail Harris, Adalee Jones, Kensey Mack, Vera Parchuk, Leah Pitts, Keaton Powell, Logan Reed, Sariah Scott, Paislee Simmons, Adam Siskey, Cash Smith, Avery Stonesifer, Preslee Taylor, Rylan Wood. WPS-Lilyauna Brewster, Daisy Childers, Brooke Crain, Alyssa Entwistle, Paisley Hill, Quinn Magyar, Avrileigh Sanders, Elias Sawczuk, Charlie Smith, Avery Squibbs, Ellie Vance. Congratulations to the following students on being selected as new gifted art members for the 2024-2025 school year: Sophie Tropeano, Malorie Gomez, Sarah Watson, Zoey Windham, Cowen Graves, Elizabeth (Emmie) Lynn, Elizabeth Whitmore, and Lina Brock.
4. WES is hoping that Jersey Mike’s fundraiser will be a success!! Customers had until April 26th to order.
5. Students will take the SC Ready writing assessment on April 29th, SC Ready ELA on April 30th, and fourth graders will take SC Pass Science on May 6th, SC Ready Math on May 8th.
6. Summer School will begin June 3rd-June 28th. We will attend Monday through Thursday from 7:45 until 3:15. Students in the Read to Succeed summer reading camp must receive 96 instructional hours.
7. We raised \$416 for Kids with Lids.

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 04/26/24

3 rd	198
4 th	212
5 th	229

May 2024 Calendar

3-School Cafeteria Appreciation Day SEL Lessons

6-SC Ready 4th Grade Science

6- 10 – Teacher Appreciation Week

7-Gifted Art (last day)

8-SC Ready Math School Nurse Appreciation Day

13-3rd Grade Watershed School Mental Health Counselors Appreciation Day

14-3rd Grade Watershed

15-Graduation Walk iReady Sock Hop

16-Kiwanis Math Program for 3rd graders at 8:30 5th Grade Fun Day

17-School Speech Pathologist Day Appreciation Day Faculty and Staff Kickball Game

20-4th Grade Awards Day Program 5th Grade Field Day

21-3rd Grade Awards Program at 8:30 4th Grade Field Day Half Day Dismissal

22-5th Grade Awards Program 3rd Grade Field Day Half Day Dismissal WES luncheon

23-Last Day for Students

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 240 7th – 222 8th – 232
2. End of year report cards will be mailed home May 28, 2024.
3. A rising 6th grade parent night was held April 16.
4. The chorus spring concert is set for May 7 at 7pm in the Activity Center.
5. Band spring concerts were held April 30 and May 2.
6. SC READY testing began with ELA on May 1 and 2. Math will be given May 7 and science for 6th graders on May 9.
7. The end-of-course test for Algebra I will also be given May 9.

Calendar of Events:

May 7	SC READY MATH
May 9	SC PASS 6 th science / Algebra I EOC
May 10	8 th field trip/6 th speeches and voting for student council
May 13	Chromebook turn in 6 th /7 th speeches and voting for student council
May 14	Chromebook turn in 7 th /PM chorus and band concert/8 th speeches and voting for student council
May 15	Chromebook turn in 8 th
May 16	WMS field day(tentative)
May 17	WHS awards
May 21	6 th awards and exams
May 22	7 th awards and exams/faculty luncheon
May 23	8 th awards and exams
May 24	Teacher In-service Day
May 28	Mail report cards/begin summer school notification
June 3	Summer school begins (ends June 27 – Mon - Thurs)

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- WHS students who have lettered had an opportunity to order/try on lettermen's jacket during all three lunches on Thursday, April 11.
- Ms. Abrams met with rising 9th graders to help them with the course verification process. An all call was sent home that evening.
- Ms. Abrams notified grades 9-11 of the course verification process. An all call was sent home that evening.
- Interims were handed out on Wednesday, April 17, during the Advisory period. Along with their interims they received a "Parent Report" with testing dates, the exam schedule, and reminders about attendance. Students also completed their first SEL lesson of fourth nine weeks.
- WHS held a tornado drill on Wednesday, April 17.
- Seniors attended their last class meeting about graduation. Graduation packets were handed out and discussed in detail. Parents received a letter as well.

- EOC testing has begun.

