

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

January 6, 2025

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, January 6, 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 November 11 meeting, November 25 work session, and December 5 special called meeting were approved, and the following reports were given:

Special Presentation

Dr. Fulmer presented Rick Sloan with a certificate and lapel pin from SCSBA for his 10 years of service as a member of the Spartanburg District Four Board of Trustees.

Audit Report

Mr. Brian Nicholson from the accounting firm of Mauldin & Jenkins reported that Spartanburg District Four received an unmodified ("clean") audit. District Four again qualifies as a "low-risk" audit.

The following reports were presented:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for January 2025 is attached.
2. Kindergarten, first and second grade students completed all i-Ready Winter Diagnostic testing in December. Teachers and members of the leadership team are reviewing student, class, and grade level data as we plan for the second semester.
3. Classes with the most growth in each grade level received a special visit from the i-Ready Character, Snargg.
4. WPS Students collected over 800 pairs of socks during the month of December for Helping Hands Ministry. Next, we will collect paper products for the Agape Care Center of Woodruff. Our school goal is to collect 500 items.
5. WPS staff members enjoyed a Christmas lunch from Moe's on December 19th. We are thankful to the Spartanburg School District Four Board of Trustees and administrative staff for providing this delicious meal. It's a staff favorite!
6. Second graders in Mrs. Hennigan, Mrs. Rogers, Ms. Farner, Mrs. Satterfield, and Ms. McAbee's classes performed in the Christmas musical, Elfis and the Sleigh Riders. Mr. John Carroll, the music teacher, did a fantastic job preparing children for this performance. All other second grade classes will perform in a spring production.

January 2025

- 6 - Teacher Inservice Day
- 8 - Report Cards Issued
- 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 21 - Class Picture Day, School Mall Fundraiser Begins
- 27 - 100th Day of School
- 31 - School Family Celebration

Enrollment- As of 12/17/2024

Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1 /2 day 3K	46	53	-7	7- Spivey (Special Education)
4k	139	148	-9	5- Martell & 4- Moon (Special Education)
5K	188	196	-8	4-Martell & 4- Moon (Special Education)
1st	190	194	-4	2 - McT 2-Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	193	201	-8	5- Humerez (Special Education) 2 - McT; 1- CDC
TOTAL	756	792	-36	7 - Humerez, 9- Martell, 8- Moon, 7-Spivey 5- McCarthy Teszler & CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris gave the following report:

1. Students took the i-Ready math test on December 10th, and the reading on December 12th. Third grade took their math portion of the test on December 11th due to the Watershed program.
2. During the month of December, Mrs. Carroll taught Social and Emotional Lessons to 3rd-5th graders.
3. Congratulations to Liam Cribbs, the Woodruff Elementary Spelling Bee Winner. Sidney Harris was the first runner up.
4. We held our annual Spelling Bee in the media center on December 2nd. These were the class winners:

4th Grade

Stonesifer- Winner: Rory Harris and Alternate: Kendall Caldwell
Harrison- Winner: Cayse Mejia-Flores and Alternate: Harmony Jones
Young- Winner: Tiger Chu and Alternate: Mackenzee Wylie
Wallace- Winner: Conley Williams and Alternate: Phoenix Dixon
Brannon- Winner: Rhett Anthony and Alternate: Katherine Sink
Littlejohn- Winner: Lorelai Urps and Alternate: Ty'liah Rogers
Burnette- Winner: Lainey Burch and Alternate: Alayah Young
Watson- Winner: Sariah Scott and Alternate: Sophia Smith

5th grade:

Jacobi- Winner: Brayden Ramey and Alternate: Joseph Stepp
Tollison- Winner: Cowen Graves and Alternate: Sebastian Guasteferro
Gaffney- Winner: Gianni Santos-Chambers and Alternate: Max Sanchez
Rector- Winner: Sidney Harris and Alternate: Jaxon McClain
Thompson- Winner: Ginny Dees and Alternate: Landen Cogdill
Richards- Winner: Weston McPherson and Alternate: Kinsley West
Williams- Winner: Chelsea Rossi and Alternate: Lucas Allison

Mosteller- Winner: Liam Cribbs and Alternate: Riley Berryhill

5. The WHS Teacher Cadets visited classrooms on November 12, 2024.
6. During the months of October and November, students at WES and Willow Creek Golf Club Community members donated over 1,000 items to the Helping Hands Ministry of Woodruff.
7. During the month of December, students at WES held a Christmas Toy Drive.
8. Data meetings will be held during January planning meetings to discuss i-Ready data, SC Ready projections, interventions, curriculum, and individual students.
9. The WES Christmas program on Friday, December 20th was a huge success. Mr. Wash did an excellent job with the 5th grade students and the WE Singers.
10. Read to Succeed legislation requires that students be retained in the third grade if the student scores at the "Not Met 1" level on SC Ready in the Spring. We sent a form at the beginning of the year informing all parents of the legislation. We notified parents if their student falls in this category. A letter will be sent home in December at the end of the 2nd 9 weeks to notify parents of students projected to be Not Met by scoring below a 489 based on the i-Ready test and then again in the Spring after the last i-Ready testing. This is for all the students without a good cause exemption. We expect to receive more information regarding the summer reading camp for the summer of 2025.
11. We will begin an after-school program on February 24th, and it will last until the first week of April. We will meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons until 4:00.
12. In 2014, the South Carolina Legislation passed Erin's Law to equip students with the knowledge and skills to remain safe and, when unsafe, to report this to a trusted adult. At Woodruff Elementary School, we utilized the Second Step program in students' Physical Education classes during the months of November and December. Coach Addis taught the boys while Ms. Carol taught the girls.

