

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

August 5, 2024

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, August 5, 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).

Chairman Tony Davis called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the June 3 meeting, June 24 Public Hearing Budget and Board meeting, and July 18 Special Called meeting and work session were approved, and the following reports were given:

## Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for August 2024 is attached.
2. Registration for all students was held on July 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Parents completed forms for transportation, paid technology plan payments, received Chromebooks, received classroom placements, and had the option to purchase a yearbook or school shirt and join PTO. WPS had approximately 650 students registered that day.
3. Meet the Teacher is scheduled for Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Preschool and kindergarten students will receive dates for testing and information about staggered start from their teacher, at this time. All students will begin regular attendance on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. Classroom teachers and some support staff will begin LETRS training on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the beginning of a 2-year training for teachers focused on mastering the fundamentals of reading instruction.
5. WPS custodial staff has completed many tasks throughout the building this summer. Tasks include waxing all floors, cleaning all classroom rugs, deep clean of classrooms and restrooms, deep clean of cafeteria tables, landscape maintenance, and scrubbing tile floors.
6. WPS welcomes 9 new employees for the 2024-2025 school year! Haley Farner (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher), Sarah Hennigan (Second Grade Teacher), Kate Johnson (First Grade Teacher), Jennifer Rogers (Second Grade Teacher), Alyssa Tolley (First Grade Assistant), Erika Martin (First Grade Assistant), Lisa Fowler (Speech Language Therapist), Cindy Arthur (Cafeteria), and Nicole Prince (Full-Time Substitute).

## August 2024

5- Faculty and Staff Return

6 – LETRS Training Begins

8 – Meet the Teacher 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

12 – First Day of School (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

12 – 15 Staggered Entry (3K, 4K, and 5K)

## Enrollment- As of 7/24/2024

Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	48	53	-5	3- Spivey (Special Education) 2- WD
4k	116	121	-5	2- Martell & 2- Moon (Special Education) 1- WD

5K	181	189	-8	4-Martell & 3- Moon (Special Education) 7- WD
1st	194	204	-10	2 - McT 8- WD
2nd	196	209	-13	5- Humerez (Special Education) 2 - McT; 1- CDC 5- WD
<b>TOTAL</b>	735	776	-41	<b>5 - Humerez, 6- Martell, 5 - Moon, 3-Spivey 5- McCarthy Teszler &amp; CDC</b>

### Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris gave the following report:

1. The WES Summer Reading Camp and Academic Recovery Camp operated in June. Students took the i-Ready assessment at the end of summer school to monitor progress.
2. As of Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 450 students have registered online. All calls have been made to parents reminding them that they can register from home.
3. The week of August 5<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> we have a lot of things scheduled for teachers including meetings on E3 Crisis Management, LETRS training, curriculum, evaluations, special education services, handbook policies and procedures, etc.
4. Students can meet their teacher on August 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00.  
Technology Fee: \$30.00  
Watershed Science Program: \$5.00  
T-shirts: \$12.00 (We will take orders after school starts)  
Agendas: \$10.00

August

5<sup>th</sup> -First day for teachers and Opening Breakfast

12<sup>th</sup> - First day for students

19<sup>th</sup> – Begin fall testing i-Ready

Enrollment as of 7/26/24

<b>PowerSchool Enrollment Numbers</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	227
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	195
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	214
<b>Total</b>	<b>636</b>

<b>Pending Enrollment Numbers</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	9

4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	16
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>

### **Woodruff Middle School**

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. Summer School was held from June 3 – June 27.
2. Woodruff Middle School welcomes new staff to the building this year:

Kala Allen	Mental Health Counselor
Lisa Cook	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Math
Melanie Dillard	7 <sup>th</sup> grade ELA
Lina Garcia Brock	Spanish/ML
Tracy Haltiwanger	6 <sup>th</sup> Language Arts
Brian Hill	7 <sup>th</sup> Math
Katie Marett	8 <sup>th</sup> Math
Melanie Williams	8 <sup>th</sup> Social Studies
Michelle Call	Assistant Principal
Emily Montjoy	Librarian
Hope Smith	Nurse

3. Open House/Meet the Teacher will be held Thursday, August 8, 5pm-7pm.
4. As of July 30, WMS has 711 enrolled with 12 students pending due to records.

