

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

March 3, 2025

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

The following reports were presented:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for March 2025 is attached.
2. WPS students and staff have collected approximately 300 items for Spartanburg Humane Society.
3. WPS Science Fair was held February 17th and 18th. Fourteen first and second graders entered projects. Any student who placed first, second, or third place in their category was eligible to enter the Piedmont Region III Science Fair at USC Upstate. Congratulations to the following students for placing in the competition:
Brylee Duckett (Overall Winner), Reed Broadway, Rowen Stone, Coleman Vinson, Myla Jensen, Hadley Thompson, Emma King, Emily Blaile, Lila West, Madelyn Spurlin, and Emerson Deahl.
4. Preschool and kindergarten enrollment will be held on Thursday, March 13th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Students new to Woodruff Primary School for the 2025-2026 school year should be enrolled on this day. Parents of students already enrolled do not need to attend.
5. Twenty-three second graders qualified to take the Performance Task Assessment (PTA) in order to qualify for the gifted and talented program in third grade. PTA was administered from Tuesday, February 18th until Friday, February 20th. Results will be received later in the spring.
6. WPS students are fortunate to participate in many field trip opportunities this year. Students have plans to visit Lake Conestee Nature Park, Roebuck Skate Center (STEM Program), Greenville Zoo, and Strawberry Hill in the spring.
7. Thanks to a grant from Celanese, kindergarten through second grade students will be able to participate in an in-house STEM experience provided by Spartanburg Science Center in May.
8. WPS teachers have been working with WHS Teacher Cadets to provide opportunities for observations. They will begin field placements soon and observe each morning Monday – Thursday, with opportunities to teach two lessons. We look forward to hosting them!
9. The SCDE Parent Survey is now open. Parents are encouraged to complete a survey for each District 4 student in their parent portal.
10. WPS will host USC Upstate Teaching Fellows on March 21st. They will learn about our school and observe in classrooms.

March

- 3 – Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration
- 5 – Severe Weather Drill (Tornado)
- 5- Kindergarten Cap and Gown Pictures
- 12- Report Cards Issued

13 - Preschool and Kindergarten Enrollment (8:30 – 2:00)

14 - LETRS Training

14 – eLearning for Students

31– Apr. 4 – Storybook Character Week

Apr. 4 – Storybook Character Parade

Enrollment- As of 2/26/2025

March 2025				
Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	46	55	–9	9– Spivey (Special Education)
4k	140	150	–10	4– Martell & 5– Moon 1– Humerez (Special Education)
5K	193	201	–8	4–Martell & 4– Moon (Special Education)
1st	194	199	–5	2 – McT 3–Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	191	199	–8	5– Humerez (Special Education) 2 – McT
TOTAL	764	804	–40	8 – Humerez, 9– Martell, 9– Moon, 9–Spivey 4– McCarthy Teszler & CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris reported the following:

1. Read Across America March 3-7th. The students will wear their favorite hat, silly socks, wacky clothes, dress in what you want to be when you grow up, and their craziest hair style.
2. Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Baxter administered WIDA Access Testing to our ML students during the month of February.
3. 24- 3rd graders, 18- 4th graders, and 31- 5th graders qualified to take the South Carolina Performance Task Assessment for Academic Gifted and Talented Identification. This is based on meeting the required state criteria and includes verbal and nonverbal task assessments. Student results will be returned late spring and will determine if students qualify for Soar placement for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. In the month of February, third grade students worked diligently on a research project and presentation for Black History Month. They each chose a historical or noteworthy figure, conducted research, organized their findings, and compiled their ideas into a final project. Students wore their **Red-Carpet** attire on their presentation day.
 - Mrs. Cole, Ms. McNeely, Mrs. Baynes, Mrs. McKoy's, and Ms. West's homeroom classes presented their projects at 8:15 on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. Parents will need to exit the school before 8:45.
 - Ms. Grier, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Silver, and Ms. Smith's homeroom classes I presented their projects at 9:15 on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. Parents will need to exit the school before 9:45.
5. 5th Grade Students will attend the Link Up Concert on March 4th, at Converse University

6. We are going to have designated days for students to invite a “buddy” or two to breakfast. This is called “Breakfast Buddies.” Students can invite guests to come between 7 and 7:50 for breakfast. We will serve muffins, water, and juice. March 4th-3rd Grade/March 5th -4th Grade/March 6th 5th Grade
7. WES Science Fair February 27th (winners will be announced on March Board Report)
8. **WES Family Game Night March 20th**-This is a free event. We will have corn hole, line dancing, photo booth, ring toss, multiplication, and division bingo, Jenga, speech bingo, math stacks, checkers, tic-tac-toe, card games, "Headbandz", Speed Stacks, Connect 4 and other games for students and their families to enjoy. We will also have pizza and concessions for sale.
9. Our after-school program officially started February 24th. I am so appreciative to these teachers for working with the students: Mrs. Cole, Mrs. R. Robinson, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. Kennedy, Miss Littlejohn, Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. Richards (split), and Miss Coleman. Ms. Mitchell has done a tremendous job with overseeing the program.
10. Corporate Partnerships Team United Way of Piedmont donated 210 snack packs for our students.
11. Coach Addis will host Christopher Munoz-Garcia clinical student from Upstate.
12. In February, WES held a Read-A-Thon. They over exceeded their money goal of \$1,000 by raising \$1,260! WES students also read lots of books and were able to log 2,471 minutes of reading. Mrs. White, the WES Media Specialist, will be able to buy lots of new books! Mrs. Littlejohn was the top class for the most minutes read and Mrs. Grier was the top class for the most money raised.
13. WES held their Book Fair March 10-14th.

