

## SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

November 11, 2024

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, November 11, 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 September 9 meeting, September 18 special-called meeting, and the October 7 meeting were approved, and the following reports were given:

The following reports were presented:

### **Woodruff Primary School**

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for November 2024 is attached.
2. CogAT and Iowa tests for second graders have been completed. These assessments determine eligibility for SOAR in third grade. Students who do not qualify for the gifted program based on CogAT and Iowa may qualify to take Performance Task Assessment as an additional opportunity to become eligible for SOAR.
3. Teachers are currently meeting with parents and guardians to review students' progress. Teachers at WPS hold conferences with parents of all students.
4. Red Ribbon Week was observed October 28<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>. Students and staff participated in dress-up days that represented a positive message about keeping our bodies healthy.
5. WPS has an Open House for parents planned on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Families will be able to visit their child's classroom, look at recent work, and talk with the teacher. Other fun family activities will be going on, too. Information will be sent home soon.
6. Preschool students attended field trips to Stewart Farms. The farm provides an exciting experience for our little ones, including a wagon ride, lessons on growing pumpkins, a trip through the corn maze, and opportunities to see a variety of farm animals.
7. Kindergarten students learned about fire safety from Trinity Fire Department. Firefighters brought the truck and their gear for students to explore.
8. First grade classes are taking a field trip to Publix in November and December. The children get to tour the store, learn about each of the departments, and see some things going on behind the scenes.
9. WPS staff and students collected canned goods for the Woodruff Soup Kitchen during the month of October. More than 750 items were donated.
10. Student Council representatives were elected by their peers to represent each second grade class. These students will work, as a group, throughout the year to learn about leadership, teamwork, problem solving, and other important skills. They will participate in leading community service projects and school spirit activities.
11. All students will learn about what it means to be a veteran and the reason for observing Veterans' Day. A variety of lessons and activities will be completed during the week of November 11<sup>th</sup>.

November 2024

4 – No School – Teacher Inservice Day

5 – No School – Election Day

11 – Make-Up Picture Day

13 – Interim Reports

21– WPS Open House  
 22 – School Family Celebration  
 22 – Healthy Smiles Dental Screenings  
 25 – Lion’s Club Vision Screening  
 27 – 29 Thanksgiving Holidays

### Enrollment- As of 11/1/2024

Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1 / 2 day 3K	43	49	-6	6– Spivey (Special Education)
4k	139	146	-7	5– Martell & 2– Moon (Special Education)
5K	186	194	-8	4–Martell & 4– Moon (Special Education)
1st	191	194	-3	2 – McT 1–Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	191	199	-8	5– Humerez (Special Education) 2 – McT; 1 – CDC
<b>TOTAL</b>	750	782	-32	<b>6 – Humerez, 9– Martell, 6 – Moon, 6–Spivey 5– McCarthy Teszler &amp; CDC</b>

### Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris gave the following report:

1. We celebrated Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 28th through November 1<sup>st</sup>. We combined our RRW with Homecoming Week. The students especially loved their RRW bracelets and dressing up with the different themes!
2. The Veteran’s Day program is at 9:00 on November 8<sup>th</sup> in the Activity Center.
3. We celebrated our faculty and staff with our Fabulous Friday monthly treat during the month of September and October.
4. The Farm to School celebration at WES was a fun lunchtime event where students had the opportunity to taste local Jonagold apples and participate in activities with special guests from Taylor Boys Produce along with Farm to School coordinator Ben Sease.
5. We will be teaching Erin's Law November 18th-22nd!
6. Professional Development/Opportunities

October 11	SC Power User Regional Training	Kathleen Heis	Samantha Amick
October 25	FMU Career Fair	Deon Evans	Samantha Amick
October, 2024	Math Standards	SCDE	J. Guker

October 27-30, 2024	TESOL Conference		Baxter/Newton
October 28, 2024	MTSS Program Comparison	District 6	Guker/Mitchell/Rhodes
November 6-8	SC Teacher Forum Conference	SCDE	C. Kendrick

7. We are collecting items for the Helping Hands Ministry of Woodruff. This community project runs through November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
8. Reading Buddies are up and running.

### **Enrollment for WES as of 10/31/24**

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade- 227**

**4<sup>th</sup> grade- 199**

**5<sup>th</sup> grade- 215**

### **November**

3-Daylight Savings Ends

4-Teacher Inservice Workday

5-Election Day Holiday-School Closed

8-Veterans Day Program 9:00-Activity Center

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Deposit to Barrier Island Due \$25

11-WE Singers

12-Gifted Art

13-Psychologists Appreciation Day

- Interims Issued

18-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Watershed "Magnetic Personalities"

- WE Singers

19-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Watershed "Magnetic Personalities"

22-Fabulous Friday

27-29-Thanksgiving Holidays

### **Woodruff Middle School**

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6<sup>th</sup> – 237, 7<sup>th</sup> – 239, 8<sup>th</sup> – 226
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks interim reports will be sent home Nov 13.
3. Beta Club installation was held on October 29 with 97 students being inducted. Nathan Craig, representing Team heart and Soul, served as guest speaker.
4. The WMS student council presented \$700 to the Bearden Josey Cancer on November 6. This money was raised through "pink out" sales.
5. WMS basketball tryouts and WMS wrestling began November 6.
6. An appreciation lunch for veterans was held November 11.
7. The WMS fishing team met on Tuesdays and Thursdays through November 7.

