

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

February 3, 2025

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, February 3, 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 January 6 meeting were approved.

The following reports were presented:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for February 2025 is attached.
2. WPS will begin an after-school program for kindergarten, first, and second grade students on February 24th for approximately 80 students. The program will run three days a week for six weeks. Students were selected based on math i-Ready scores.
3. The WPS community project for February is to collect items for the Spartanburg Humane Society.
4. WPS will hold the Science Fair February 17th – 20th. Students in first and second grades are encouraged to participate.
5. Preschool and kindergarten enrollment for students new to WPS will be held on March 13, 2025, from 8:30 – 2:00 in the District 4 Activity Center. Informational flyers will be sent out soon.
6. Teachers have been holding mid-year conferences with parents throughout January. Teachers met with parents of children who are below grade level in reading or math.
7. Teachers are currently reviewing materials for a new math curriculum to be implemented next school year. Allison Duckett, Ben Smith, Caroline Bullington, and Betsy Alexander will attend a textbook caravan on February 27th to hear presentations about each option.
8. Early childhood teachers continue with their first year of LETRS training. This two-year training for teachers is focused on mastering the fundamentals of reading instruction.
 - a. A full-day teacher training is scheduled for February 14th.

February 2025

- 5- Interims sent home (1st and 2nd)
- 5 - Guidance Counselor Appreciation Day
- 13 - Valentine's Day Class Parties
- 13 - School Improvement Council Meeting
- 14 - Teacher Inservice Day
- 17 & 18 - Science Fair Projects Due
- 19 & 20 - Science Fair Judging and Announcements
- 24 - After School Program Begins
- 26 - Spring Pictures
- 28 - School Family Celebration
- 28 - Book Fair Begins

Enrollment- As of 1/28/2025

March 2024				
Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	46	54	-8	8- Spivey (Special Education)
4k	140	151	-11	5– Martell & 5- Moon 1- Humerez (Special Education)
5K	193	201	-8	4–Martell & 4- Moon (Special Education)
1st	190	194	-4	2 – McT 2-Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	194	201	-7	5– Humerez (Special Education) 2 - McT
TOTAL	763	801	-38	8 – Humerez, 9– Martell, 9– Moon, 8-Spivey 4- McCarthy Teszler & CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris reported the following:

1. We are currently sending out letters for our afterschool program. Students will meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 2:40 to 4:00 starting on February 24th through April 4th. The program will give students targeted instruction on their level.
2. January 24th-Students, faculty, and staff dressed up in their neon colors to Celebrate the 100th Day of School- “100 Days Brighter.”
3. Student Council students have been planning with Mrs. Audra Terry new menu options for WES. The student body voted Monday, January 27th to give their feedback on new menu options.
4. Bright Star Children's Theatre performed on Friday, January 31st.
5. On February 13th, the 4th and 5th grade SOAR students will travel to Chapman Cultural Center to see, “The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe”.
6. February 10th-14th is Random Act of Kindness Week! To celebrate this, Mrs. Carroll, the guidance counselor, will be making a Kindness Tree with the students!
7. The following teacher cadets will visit WES this month:
 - a. Jasmine Candelas
 - b. Sarah Gonzales
 - c. Brandon Sellars
 - d. Desirai Simmons

Professional Development Opportunities:

<i>February 5th-8th</i>	<i>SC Speech Language Hearing Association Annual Convention</i>		<i>N. Barber</i>	<i>Beach Conference</i>
<i>February 27, 2025</i>	<i>Textbook Caravan</i>	<i>SCDE</i>	<i>Rector/Guker/Watson/McNeely</i>	<i>Greenville</i>

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 1/28/25

3 rd Grade	228
4 th Grade	202
5 th Grade	216

February 2025 Calendar

3 WE Singers
4-Good News *Club*, *Gifted Art*
5-School Counselor Appreciation *Day*, *Interims* Issued
7-Student Council Meeting, Good News Club
9 –3rd Grade Guidance Lessons (this week)
10-5th Grade Watershed “Incredible Journey”, *WE Singers*
11- 5th Grade Watershed “Incredible *Journey*”, *Good News Club*, *Gifted Art*
13-4th Grade Watershed “Color Me With Light”
14-Teacher Inservice/Workday/LETRS Training
16-4th Grade Guidance Lessons (this week), *WE Singers*
17-SRO Appreciation Day, 3rd Grade Watershed “Need for *Speed*”, *WE Singers*
18-Good News Club, *Gifted Art*
21-3rd and 4th Grade Guidance Lessons, 3rd Grade Watershed “Need for Speed”
23-Science Fair Week, 5th Grade Guidance Lessons (this week)
24-WE Singers
25-Good News Club (last meeting), *Gifted Art*
26-Principals’ Meeting
27-4th Grade Watershed “Color Me With Light”, Science Fair Project drop offs
28th Fabulous Friday, Science Fair-Parent Viewing 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 230 7th – 241 8th – 227
2. Interim reports for 3rd nine weeks will go home February 5.
3. WIDA testing began February 3.
4. WMS had three wrestlers win their weight class at eh Foothills Conference tournament: Ryan Fults, Greyson Butler, Alden Watts
5. Kayliegh Machado was the 100 pound middle school wrestling state runner-up.