Teacher Cadets that will be in the following classrooms from March-April.

Cadet Name:	School Preference:	Grade(s) Preference:	Teacher/Subject Request:
Jasmine Candelas	WES	2 nd or 3 rd	McKoy
Brandon Sellars	WES	2 nd	Stonesifer

Enrollment for WES as of 2/24/25:

3 rd	231
4 th	204
5 th	215

March

- 3 – WE *Singers*, Read Across America March 3-7th
- 4 – 3rd Grade Breakfast Buddies @ 7:00, Link -up Concert 5th Grade Field Trip to Converse College After School Program, Gifted Art
- 5- 4th Grade Breakfast Buddies, After School Program
- 6 – 5th Grade Breakfast Buddies
- 7 – Student Council Meeting, Maintenance Appreciation Day
- 10 – Book Fair Monday-Friday, WE Singers, After School Program
- 11– 5th Grade Watershed “Far Out Space”, Gifted Art, After School Program
- 12 –Report Cards Issued, 5th Grade Watershed “Far Out Space”, After School Program
- 13 – 3rd Grade Watershed “Theme Bones”
- 14 – Teacher Inservice Workday, LETRS Training, e-Learning
- 17 – 3rd Grade Watershed “Them Bones”, SEL Survey, Spring Basket Sale Begins, After School Program, WE Singers
- 18 –Gifted Music Auditions, After School Program, Gifted Art

19 – i-Ready Math, After School Program
 20 – Family Engagement Night 4-6 pm
 24-WE Singers last meeting, After School Program
 25-3rd Grade Field Trip to Walnut Grove, i-Ready Reading, After School Program, Gifted Art
 26– 3rd Grade Field Trip to Walnut Grove, 4th Grade Watershed “Sounds of Music”, After School Program
 27– 3rd Grade Field Trip to Walnut Grove, i-Ready Math
 28-3rd Grade March Madness in the cafeteria -8:30 am, Spring Basket Sale Ends, Fabulous Friday

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 229 7th – 241 8th – 226
2. Report cards for 3rd nine weeks will be sent home March 12.
3. The WMS winter sport awards program will be held March 10.
4. The WMS girls’ basketball team defeated Landrum to win the Foothills tournament.
5. Cubs on the PROWL were recognized for January during morning assembly.
6. WMS had four students attend the region band clinic on February 21: Cordelia Liggett, Cooper Zal, Hayden Bean, Jocelyn Gomez

Calendar of Events:

Mar 5	7 th grade field trip
Mar 10	WMS winter sports awards 6pm
Mar 12	Report cards issued
Mar 14	Teacher in-service
Mar 24	MAP window opens/Health survey opens (completed by HR)
Mar 25	Spring pictures
Mar. 27	Book fair begins
Apr. 3	Book fair ends
Apr 4	MAP window closes/ Health survey closes (completed by HR)
Apr 7-11	Spring holidays
Apr. 16	Interims
April 29	READY Math

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- Friday, February 7, WHS’s student council held our Winter Pep Rally. All winter sports teams were recognized and our basketball cheerleaders performed. The juniors won the spirit competition.
- Students participated in their first SEL lesson for third nine weeks on Wednesday, February 5. Interims were also issued that day.
- A Career Fair was held on February 5. There were over 50 vendors, and 29 teachers participated in the Career Fair with their classes.
- WIDA testing took place on the week of February 10. Testing went well and we look forward to their results. Coach Brooks and Mrs. Morris held a “Test Prep Party” for them the Friday before testing started.
- Sunday, February 16, the Art Society hosted their annual Empty Bowls Luncheon. Everyone enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch and got to take home a bowl designed by our very own WHS art students.
- Thursday, February 20, guidance along with Mrs. Carrigan held a “Lunch and Learn”.
- Thursday, February 27, Josh Simpson, Reidville’s Mayor, visited WHS. He met with our athletes in their athletic and strength classes and spoke to the entire student body in an afternoon assembly. His message to all was how to activate dormant potential.

- The administrative team is meeting every Tuesday to work on/develop our 25-26 Course Guide and Course Cards. We will hold an informational meeting for parents in March and students will receive their course cards for the 25-26 school year.
- Mrs. Morris gave a draft scheduling proposal for the 25-26 school year.