6<sup>th</sup> = 243, 7<sup>th</sup>=242, 8<sup>th</sup>=228

### Calendar of Events:

Aug 5-9	Teacher In-Service
Aug 8	Open House 1pm-7pm workday/Meet the Wolverines 7pm
Aug 12	First day for students
Aug 14	6 <sup>th</sup> class meeting during 1 <sup>st</sup>
Aug 15	7 <sup>th</sup> class meeting during 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> class meeting at gym dismissal
Aug 19	MAP opens
Aug 30	MAP closes
Sept 2	Labor Day
Sept 3	volleyball at Ewing
Sept 4	volleyball at home vs Blacksburg
Sept 9	volleyball at Campobello
Sept 11	volleyball at home vs Jonesville
Sept 12	football at Ewing

### **Woodruff High School**

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- All student and teacher schedules were mailed in July and related instructions given. Numerous parent conferences have been held regarding course schedules.
- WHS New Teacher Orientation was held on July 17.
- Registration for the 2024-2025 school year was held on Thursday, July 25, from 8 am to 6 pm.
- There are currently 901 students with schedules at Woodruff High School. Students continue to transfer into and out of WHS in the weeks leading up to the start of school.
- The facility has been cleaned, and the final touches are being put in place for school opening.

- Ninety-three students completed the extended school year program, received credits and made progress toward graduation.
- Four seniors completed their diploma requirements during the extended school year program. Five seniors who finished at either the LC or in Summer School participated in Summer School Graduation.
- Student athletes have been working throughout the summer and have attended various camps. A consistent group of young men and women have been conditioning in the mornings throughout the summer. This group represents players from all athletic teams at WHS.
- Band members have been working throughout the summer and have begun band camp. The competition program is entitled “*Tinker*”.

## **WHS GOOD NEWS**

\*Thursday, August 8, WHS will hold Open House from 5-7 pm. The Marching Cadets will be hosting a Meet the Wolverines event from 7-9 pm in the stadium. The Wolverines will be scrimmaging Wade Hampton. There will be food trucks, introduction of fall sports teams, and the Marching Cadets will preview their show “Tinker”.

\*Teachers return, Monday, August 5.

\*Monday, August 12, will be the first day of school 😊

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
8-12	First Day of School
8-19	Ring Ceremony
8-28	SEL Lesson/Survey – Advisory Schedule
9-18	Interims/SEL Lesson/Ed-Op – Advisory Schedule
9-20	Jostens (10 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> )
9-23	Beta Club Induction
9-30	Jostens (ring and senior orders)
10-4	Homecoming
10-5	ACT
10-11	College Application Day
10-16	PSAT
10-16	Report Cards/SEL Lesson – Advisory Schedule
10-18	Chromebook Protection Plan due
10-29	Career Ready Testing
11-2	SAT
11-8	Veterans Day Program
11-13	Interims/SEL Lesson – Advisory Schedule
11-16	Christmas Art Market
12-2	Fall Sports Banquet
12-11	SEL Survey – Advisory Schedule
12-17	Begins 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Exams
12-20	Last day to turn in first semester excuses

## **Instructional Reports**

Mr. Russell Mahaffey reported the following:

1. Orientation for new employees was held on Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> in the Woodruff Elementary School library. Dr. Fulmer addressed the new employees regarding district vision and goals. They completed payroll and insurance documentation with Mr. Benfield and Mrs. Skinner.

Accommodations were made for new employees who were unable to attend due to vacations or other conflicts.

2. Employees will participate in training specific to their roles through the Vector/Safe Schools online training modules. Universal trainings will include the following online videos: Bloodborne Pathogen, Sexual Harassment, slips\trips\and falls, and Child Abuse. Employees have had access to the training videos since early July, so they can view them at a time that is convenient.
3. District Four has **five teachers who will be evaluated at the induction level**. They will be assigned mentors and participate in monthly induction classes. These classes support first year teachers, as they learn the SC Teaching Standards and the teacher evaluation instrument utilized in SC.
4. **Ten teachers will be evaluated at the annual contract level**. These teachers will participate in a formal evaluation process with a team consisting of a building administrator and peer evaluator. They will be evaluated using the SC Teaching Standards Rubric 4.0.
5. **Twenty-four continuing contract teachers** will renew certificates on June 30, 2025. These teachers will participate in the comprehensive formative evaluation. Teachers complete this evaluation the year in which their certificates are scheduled to expire (5-year cycle). Mrs. Denise Brown completes these evaluations for District Four.