Calendar of Events:

Feb 3-7 WIDA ACCESS testing
Feb 5 Contracts issued/Interims
Feb 10 Ice cream sales
Feb 12 FCA after school movie
Feb 14 Teacher in-service
Feb 19 Ice cream sales
Mar 5 7th grade field trip
Mar 10 WMS winter sports awards 6pm
Mar 12 Report cards issued
Mar 14 Teacher in-service
Mar. 27 Book fair begins
Apr. 3 Book fair ends
Apr 7-11 Spring holidays

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- WHS faculty and staff took a tour of the new school on January 6. There was a lot of excitement and muddy shoes.
- Report cards went out Wednesday, January 8, and students completed an SEL lesson in their Advisory Period. Ms. Carrigan checked responses and was pleased with the mindset of our students. Students also completed the SEL Survey.
- The senior class went on their annual senior bowling fieldtrip. We had 114 seniors attend. They had a great time and enjoyed the concession stand.
- Guidance and Ms. Carrigan hosted two Lunch and Learns this month. One included a hot chocolate bar.
- Monday, January 27, guidance held a Financial Aid Night. There were about 30 parents in attendance.
- Wednesday, January 29, WHS held a Code Red drill. We are gathering information as always working to make sure we have sound procedures, and that everyone knows what to do in an emergency.
- The administrative team is meeting every Tuesday to work on/develop our 25-26 Course Guide and Course Cards. Students should receive course cards mid-February. After that we will hold informational meetings for parents.
- On Friday, January 31, we had 8 senior athletes sign on "Signing Day". WHS will hold another "Signing Day" in the spring.
- The Winter Guard held a preview show at that Activity Center on Friday, January 31. Their first competition is Saturday, February 1, at Dorman at 11:25 am.

Calendar

2-5	Career Fair, Interims, SEL Lesson
2-10	ACCESS Testing all week
2-14	Teacher Workday
2-16	Empty Bowls
2-28	Scoops at Lunch
3-3	Jostens Senior Delivery
3-10	MAP Testing all week
3-11	ACT/SAT School Testing
3-12	Report Cards SEL Lesson
3-13	Marching Cadets NGU FT
3-14	Teacher Workday
3-20	Lunch and Learn
3-28	Scoops at Lunch
3-29	Chorus/Band Carowinds
4-1	WIN Testing
4-2	9 th Grade Dental Check (AM) SEL Lesson
4-3,4	Sports Physicals
4-7	Spring Break Week
4-16	Interims
4-24	Lunch and Learn
4-25	Scoops at Lunch
4-26	Prom

Instructional Reports

Mr. Russell Mahaffey reported the following:

1. PADEPP conferences were held 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 6th 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 Thursday, February 13 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 videotape themselves teaching a lesson, view the lesson, and complete 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.

Mrs. Rachel Traynham reported the following:

1. Nursing
 - a. We have had a number of students absent or sent home with respiratory infections. We have followed protocols per the South Carolina Department of Public Health and taken increased cleaning measures.
2. Mental Health
 - a. An employee with SCDMH is currently working in district to serve students in all four of our schools.
 - b. We saw an increase in the number of referrals for Mental Health this month.
3. Multi-Lingual Learners
 - a. We have begun state WIDA testing for ML Learners.
 - b. Mrs. Gilbert and I attended a state meeting for ML leaders at the SCDE last week. There are several proposed changes related to services for this group of students.
4. Special Education
 - a. We are beginning a very busy time for SPED teachers and Admin for student IEP meetings.
 - b. I will be attending SCCEC later this month and was asked to serve as one of 5 state directors to serve on a panel to answer SPED Director and Coordinator questions at the conference during general session.
 - c. We will meet as a County Director group on February 6, 2025, in D5.
 - d. I will attend the State Coordinator Meeting in Columbia on February 7, 2025.
5. Federal Program Information/Compliance:
 - a. Principals are evaluating their school needs as we prepare to begin work more on the Strategic Plan. The SCDE has indicated training for this process should begin later this month. They have delayed the process and just opened the 2026 application to districts.
 - b. All our federal grant applications and budgets have been approved by the SCDE.
 - c. I have begun work on the federally mandated OCR report that is due yearly in March.
 - d. I have completed a Home School report related to the number of students who report as home schooled within our district.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following report:

1. PowerSchool staff members from each school attended a workshop on January 27th to begin preparation for the 2025-2026 school year.
2. ACCESS WIDA, a state-mandated assessment required for Multilingual Learners, began on January 21st and will conclude on March 7th.

3. The Performance Task Assessment, an assessment given to qualifying students to determine inclusion in the Gifted and Talented program, will begin on February 18th and will conclude on March 14th.
4. Congratulations to ten WMS students for qualifying as a Junior Scholar for the 2024-2025 school year. To qualify as a Junior Scholar, students participate in the fall offering of the PSAT and must score at least a 550 on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or at least a 530 on the mathematics portion. Of the ten students, three qualified in both areas of the PSAT. These students will be recognized at the May Board Meeting.

Facilities

1. BAN 2024 Projects – Board members received a list.
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3. Tree Planting at New School – TreesUpstate will provide (75) trees to be planted on March 1 with volunteers. They provided (51) trees that were planted on 11/23/24.
4. Security Grant Award – District 4 received \$92,000 for door locks at WPS, WES, and WHS.

Superintendent Report- Dr. Aaron Fulmer

1. Provided a copy of the approved 2025-2026 school calendar.
2. Provided the 2025-2026 personnel timeline. Contracts will be issued February 5.
3. Provided a copy of information related to Statement of Economic Interests – Due March 30th.
4. Provided board members with information regarding SCSBA Conference.

New Business

1. Approved the 2025-2026 returning teacher contracts at Woodruff Primary School.
2. Approved the 2025-2026 returning teacher contracts at Woodruff Elementary School.
3. Approved the 2025-2026 returning teacher contracts at Woodruff Middle School.
4. Approved the 2025-2026 returning teacher contracts at Woodruff High School.
5. Approved the following new hires for 2025-2026 school year: Mary Dobbings- WPS and Ashley West- WES