Date	Event
3-10	MAP Testing all week, Winter Sports Banquet
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
4-7	Spring Break Week
4-15	Jostens Senior Delivery
4-16	Interims
4-24	Lunch and Learn
4-25	Scoops at Lunch
4-26	Prom
4-30	Sports Physicals in Strength, Most Improved
5-1	Art Bouquet Fundraiser
5-2	Lunch and Learn
5-6	Chorus Concert
5-8	Band Concert
5-13	Grad Walk
5-16	Awards Yearbook Day
5-23	Last Day
5-24	Teacher Workday (5/27)

Instructional Reports

Mr. Russell Mahaffey reported the following:

1. Principals have conducted mid-year evaluation conferences with teachers and discussed progress toward the Student Learning Objectives (SLOs). According to the ADEPT timeline, the ending date for final evaluation conferences is April 25.
2. The last teacher induction class was held on Thursday, February 13 from 3:00 – 6:00pm. The teachers worked with the 12 standards in the Instruction Domain throughout the last class session in February. Teachers videotaped themselves teaching a lesson, viewed the lesson, and completed the Post-Conference Teacher Reflection form. They reflect on their teaching in relation to the SC Teaching Standards and share their findings with their colleagues.
3. Thirty-nine educators have licenses that will expire on June 30, 2025. Twenty-eight educators have already submitted documentation for license renewal. Eleven teachers are still completing recertification requirements, which include 120 renewal credits. Renewal credits can be accumulated through graduate courses, SCDE workshops, and professional development related to Student Learning Objectives.

Mrs. Rachel Traynham reported the following:

1. Nursing
 - a. Planning for the Mobile Mammogram Unit is underway.
2. Mental Health
 - a. We will be meeting with ReGenesis Health to discuss a potential partnership with them.
 - b. We continue to serve a large population of students.
3. SPED
 - a. We are reviewing paperwork as a form of internal auditing.
 - b. We will have a Medicaid Audit on March 13th.
 - c. The County SPED Director meeting will be held in D5 on March 6, 2025
4. Federal Program Information/Compliance
 - a. Strategic Plan
 - i. Each school is working on their school plan at this time/needs assessment. The application from the state just opened recently.
 - ii. We will work to have the plan completed by the April 30th deadline set by the state.
 - b. OCR Report
 - i. I was able to submit the mandated OCR report last week.
 - c. Enrollment Questions
 - i. We will be adding the following questions to our enrollment survey for 25-26:
 - Are there court orders regarding custody?
 - Does either parent have restrictions on contact (court documents or DSS kinship placement must be provided)?
 - d. Youth Art Month at the Chapman Cultural Center- March 17-May 2. We are the host district. The banquet is not yet set but once it is announced, I will email everyone.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following report:

1. On February 24th, all schools began the 2024-2025 after-school program. This program will end on April 2nd. Students receive additional standards-based instruction in a small group setting in Math, Language Arts, or both during this designated time.
2. Schools, along with district staff, continue to review testing procedures and guidelines for upcoming state mandated assessments. Upcoming webinars and workshops are scheduled as we prepare for SC Ready (which includes Science), EOCEP, and the WIN Career Readiness Assessment. *This year, SC Ready (grades 3-8) will include an additional testing day to accommodate the new English/Language Arts standards.
3. South Carolina will be implementing new math standards for the 2025-2026 school year. Select teachers from each school attended the Textbook Caravan, hosted by the South Carolina Department of Education, on February 27th. Schools will spend March 3- March 14 in school level meetings and making grade level selections. *From March 18-28, textbooks samples for all grade levels will be on display in the District Office conference room for Board Members to review. At the March 31st Board Meeting, the Board will be asked to approve new math materials as these will become instructional materials for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Performance Task Assessments will conclude on March 7th.
5. The WIDA Access test for Multi-Lingual learners will conclude on March 7th.
6. Woodruff Middle School will begin MAP testing on Monday, March 24th and conclude April 4th. Woodruff High School will MAP test Monday, March 10th- March 13th.

Facilities

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

Superintendent Report- Dr. Aaron Fulmer

1. Reminded the board about the statement of economic interest.
2. District Four will be implementing a two-factor authentication for security purposes for anyone logging into the District Four network.
3. Provided information regarding the new RD Anderson Educational Foundation.

Board Action

1. Appointed Tony Davis and Chris Benfield to the RD Anderson Educational Foundation Oversight Committee.
2. Approved the \$1,450,000 General Obligation Bond Resolution.
3. Approved to petition the State Board of Education to forgive additional calendar closings relating to Hurricane Helene. The dates are October 9,10, and 11, 2024.
4. Approved the following hires for the 2025-2026 school year:

Kandace Bouchicas- Woodruff Primary School
Jennifer Brown- Woodruff Primary School
Linda Watson- Woodruff Primary School
Selena Turnipseed- Woodruff Middle School
Brooke Bailey- Woodruff High School