Mrs. Rachel Traynham reported the following:

**SPED:**

1. We have completed all EdPlan training for Special Education Staff and are now using the new state system.
2. We welcomed Melissa Brannon and Samantha Amick as our SPED Liaisons last week.
3. Mrs. McConnell joined our SPED team as the SPED Coordinator in July.
4. County-wide SPED meetings will be held in District 5 this year. We are continuing to work on improving our shared programs across the county.
5. We offered CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute) training for initial certification and refresher courses last week on August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> to district staff and administrators. CPI training is required by the State and focuses on prevention and equips individuals with proven strategies for safely defusing anxious and hostile behaviors at the early stages.

**Nursing:**

1. Nurses are working with families to ensure Individual Health Plans are completed for students who need specialized nursing services, allergies, medications, etc.
2. I met with them today to review protocols and procedures.

**Mental Health:**

1. We are excited to have Kala Allen joining us at WMS this year. We will continue our partnership with SCDMH and keep one of their counselors in our schools to help support our students.
2. I am meeting with Guidance and Mental Health professionals this week to review procedures and provide updates on the Café in Spartanburg as well as prepare for student return.

**Multi-Lingual Learners:**

1. We are actively working on scheduling language proficiency assessments based on student home-language survey results.
2. ML Teachers will also meet with classroom teachers regarding student accommodation plans.

## **Student Services:**

1. Mr. Duckett, AP at Woodruff High School and I attended a Whitlock Meeting on July 24, 2024, with all Spartanburg County regarding updated procedures for 2024-2025.
2. County SPED Directors are meeting at District 5 on August 15, 2024.
3. I will be conducting meetings with SPED Teachers, School Psychologist, Guidance Counselors, Mental Health, EL Teachers, Nurses over the course of this week.
4. Mrs. McConnell and I will be meeting with faculties in all schools to share Special Service information as well as information about our Employee Assistance Program this week.

## **Federal and State Programs:**

1. For the 2024-2025 school year, Spartanburg Four will receive funds from Title 1, Title II, Title III, Title IV and Special Education. Each of these grants will be submitted to the state department by the end of October. Funds may be spent upon approval.
2. Spartanburg Four has received donations of school supplies from Wal-Mart and the United Way. The supplies were delivered to the district office to be divided among the schools as needed.
3. Great Start was held on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Activity Center during registration. Families could pick up basic school supplies. It was a great success, and we are so appreciative of this outreach that our local churches provide for the children of this community.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following report:

1. Registration for the 2024-2025 school year was held at all schools July 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 am- 6pm.
2. The most up-to-date Spartanburg School District Four assessment calendar is attached. Please note this is a working document and subject to change throughout the year.
3. Assessment data for the 2023-2024 school year has been received, and we await state averages for comparison. Once received, this information will be shared.
4. Provided a copy of the 2024-2025 Standardized Testing Schedule

## **Facilities**

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

**2024 / 2025 School Year Projects** – Board members received a list.

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

1. Presented copies of the 2024-2025 meeting schedule.
2. Teachers have returned and off to a great start.
3. Thanks to all summer staff on preparing for the 2024-2025 school year.
4. Great Start was held in the Activity Center. Area churches and community organizations do a fantastic job at assisting students with back-to-school supplies.
5. BMW held its rising scholars' ceremony. District Four currently has one student that was selected to participate in the program.

## **Board Action**

1. Approved the purchase of 120 iPads with warranty and cases from Apple (State Contract) for \$60,983.58.
2. Approved Solsta Waxie Products from Brady Plus to be used through a dilution control system for custodial cleaning supplies.
3. Approved \$289,452.64 to be paid out of the contingency fund for Access Control and Cameras at the new WHS site.