

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2024

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, September 9, 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 August 1, August 5, August 20 and September 4 meetings/work sessions were approved as submitted.

Dr. Fulmer recognized board members for reaching a new level of service points by the South Carolina School Boards Association. Points are received by participating in conferences and legislative sessions sponsored by the South Carolina School Boards Association. The following were recognized:

Sandy Norman- Gold Pen Level 3
Tony Davis- Silver Pen Level 2
Ted Harrison, Jr. – Silver Pen Level 2
Gary Lee- Silver Pen Level 2
Jay Phillips- Silver Pen Level 2
Morgan Smith- Silver Pen Level 2

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for September 2024 is attached.
2. Beginning of the year assessments are being finalized.
4K- GOLD (ongoing)
5K – i-Ready Reading and Math
1st – i-Ready Reading and Math
2nd – i-Ready Reading and Math
Teachers will continue to administer the following:
4K – DIAL-4
5K – KRA
1st - Phonics Screeners
2nd - Phonics Screeners
3. WPS is working with Emily Vanderlip from i-Ready for the second year in multiple professional development sessions. Teachers will learn how to dig deeper into their diagnostic assessment data, adjust learning pathways, and compare current data to historical data.
4. WPS is currently hosting two student teachers. Yulonda Elmore is working on an early childhood degree and a special education certification from Grand Canyon University. She will be mentored by Rakeya Brian and Jessica Humerez. Keanna Beason is working on an early childhood degree from USC Upstate and is being mentored by Kelsey Todd.
5. WPS will hold its first School Improvement Council meeting on October 3rd. The election of parent representatives is in progress.
6. At registration, WPS had over one hundred parents join PTO. We hope to continue to have parents join. Plans are in the works to increase opportunities for parent involvement and volunteer opportunities. We are looking forward to working with the PTO officers to make plans for the year.
7. Fifty-one WPS staff members are enrolled in Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS). This is a two-year training where teachers are required to complete weekly reading,

online work, quizzes, and complete bridge to practice activities that tie their learning to their daily classroom practices. In addition to their weekly work, there are four full-day training sessions scheduled each year with a Lexia LETRS trainer.

September 2024

- 2 – Labor Day
- 9 – Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Begins
- 18 – Interims Issued
- 23 – Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Ends
- 25- See You at the Pole
- 27 – School Family Celebration
- Book Fair

Enrollment- As of 9/3/2024

Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	45	48	-3	3- Spivey (Special Education)
4k	139	144	-5	3– Martell & 2- Moon (Special Education)
5K	191	199	-8	4–Martell & 3- Moon (Special Education)
1st	191	194	-3	2 – McT 1-Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	192	200	-8	5– Humerez (Special Education) 2 - McT; 1- CDC
TOTAL	735	776	-41	5 – Humerez, 6– Martell, 5 – Moon, 3-Spivey 5- McCarthy Teszler & CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris gave the following report:

1. Students began i-ready testing on August 19th.
2. Chromebooks have been distributed to students. The librarian has been implementing lessons with students regarding digital citizenship and taking care of Chromebooks.
3. Congratulations to the following students for their recent MAX out scores 😊-
Math: Luke Dickard
4. The Watershed Program was at WES September 3rd. This program is called "Around the World"-USC Upstate Science Enrichment Lessons for students.
5. Good News Club starts September 10th.
6. 5th Grade will go to Barrier Island and Boon Hall Plantation in the Spring. The approximate cost is \$115 per student.
7. Professional Development:
8. Third Grade Teachers, SPED, Administration, Wallace/Wright/D. Harrison started their LETRS training. This will be a two-year commitment.
9. Webinars for September
 - a. G. Parris and J. Mitchell-LETRS Training
 - b. G. Parris Three Models of Writing Elem.
 - c. G. Parris/J. Mitchell/ G. Littlejohn -Instructional Planning Science
 - d. J. Mitchell-Coach Connect -Regional Literacy Specialist Support