Professional Development

November 12	AI in Education	Upstate Talent Forum	Mitchell/Rhodes	Spartanburg Marriott
January 8	Overview of ELA Standards	SCDE	Wallace	Webinar
Jan. 9 th /Feb. 13 th /March 13 th /April 10 th / and May 8 th	MTSS Gather and Grow Collaboratives	SCDE	J. Mitchell	Virtual
January 15, 2025	Spartanburg County Writing Workshop		Mitchell/Rhodes	Middle Tyger Campus

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 12/16/2024

3 rd Grade	228
4 th Grade	200
5 th Grade	218

January 2025 Calendar

- 6-Teacher Flex Day
- 7-Gifted Art
- 8-Report cards issued
- 9-4th Grade Watershed
- 10-Student Council Meeting
- 13-WE Singers
- 14-Gifted Art

20-MLK Jr. Holiday-School Closed
21-Good News Club
 Gifted Art
22-100th Day of School
24-4th Grade Watershed
27th-31st WIDA Access Testing
 3rd Grade Watershed
 WE Singers
28-Good News Club
 Gifted Art
30-3rd Grade Watershed
31-Bright Star Touring Theater

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 231 7th – 240 8th – 228
 ***Four new students scheduled to start January 7.
2. 2nd Nine Weeks report cards will be sent home January 8.
3. The WMS faculty held a Christmas luncheon on December 18.
4. Band and chorus held school day and evening concerts.
5. WMS basketball and wrestling seasons are underway. WMS girls won the Cub Classic preseason tournament.
6. Archery will hold try-outs Saturday, January 11.

Calendar of Events:

Jan 9	Letters of intent due/basketball at Sims
Jan 11	Archery try-outs
Jan 13	Basketball at home vs Mabry
Jan 16	Basketball at home vs High Point
Jan 23	Basketball at home vs Clifdale
Jan 27	Basketball at Landrum
Feb 3-7	WIDA ACCESS testing
Feb 5	Contracts issued

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

November

- Friday, November 1, WHS crowned Kyoni Elmore Maid of Honor and Ivy Kate Rhodes Homecoming Queen.
- Friday, November 1, Jostens was present at all three lunches to take senior order and ring orders.
- Saturday, November 2, WHS held a Homecoming Dance. It was well attended and the students looked lovely.
- Friday, November 8, General Beagle spoke to WHS students at its Veteran's Day Program. Maroon on a Mission once again created a beautiful Field of Flags out front.
- Tuesday, November 12, WHS provided the meal at the Woodruff Soup Kitchen, several faculty members and students showed up to help cook and serve.
- Saturday, November 16, the WHS Art Society had its first Christmas Art Market. There were several vendors and pictures with Santa. There was a steady flow of people.
- Wednesday, November 20, teachers received PD through Encore for their new promethean boards.

- Thursday, November 21, a Lunch and Learn was held in the library.
- Thursday, November 21, National Honor Society held inductions. The banquet was held in senior dining and was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the ceremony.
- Friday, November 22, the ninth graders toured RD Anderson and the MSC. Teacher Cadets visited USC Upstate for a Teacher Cadet Day.
- Saturday, November 23, several students, clubs, athletic teams, and faculty members planted new trees at the new high school site.
- Tuesday, November 26, Power School users attended a training introducing them to the new interface.

December

- Sunday, December 1, Girls Ensemble sang during the church service at FBC.
- Monday, December 2, fall athletes were recognized for their accomplishments at the Fall Sports Banquet.
- Friday, December 6, Coach Ramey's Intro to Engineering classes took a field trip to the new high school site and met with architects and viewed the construction in progress.
- Tuesday, December 10, everyone enjoyed the Christmas Chorus Concert. WMS and WHS choirs performed with several solos.
- Thursday, December 12, a Lunch and Learn was held in the library. Our own Brandon Prince shared his knowledge and experience of his military career.
- Thursday, December 12, everyone enjoyed the Band Concert. WMS 8th Graders and the WHS Concert Band performed. They were all dressed in festive Christmas attire.
- Tuesday, December 17, our week of exams began. That afternoon the chorus and the band performed a Christmas Concert for the entire student body. Santa Clause showed up with a special guest, The Grinch, and threw out candy.
- Thursday, December 19, faculty and staff enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch provided by the School Board. Thank you very much for supporting WHS.
- During exam week our guidance counselors and Ms. Carrigan provided daily "Stress Busters" during all three lunches. The National Guard recruiter even came in one day to lead some stretches and participate.
- Student classes enjoyed decorating the halls this month and participating in Holiday Dress up Days. New to the holiday fun was the appearance of WHS elves; Max, Molly, and Mark.

