

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

**June 3, 2024**

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, June 3, 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](http://spartanburg4.org/do/agenda).

The following reports were given:

**Woodruff Primary School**

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for June 2024 is attached.
2. WPS students had a field day on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Coach Smith planned a variety of active relay race events for kids to enjoy!
3. WPS Summer School begins on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and ends on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten, first and second grade students will be served. Seventy-five students are enrolled in the program. The program will run from 7:45 A.M. until 3:15 P.M. Monday through Thursday.
4. The following staff members were recognized at the end of the year luncheon:  
 Student Support Staff Member of the Year – Sandra Gilliam, Special Education Assistant  
 Support Staff Member of the Year – Jenny Lynn Thackston, Cafeteria Manager  
 Teacher of the Year – Kaci Buhler, Resource Teacher
5. Avrileigh Sanders received the Donna Cannon Award for 2023-2024.
6. Alyssa Entwistle received the Terrific Kid of the Year Award for 2023-2024.
7. All WPS students performed and were celebrated at awards programs during the last week of school.
8. Nine second graders placed in SOAR for third grade.
9. Eleven students placed in gifted music and 5 placed in gifted art for the 2024-2025 school year.
10. One retiree, Sherry Godfrey, was recognized at the end of the year luncheon. After 33 years at WPS, she will be greatly missed!
11. WPS Faculty and Staff enjoyed an end of year barbeque lunch on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to the District 4 Board for sponsoring this meal for staff.

**June**

3- Summer School Begins

19- Juneteenth

27 – Summer School Ends

May 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 1- 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
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Mrs. Parris gave the following report:

1. WES summer school will operate from June 3<sup>rd</sup> until June 27<sup>th</sup>. We have 72 students who signed up for summer school. We have 21 students signed up for summer reading camp. They will be working on reading and writing. We have 21 students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade summer school. They will be receiving both reading and math instruction. We have 19 students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade summer school. They will be receiving both reading and math instruction. We have 11 students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade summer school. They will be receiving both reading and math instructions.
2. Casey Kendrick was selected as the Teacher of the Year for Woodruff Elementary School for the 2024-25 school year. She was recognized at the end-of-the-year luncheon. Mrs. Kendrick currently teaches resource.
3. BeBe Gideon was chosen as our Support Staff Person of the Year. She is currently the cafeteria manager.
4. The following students placed in G/T for the 2024-25 school year:
  - a. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Lainey Burch, Kinley Cohen, Kendri Goggins, Gabriel Jeter, Harmony Jones, Justice Scruggs, Lorelai Urps, Sophia Vazquez-Perez
  - b. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Aiden Fields, Aleia Greene, Sebastian Guastaferrero, Elizabeth Lynn, Hamilton Zellner
  - c. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Leigha Clutter, Kendall Knighton, Jerrod Lyman, Ali Reese Phillips, Callie Rhodes, Avery Simmons, Sophie Tropeano
5. Several awards are given annually in memory of students who attended WES. This year's students are as follows:
  - a. Victory Award – Leahann Miles
  - b. Hanna Lister Horizon Award – Skyler Collen
  - c. Jon Bolt Award – Kinsley Morgan
  - d. Lena Kirstein Award – Lillian Williams
6. Second graders toured WES on May 9<sup>th</sup>. They asked questions about special classes, agendas, after school activities, homework, Chromebooks, etc.
7. The faculty faced the fifth graders in a game of kickball on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a great time. 77-10
8. We had a great turnout for our awards programs at the end of the year. On the half days, we had awards programs and field days.

**Enrollment for WES as of 05/23/24:**

Grade	# of Students
3rd	198
4th	213
5th	230

**Woodruff Middle School**

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. End of year report cards were mailed home May 24.
2. Students requiring summer school were contacted the week of May 28 – May 31. Summer school dates are June 3- June 27.
3. The annual school chorus and band concert was held May 14.
4. Awards days were held as follows:

May 21 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

May 22 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade

May 23 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

5. The WMS faculty luncheon was held on May 22.

6. Faculty and staff recognitions announced include:

Teacher of the year – Meredith Ard

Support staff of the year – Alisa Laster

“High’ly” dedicated to WMS – Staci Howard

25-year service awards – Selena Turnipseed, Bryan McConnell, Jennifer Smith, Staci Howard

40-year service award - Gail High

Look ahead dates

June 3 Summer school begins (ends June 27 – Mon - Thurs)

July 17 new teacher/staff orientation at WES

June 19 Juneteenth Holiday – no summer school

July 25 Registration

Aug 5 Teacher In-Service begins

Aug 12 First day for students

### **Woodruff High School**

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- All state and AP testing went well. Testing began on Friday, May 3, and concluded on Thursday, May 16.
- Device collection began on Thursday, May 9.
- Seniors were given their personalized exam schedule on Monday, May 13. Senior exams began on Thursday, May 16.
- Special Education Teachers participated in training for the new program on Wednesday, May 15.
- Senior grades were verified and stored on Tuesday, May 21. Underclassmen grades were verified and stored on Friday, May 24. Report cards and summer school information was sent out Friday, May 24.
- Summer School Registration was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28 and May 29. The first day of summer school was Thursday, May 30. An all call was sent out to those who still need to register. Currently we have 68 students enrolled.

### **WHS GOOD NEWS**

\*WHS Band concert was on Thursday, May 2. It was well attended, and they did a fabulous job as always.

\*The last Lunch and Learn was held on Friday, May 3.

\*The week of May 6 was Teacher Appreciation Week. Teachers enjoyed a variety of things from Trial Mix Bar, Taco Bar, DO Muffins and Mimosa’s, Food Truck, Scoops Ice Cream and more. This month we also recognized our cafeteria staff, school nurse and mental health counselors.