Nov 11 Veteran's Day lunch/make-up pictures

Nov 13 Interims

Nov 15 SEL lessons completed (social studies)

Nov 18 ice cream sales

Nov 19 WHS teacher cadets to WMS during 1st period

Nov 22	spelling bee/parent contacts and conferences completed
Nov 25	Cub Classic basketball
Nov 26	Instructional materials list updated/Cub Classic basketball
Nov 27-29	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec 2	MAP opens/WMS fall sport awards program 6pm
Dec 5	Home basketball vs. Ewing/Spirit Club meets/WMS 6th and 7th band concert at WHS at 6pm
Dec 9	basketball at Blacksburg
Dec 10	chorus concert 7pm Activity Center
Dec 12	School Concert 2pm/basketball at home vs Campobello/WMS 8th grade band concert at WHS at 6pm
Dec 13	MAP closes
Dec 16	ENCORE exams completed on or before/basketball at Jonesville
Dec 17	ELA exams
Dec 18	Science and social studies exams
Dec 19	Math exams/basketball at Chesnee
Dec 20	Make-up exams/last school day before break

### **Woodruff High School**

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- WHS held its first pep rally on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The seniors won the spirit competition.
- Several "Lunch and Learns" have been held during the September and October.
- On September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Drive to Survive was on campus. Our College and Career Prep students participated in this activity.
- Interims went out on September 18<sup>th</sup> and report cards on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. On both days students also participated in an SEL lesson.
- Ed-Op day was on September 18<sup>th</sup>. We had several colleges attend from all over the state of South Carolina. Our juniors and senior participated in this opportunity.
- Jostens was on campus for sophomore ring and senior supply information. They returned on October 14<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> to collect orders.
- Seniors and underclassmen had another opportunity to have their yearbook picture made. The seniors on September 16<sup>th</sup> and the underclassmen on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Beta Club Induction was held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thirty new students were invited to join the Beta Club.
- APES class completed a Stream Study. The students enjoyed their mini field trip and learned a lot.
- SYATP was well attended on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Teacher Cadets started observations in October.
- The PSAT/ASVAB was given on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Jennings students along with Coach Brooks participated in the Mayor's Walk on October 16<sup>th</sup>. 24 students danced, were served lunch, and had a great time.
- On October 18<sup>th</sup>, WHS participated in Lids for Kiz.
- Seniors participated in College Application Day on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- WHS Marching Cadets placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the state at their state competition on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- On October 21<sup>st</sup>, Laura Matz was recognized as Spartanburg School District Four's STEM Teacher of the Year along with the other STEM District Teacher's of the Year.
- FCA held their annual dodgeball tournament on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was very well attended, and everyone had a great time.
- Basketball cheer tryouts were held on October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- On October 29<sup>th</sup>, the WIN test was given to seniors who needed to be retested.

- Homecoming week was a huge success. The parade was very well attended and having WYFL participate was a nice addition. The junior class won the Powder Puff game. The Freshmen won the pep rally spirit competition. The seniors won the mattress race.
- Students who finished our first nine weeks with zero demerits received free ice cream from Scoops.
- WHS helped WPS deliver their canned goods to the Soup Kitchen.
- WHS has held a fire drill, an earthquake drill, and participated in Code Red drill.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
11-8	Veterans Day Program
11-12	WHS Soup Kitchen Night
11-13	Interims/SEL Lesson – Advisory Schedule
11-16	Christmas Art Market
11-20	Lunch and Learn
11-21	NHS 6:30
11-22	RDA/MSD Field Trip
11-22	Teacher Cadet Field Trip
11-22	Intro to Engineering Field Trip
11-23	WHS Service Project – Plant Trees
12-2	Fall Sports Banquet
12-5	WMS Band Concert – WHS Gym
12-10	Winter Chorus Concert
12-11	SEL Survey – Advisory Schedule
12-12	Lunch and Learn
12-12	WHS Band Concert – WHS Gym
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. The ADEPT teacher evaluations and PADEPP principal evaluations are progressing on schedule. All evaluations are entered into the SC LEAD portal. Administrators should conclude classroom observations in November and conduct mid-year conferences on Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) and preliminary evaluation conferences in December. At these conferences, the teacher and administrator will review the data/evidence and sign the evaluation
2. The new teacher Induction class met on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The October session addressed the following topics: Trauma informed practices, adverse childhood experiences, skills of resilience, classroom management, and SC Teaching Standards under the Environment domain. The next induction class will meet on November 12<sup>th</sup>. This session will address the following topics: Relationships among Standards, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, the Gradual Release of Responsibility Model, Differentiated Instruction, and the SC Teaching Standards under the Planning Domain.
3. Personnel attended the following Recruitment Fairs in October:
  - a. Anderson University October 21<sup>st</sup>
  - b. USC Upstate October 25<sup>th</sup>
    - i. With the teacher shortage, it is important to recruit early, particularly at the local colleges and universities.
4. Teachers will be conducting parent conferences during the month of October through November 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss student progress. Conferences may be scheduled in person, online, or over the phone. Teachers will maintain a log of these conferences.