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 9/03/24

3 rd Grade	229
4 th Grade	206
5 th Grade	213
Total	648

September Calendar

- 9-2 Labor Day -School Closed
- 9-3 3rd Grade Watershed
 - Gifted Art
- 9-9 WE Singers
- 9-10 i-Ready Training with Admin.
 - Good News Club starts
- 9-13 Fall Picture Day
- 9-16 School Store Fundraiser Kick-off
 - WE Singers
- 9-17 Gifted Art
 - Good News Club
- 9-19 Interim Reports Issued
- 9-23 WE Singers
- 9-24 Gifted Art
 - Good News Club
- 9-25 See You at The Pole 7:30
 - LETRS Training
- 9-30 WE Singers

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 237 7th – 240 8th – 229
2. Interims will be sent home with students on September 18.
3. MAP testing and IXL diagnostics have been completed.
4. Gifted Art, Maroon on a Mission, and FCA have each started their fall meeting schedule.
5. WMS volleyball season began their season by finishing 3rd out of 24 teams in the Upward Stars tournament.
6. Football opens the season September 12 at Ewing.

Calendar of Events:

- Sept 9 volleyball at Campobello
- Sept 11 volleyball at home vs Jonesville
- Sept 12 football at Ewing
- Sept 16 volleyball at home vs Chesnee/ice cream sales
- Sept 18 Interims/volleyball at home vs Sims
- Sept 19 football at Clifdale
- Sept 23 volleyball at Mabry
- Sept 25 volleyball at High Point/See You at the Pole
- Sept 26 football at home vs Sims/ice cream sales
- Sept. 27 youth night/Unity in the Community at WHS football vs. Wren
- Sept 30 volleyball at Clifdale/WMS Spirit Week begins
- Oct 2 volleyball at home vs Landrum
- Oct 3 football at home vs Jonesville
- Oct 4 WHS Homecoming vs Broome

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- Teachers prepared diligently for the 24-25 school year during the week of in-service. Thanks to Ryan Homes for providing a pizza lunch for our staff on that Tuesday.
- Open House was a big success despite the rain. Our halls were very crowded. The senior meeting was well attended.
- Our first week back with students was filled with class meetings and orientations. It concluded with the handbook test for grades 9-11.
- WHS Ring Ceremony was Monday, August 19. About 30 students received rings.
- WHS held a Code Red drill on Thursday, August 22. Everyone was well prepared and followed procedures. E3 app was used by teachers.
- Underclassmen had another opportunity on Tuesday, August 27, to have their yearbook picture taken.
- On Wednesday, August 28, all students took the SEL Survey.

WHS GOOD NEWS

*Everyone enjoyed the summer BBQ, thank you!

*Following Open House, the Marching Cadets held a preview of their show "The Tinker" in the gym. The show will have two endings.

*WHS cheerleaders participated in the WSPA Town "Zip-it" segment on Woodruff.

*Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Dixon (WHS TOY) enjoyed speaking with the Herald Journal for the "Back to School Special".

*Student Council has planned out an exciting Homecoming Week. WHS is also selling FIGHT LIKE A WOLVERINE shirts for our pink out Friday night of homecoming. Be sure to place your order at WHS.

Date	Event
9-12	Lunch and Learn
9-18	Interims/SEL Lesson/Ed-Op – Advisory Schedule
9-20	Jostens (10 th and 12 th)
9-23	Beta Club Induction
9-29	Homecoming Parade
9-30	Jostens (ring and senior orders)
9-30	Powder Puff Game
10-4	Homecoming
10-5	SAT
10-5	Homecoming Dance
10-11	College Application Day
10-16	PSAT/ASVAB
10-16	Report Cards/SEL Lesson – Advisory Schedule
10-18	Chromebook Protection Plan due
10-24	Lunch and Learn
10-25	Faculty Health Screening
10-29	Career Ready Testing
11-2	SAT
11-8	Veterans Day Program
11-12	Soup Kitchen
11-13	Interims/SEL Lesson – Advisory Schedule
11-16	Christmas Art Market
11-20	Lunch and Learn
11-23	Plant Trees at New WHS
12-2	Fall Sports Banquet
12-11	SEL Survey – Advisory Schedule