Date	Event
1-6	Teacher Workday
1-8	Report Cards
1-8	SEL Lesson
1-20	No School
1-23	Senior Bowling
1-23	Lunch and Learn (AM)
1-31	Scoops at Lunch
2-5	Career Fair
2-5	Interims
2-5	SEL Lesson
2-10	ACCESS Testing all week
2-14	Teacher Workday
2-28	Scoops at Lunch

Instructional Reports

Mr. Russell Mahaffey reported the following:

1. PADEPP conferences will be scheduled with principals in January. The purpose of the mid-year conference is to review progress toward professional development plans and to review evidence related to the PADEPP standards. During second semester, principals will complete self-assessments for the PADEPP standards. A final conference will be held at the end of the school year. All evidence, ratings, and signatures are entered into the SC LEAD system.
2. As part of teachers' final evaluation cycle (second semester), principals will conduct formal observations in classrooms from January 7th through the end of March. They will complete the evaluations in SC LEAD and hold final evaluation conferences by April 25th.
3. The next induction class will be held on Tuesday, January 7th starting at 3:30 PM. The teachers will be working with the 12 standards in the Instruction Domain throughout the remaining class sessions. Teachers will discuss a videotaped lesson of themselves, share their opinion after viewing the lesson, and discuss the Post-Conference Teacher Reflection form. They will rate themselves on the various domains, identify a reinforcement objective and a refinement objective, and compose a written reflection on the lesson.
4. Teachers and administrators received letters of intent on December 9th. They will return their intent forms by January 9th. These forms indicate employees' plans for the upcoming school year (e.g., retirement, resignation, or return to employment). Principals will use this information in composing teacher recommendations in February.

Mrs. Rachel Traynham reported the following:

1. Nursing
 - a. Mrs. McCarley is participating in professional development for lead nurses
2. Mental Health
 - a. New Employee from SCDMH should be starting next week with us full time
 - b. The number of students in District who need mental health services continues to grow.
3. Multi-Lingual Learners
 - a. We will begin state WIDA testing for this group of students later this month.
 - b. The number of students in the ML program continues to grow.
4. Special Education
 - a. We have offered Virtual Help Sessions to employees for EdPlan.
 - b. We are holding many Special Education IEP meetings in each school and appreciate the efforts of our staff.
 - c. I was able to attend the Christmas Program at McCarthy-Teszler prior to the break. All the students did great.
 - d. We will meet as a County Director group on January 9, 2025, in D5.
5. Federal Program Information/Compliance:
 - a. Principals are evaluating their school needs as we prepare to begin work more on the strategic plan.
 - b. All our federal grant applications have been submitted to the SCDE.
 - c. We are waiting for approval of our Title III grant.
 - d. I will be attending Satchel Training with Mrs. Turner on January 13th related to new scheduling guidance from the SCDE.
 - e. I have begun work on the federally mandated OCR report that is due yearly in March.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following report:

1. All schools completed the winter interim assessment required by Proviso 1.76 and data has been submitted to SCDE for review.
2. Quarter two as well as semester one are complete and report cards will be distributed on January 8th.

3. Plans are underway for the preregistration process for the 2025-2026 school year. Schools are completing class meetings, projected student enrollment, and the scheduling process.
4. Schools and administrators are preparing for required state assessments which begin with a midyear assessment for 4k students.
5. WIDA ACCESS, an assessment taken by K-12 students who are served within the multilingual program in Spartanburg School District Four, will begin testing on January 21st. Currently, SD4 has 165 students required to take this assessment.
6. Qualifying students in grades 2-5, who have been identified as needing additional testing to potentially qualify for the South Carolina Gifted and Talented program, will take part in the Performance Task Assessment from February 18- March 14.

Facilities

1. BAN 2024 Projects – Board members received a list.
2. 2024 / 2025 School Year Projects – Board members received a list.

Superintendent Report- Dr. Aaron Fulmer

1. Presented copies of the 2025-2026 personnel timeline and intent form.
2. The Spartanburg County Oversight Committee voted to accept the distribution of the Minimum County Foundation between the seven Spartanburg County School Districts.
3. Thanked Sandy Norman and Rick Sloan for attending the Delegate Assembly and asked them to give a brief overview of the meeting.
4. Reminded the board that the SCSBA annual conference will be held in February at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach.

Board Action

1. Approved the following policies:
DKC- Expense Authorization/Reimbursement, EFE-R – Competitive Food Sales- Vending Machines, EFE- Competitive Food Sales- Vending Machines, JBAC – Comprehensive Health Education, JKE-R – Expulsion of Students.
2. Approved the 2025-2026 school calendar.
3. Approved the RD Anderson Resolution.
4. Approved district administrators for the 2025-2026 school year.
5. Approved Dr. Aaron Fulmer as Superintendent for Spartanburg School District Four.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.