WHS GOOD NEWS

*Prom was a huge success. We have close to 300 students in attendance. They danced the night away and made many memories. Leah Brown was voted Prom Queen and KeShawn Clake was voted Prom King.

*Color Guard tryouts took place April 15-16. Our numbers continue to grow.

*WHS held a Mental Health “Lunch and Learn” on Thursday, April 18, and a Career “Lunch and Learn” on Monday, April 22.

*WHS held our first Sports Physical Day sponsored by ReGenesis. Current athletes were given an opportunity in their weights class to participate. We had several athletes participate.

*On Friday, April 26, several classes participated in the Stone Soup Storytellers. We also held our Spring Sports Pep Rally and recognized all spring sports athletes.

*On Monday, April 29, WHS held its Most Improved Banquet. Several students were recognized for their improved attitude, academics, and for just being an overall good student. Our teacher committee and cafeteria staff outdid themselves with the preparation and meal.

*Teachers were rewarded with SIPS coffee truck and birthday cake on Tuesday, April 30.

Coming Events

Date

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 1 st and 4 th period exams Spring Sports Banquet
5-21	Senior Exams 2 nd and 5 th period exams
5-22	3 rd and 6 th period exams
5-23	7 th period exam Last Day of School Senior Breakfast/Graduation
5-24	Teacher Workday
5-28	Summer School Registration
5-30	1 st day of summer school

Instructional Reports

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Educators have until May 10th to return contracts that were issued in February. Seventy percent of educators have already signed and submitted their contracts. Forty-nine contracts remain outstanding throughout the entire district.
2. Principals have been busy interviewing and selecting candidates for the vacancies for the upcoming school year. At this time, there are three positions remaining to be filled.
3. Twenty-nine educators have licenses that will expire on June 30, 2024. Ten teachers are still completing recertification requirements, which include 120 renewal credits/points. Some teachers finalize course completion in May and others take summer classes in June. 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.

Mrs. Ann Hodge reported the following:

1. The Federal Programs Advisory Committee meeting will be held on May 9th at 1:00 at the District Office. A presentation encompassing all federal and state programs will be shown to

- No Kid Hungry Grant \$13,400
Promoting / Packaging for Summer Meals

State Nutrition Association of SC Awards received:

- Kay Arnold – WMS – Manager of the Year.
- Tammy Trammell – WPS –Employee of the Year.

Summer Projects:

- Restroom Floor Maintenance at all schools.
- New Carpet Cleaner for classroom rugs at WPS.
- Landscaping at WPS kindergarten entrance.
- New Restroom floor and partitions in WES 500 hall restroom.
- Replace solar tint on courtyard windows at WES.
- Replace cafeteria projection system at WES.
- Asbestos Abatement in WMS Air Handler room.
- Upgrade HVAC Controls in WMS Air Handler room.
- Refinish all Gym floors.
- Repairs to WHS 200 Hall restroom floor drain.
- Replacement of damaged partition panel / door in WHS 200 restroom.
- Landscaping in WHS Teacher parking islands.
- Generator for District Office Server room.
- Metal Detectors from Safety Grant.

Mr. Chris Benfield presented a preliminary budget estimate.

Superintendent Report- Dr. Aaron Fulmer

1. Retirees, Region Coaches, and State Champion athletes will be recognized at the June meeting.
2. Budget Hearing will be June 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
3. Thanked the board once again for providing End-of-Year luncheons for schools.
4. Education Appreciation Week is May 6-10. The District will provide breakfast from Panera Bread on Wednesday May 8th. Employees will also receive a monetary gift.
5. Reminded Board Members about the School Law Conference held in August.
6. Gave an update on the Administrators Academy and Masters Cohort.

Board Action

1. Approved the District Strategic Plan.
2. Approved the bid of \$1,276,590 from Y&S for 3,000 Chromebooks using ESSER III funds.
3. Approved the new WHS exterior lighting proposal from Johnson Electric for \$429,701.
4. Approved the following new hires for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - a. Jennifer Rogers- Woodruff Primary School Teacher
 - b. Brian Hill- Woodruff Middle School Teacher
 - c. Hydeia Brown- Woodruff High School Teacher
5. Approved the Cloud Network bid of \$187,000 authorizing Harper Contractors to proceed with the installation of the intercom system at the new WHS using the contingency fund.