12-12	Lunch and Learn
12-17	Begins 1 st Semester Exams
12-20	Last day to turn in first semester excuses

Instructional Reports

Mr. Russell Mahaffey reported the following:

1. Teachers are evaluated under the Expanded ADEPT system. Teachers and principals access and sign evaluation forms in SC LEAD. This system requires a specified number of meetings to discuss progress toward Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) and feedback on classroom observations. Principals provided orientations for induction, annual, and continuing contract teachers at the beginning of the school year. They are currently meeting with staff to discuss and establish SLOs. These meetings must be completed by September 20.
2. Principals are evaluated under the PADEPP system. They are required to set goals related to student achievement and/or the needs assessment in the School Renewal Plans. In addition, principals are evaluated on the nine PADEPP standards every three years. They are evaluated on two of the nine PADEPP standards every year, which are Instructional Leadership and Principal's Professional Development. The deadline for their orientation and goal-setting conferences is September 15.
3. Thirty-eight teachers have professional licenses that will expire on June 30, 2025. Three of those teachers have already submitted the 120 credits required for certificate renewal.
4. The first Induction class will meet on September 10. The September session will address the following topics: overview of the induction program, Expanded ADEPT system, SC Teaching Standards 4.0 rubric, SC LEAD evaluation portal, data analysis, needs assessment, and Student Learning Objectives (SLOs).
5. Interim reports will be issued on Wednesday, September 18.

Mrs. Rachel Traynham reported the following:

1. SPED:
 - a. We continue to work in the State EdPlan System
 - b. County-wide SPED meeting was held September 5th in Spartanburg School District 5
 - c. We will hold SPED Teacher meetings at the District Office this week:
 - i. WPS/WES -September 10 @ 3:00
 - ii. WMS/WHS-September 11 @ 3:30
2. Nursing:
 - a. Nurse McCarley has sent out the school exclusion list from SC Department of Public Health (previously DHEC)
 - b. This year the Employee Health Fair will be held October 25, 2024, in the High School Cafeteria.
3. Mental Health:
 - a. We are currently serving around 100 students among our D4 staff. We have already completed several Columbia Screeners and called EMS for student transport related to Mental Health.
4. Multi-Lingual Learners:
 - a. Teachers are actively screening students daily. We have 177 students currently served under this program.
5. Federal and State Programs:
 - a. We are currently working on final expenditures for our ESSER III Funding. Title 1, Title II, Title III, Title IV, CTE, and Special Education grants have been submitted for this school year. Funds may be spent upon approval.
 - b. There will be a meeting in Columbia for Federal and State Programs on September 20th that I plan to attend.

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. The SCSBA Delegate Assembly is being held December 7-8, 2024 in Charleston. Sandy Norman is the voting delegate and Rick Sloan is the alternate.
2. Policy updates and revisions will be presented at the October meeting for first reading.
3. Board will need to meet on September 18. An agenda will be finalized in the coming days.
4. SCSBA would like each board member to take a photo welcoming students back to school.
5. Reminder about the Community Revival at WL Varner Stadium on September 18.
6. Students with max scores on SC Ready will be recognized at the October board meeting.

Board Action

1. Approved the purchase of 300 chrome books from Y&S Technologies for \$127,650.
2. Approved 50 prometean boards from Encore Technology Group (State Contract) for \$112,574.97.
3. Approved AV & Theatrical Lighting/Rigging Pricing for the new WHS site for \$1,186,067.16.
4. Approved the Jimmies Creek Sewer Line bid from Bradley Contracting for the new WHS site for \$51,007.50.