Mrs. Rachel Traynham reported the following:

1. Nursing
  - a. The Employee Health Fair went well. We had a great turn out.
2. Mental Health
  - a. New Employee from SCDMH should be starting next week.
3. Multi-Lingual Learners
  - a. We are currently working on our Title III Plans due to the SCDE
  - b. A few of our Teachers were able to participate in the Carolina TESOL Conference
4. Special Education
  - a. We have offered Virtual Help Sessions to employees for EdPlan
  - b. We are holding many Special Education IEP meetings missed from Helene
  - c. Indicator 13 Audit due by November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - d. Testing Accommodations for SPED Pre-code due by November 25<sup>th</sup>.
5. Federal Program Information/Compliance:
  - a. SIC-SIC meetings have been held in schools and members will be loaded onto November 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Reading Plans, which are due to the SCDE, have been extended due to the Hurricane. They are now due on November 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Strategic Plan
    - i. Schools are beginning to look at their school data and needs as we prepare to begin Strategic Planning in the Spring.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following report:

1. The required 45-day funding report has been successfully submitted to the South Carolina Department of Education for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. GOLD and KRA state mandated testing for 4K and 5K completed on October 17, 2024. GOLD (4K) will complete a mid-year screening in January as well as an end of year assessment.
3. Second grade CogAT/IA testing completed on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at Woodruff Primary School. These tests are used as identifiers for the Gifted and Talented program.
4. The PSAT was administered at Woodruff High School on October 16<sup>th</sup> and Woodruff Middle School on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. 223 students took part in this testing opportunity.
5. Attached you will find the November edition of the "Ed Tech Talk". This monthly newsletter highlights professional development offered by our Educational Technology Specialist. For this first semester, 223 teachers have utilized these services in request forms, emails, or face-to-face meetings. A professional development opportunity will begin on November 15<sup>th</sup> featuring Google 101 Skills. In January, a Google Level 2 Certification professional development opportunity will begin.
6. The 2023-2024 South Carolina School Report Cards were released on October 17<sup>th</sup> for all districts and schools. Spartanburg Four schools received the following ratings: Woodruff Elementary School- Average, Woodruff Middle School- Average, Woodruff High School- Average. Countywide, with the inclusion of Cherokee and Union County, Woodruff Elementary School ranked 16/54 elementary schools. Woodruff Middle School ranked 5/20 middle schools, and Woodruff High School ranked 6/12 among high schools. While Woodruff Primary School received a report card, it is in the format of a "report to the community" and does not contain an overall rating.

## **Facilities**

BAN 2024 Projects – Board members received a list.

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

Security Grant Award- received \$92,000 for door locks at WPS, WES, and WHS

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

1. Presented copies of the 2025-2026 personnel timeline and intent form.
2. Sandy Norman will be the voting delegate and Rick Sloan will be the alternate at the Delegate Assembly, December 7-8, 2024.
3. The Spartanburg County Oversight Committee will meet November 14, 2024, to vote to accept the distribution of the Minimum County Foundation between the seven Spartanburg County School Districts.
4. Reminded the board that the SCSBA annual conference will be held in February at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach.
5. Audit will be presented at the January 6 meeting.
6. Veterans Day programs were held throughout the district. All the programs were exceptional. LTG Milford H. Beagle, Jr. was the guest speaker at WHS.

### **Board Action**

1. Approved the following policies:  
ADF- School Wellness, ID-School Day, IHAA- English/Reading/Writing/Language Arts Education, IHCA- Summer School, IJ- Instructional Resources and Materials, IJK - Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption, IJL Library Materials Selection and Adoption, IKE Promotion and Retention of Students, IKE-R Promotion and Retention of Students, IKF Graduation Requirement, ILB-R Test/Assessment Administration, ILBB State Program Assessments, JICI Weapons in School, JICJ Prohibition of Personal Electronic Devices During the School Day, JLCD Assisting Students with Medication, JLCD-R Assisting Students with Medication, JLCDA Individual Healthcare Plans (IHPs), JLCDB Use of Lifesaving Medications, KBE Relations with Parent Organizations, KEC- Public Concerns and Complaints about Instructional Resources, KEC-R Public Concerns and Complaints about Instructional Resources, and KF Community Use of School Facilities.
2. Approved to excuse the following student days, October 3, 4, and 7, 2024.
3. Approved a utility easement at for The Church at the Mill.