\*Students enjoyed the end of the year concert on Monday, May 13.

\*Seniors enjoyed their Graduation Walk on Wednesday, May 15.

\*Awards Day was a huge success along with our Yearbook Tailgate Day on Friday, May 17. Several students were recognized for their academic, athletic, and artistic achievements. Mrs. Morris, Coach Brooks, and Coach Duckett all spent time in the dunk tank during the yearbook festivities.

\*The Spring Sports Banquet was held on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. It was very well attended. The spring athletes took up the entire freshmen side of the bleachers. As always the cookies and punch are the topic of conversation.

\*Band and Volleyball held fundraisers in preparation for their upcoming seasons.

\*Everyone enjoyed ice cream from the Teacher Forum, lunch from Ryan Homes, lunch from the Board, and CFA biscuits the last week of school.

\*GRADUATION WAS OUR BIGGEST SUCCESS OF THE YEAR. Big thanks to everyone in the district and outside of the district who makes this such a dignified and classy ceremony that goes off without a hitch.

### Coming Events

#### **Date**

June 10-12	Senior Pictures
June 27	Summer School Graduation
July 25	Registration
Aug 5	Teachers 1 <sup>st</sup> Day
Aug 8	Open House/Meet the Wolverines
Aug 12	Students 1 <sup>st</sup> Day

### Instructional Reports

1. District Four only has one teaching vacancy as of May 21, 2024.
2. Twenty-nine educators have licenses scheduled to expire on June 30, 2024. Twenty-three of those educators submitted the 120 renewal points and/or Read to Succeed coursework and have already had their licenses renewed for an additional five years. One educator submitted documentation to the SCDE to have Read to Succeed added to his license. When the paperwork is processed, his license will be renewed. One teacher requested an extension for the 2024-25 school year. Another teacher resigned. Six teachers are still completing recertification requirements. 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.
3. District Four's Expanded ADEPT Implementation Plan has been submitted to the SCDE. The plan outlines the district's methods for evaluating educators at the various contract levels (induction, annual, and continuing). In addition, it includes the district's evaluation timeline, induction class sessions, and plans for supporting the Student Learning Objective (SLO) process.
4. Teacher evaluations (ADEPT) were completed, and end-of-year conferences were held with teachers. Evaluation results were entered into SC LEAD and submitted to the SCDE by the end of May. Principal evaluations (PADEPP) will be completed and submitted by June 30th. Principals must self-assess and present evidence on the assigned standards. Standards 2 (Instructional Leadership) and 9 (Professional Development) are required annually for every principal.
5. The New Employee Orientation will be held on Tuesday, July 17th from 8am – 10:30am. An introduction to District Four will be made, and Mr. Benfield and Mrs. Skinner will provide insurance, payroll, and retirement information.

Mrs. Ann Hodge reported the following:

1. District Four received an additional \$284.03 for Title III. This money will be used to purchase Rosetta Stone licenses for our ML learners.
2. We were informed at the Federal Program's Roundtable meeting that we will receive an additional \$6,352.59 for Title II and an additional \$2,332.81 for Title IV. This is money that was left over from FY23.
3. FY25 allocations have become available for Titles I, II, and IV.
  - Title I - \$715,860.63
  - Title II - \$128,658.10
  - Title IV - \$54,237.04

Mrs. Jennifer Turner reported the following:

1. All schools continue the scheduling process for the 2024-2025 school year with course requests and grade level assignments.
2. Performance Task Assessment results for placement in the academically gifted program have arrived. An additional 25 students will receive services through the academically gifted program for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Summer school sessions for Woodruff High School began on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Woodruff Primary School, Woodruff Elementary School, and Woodruff Middle School began today and will end June 27<sup>th</sup>. The hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 7:45 am-3:00 pm.

Ms. Rachel Traynham provided the following report:

1. Mental Health
  - a. The Spartanburg County Behavioral Health Meeting will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
  - b. I recently worked with SAM at a planning event on 5/31/24 for the upcoming year.
2. SPED
  - a. There will be a county SPED Director meeting June 6, 2024.
  - b. The state-wide system, Enrich, that holds IEP/504 and other student data is being replaced this month.
  - c. I will be serving on the interview team for a new director for Brookwood Academy as that is a shared satellite program.
3. Nursing
  - a. The Mobile Mammogram Unit was a success. 44 staff members participated.
  - b. We had 155 WHS and 60 WMS students participate in the High School sport physical days offered in district.
4. Teachers of the Year
  - a. Teachers of the Year were named for each school. They are:  
 WPS-Kaci Buhler  
 WES-Casey Kendrick  
 WMS-Meredith Ard  
 WHS-Kelly Dixon
  - b. Judging for District Teacher of the year will be held on June 5, 2024.

## **Facilities**

**BAN 2024 Projects** – Board members received a list.

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

## **Superintendent Report- Dr. Aaron Fulmer**

1. Presented copies of the 2024-2025 meeting schedule.
2. Budget meeting will be held June 24, 2024 at 6:00p.m.
3. Special thank you to the board for sponsoring the end of the year staff luncheons.
4. Special thank you to the staff at all schools for a successful year end closing.
5. Many thanks to the WHS and District employees that made graduation a success.

## **Board Action**

1. Approved the Opengate Weapons Detection System state bid of \$106,595.17 from A3 Communications.
2. Approved the transfer of up to \$8 million from the general fund to the construction fund for the year ending June 30, 2024.
3. Approved the following new hires for the 2024-2025 school year:  
 Melanie Williams- Teacher/Coach at Woodruff Middle School  
 Amber Chappell- Teacher at Woodruff High School  
 Christian Melissa Brannon- Special Education Liaison

4. Approved the change order to complete curbing and base without top surface for the spring sports drive and parking lot at the new WHS for \$422,000.