

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

March 31, 2025

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, March 31, 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 March 3 and March 18 meetings were approved.

The following reports were presented:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for April 2024 is attached.
2. WPS will conclude its after school program on April 2nd. We were able to serve around 80 students in this 6-week program! Students worked hard to improve their math skills!
3. In the months of March and April, WPS will raise money through different activities for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A Walk-A-Thon is scheduled for families on Thursday, April 24th from 4:00 – 6:00! Last year we were able to raise almost \$9000.00 for this organization!
4. Enrollment for the upcoming school year was held on Thursday, March 13th for new 3K, 4K, and 5K students. WPS will continue to enroll new students throughout the summer. At this point, enrollment for 2025-2026 is comparable to last year.
5. WPS students will celebrate Storybook Character Week on March 31 – April 4 with dress up days and activities. We appreciate our librarian, Tobey Rhodes, for planning a full week of reading related experiences for our students.
6. WPS is thrilled to be able to hold our traditional Storybook Character Day on April 4th. The students and staff will dress up like a storybook character and parade around WPS and WES for families and students. This is always such a fun day for everyone!
7. Spring i-Ready testing will begin on April 16th for kindergarten, first, and second grade students. We're excited to see how much our students have grown this year.
8. All WPS paraprofessionals will be recognized on April 2nd! We appreciate all they do to support us each day.

April

- 3/31 – 4/4 Children's Book Week
- 3 – School Improvement Council Meeting
- 7-11 Spring Holidays
- 11 – SC Department of Education Parent Survey Closes
- 16 – i-Ready Testing Begins
- 16 – Interims Issued
- 24 – St. Jude Walk-a-Thon Event
- 25 – School Family Celebration
- 28 – May 2 Book Fair
- 29 – First Grade Field Trip to Strawberry Hill

Enrollment- As of 3/25/2025

Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	46	55	-9	9- Spivey (Special Education)
4k	140	149	-9	4– Martell & 4- Moon 1- Humerez (Special Education)
5K	193	201	-8	4–Martell & 4- Moon (Special Education)
1st	198	203	-5	2 – McT 3-Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	194	202	-8	6– Humerez (Special Education) 2 - McT
TOTAL	771	810	-39	10 – Humerez, 8– Martell, 8– Moon, 9-Spivey 4- McCarthy Teszler & CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris reported the following:

1. March Madness was an engaging event for third grade students to learn and practice their multiplication facts. This took place during the whole month of March. Each class participated in a bracket that placed students opposing one another in a multiplication challenge. Every week the group of competitors was narrowed down to eventually determine a class winner. Our final two competitors will compete on March 28th.
2. Spring Family Fun Night was a hit!! At no cost to parents, families could play games for prizes. We had Bingo, Connect Four, Corn Hole, line dancing, bucket drums, etc. We also had face painting and a drawing for prizes donated by local business owners in our very own community. We had a full house.
3. Woodruff Elementary School collected donations for the Woodruff Area Soup Kitchen during the months of January and February. Mrs. Shanita Wallace’s homeroom class had the most donations and was rewarded with extra recess.
4. I wanted to share some exciting news! On behalf of Palmetto Council-Scouting America, Ms. G. Young has been selected as the 2025 Spartanburg District Four winner for the Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award. Please help me congratulate Ms. G. Young! Well deserved!
5. 3rd/SPED/Admin, Mrs. Wallace and Ms. D. Harrison participated in LETRS training on March 14th. This completes Volume I training.
6. THE TERRIFIC KID OF THE YEAR IS Ava Smith!! CONGRATULATIONS TO HER!
7. Maximus Sanchez and Riley Berryhill will be recommended for the program the Citizen Sholars Program.
8. WES 5th grade students will tour WMS on April 18th.
9. Total Count of Breakfast buddies: 3rd 229, 4th 231, 5th 204, Total 664

3rd Nine Weeks Terrific Kids

3rd Grade

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| Mrs. Baynes | Davey Kai Panther and Kinsley Miller |
| Mrs. Cole | Eli Fenley and Savannah Hill |
| Ms. Grier | Jayceon Williams and Mikayla Gardner |
| Mrs. McKoy | David Tranquilino-Urieta and Kenna Autaubo |

Ms. McNeely	Austin Kohler and Trinity Rivera
Mrs. Robinson	Roykeem Cunningham and Rebeka Guzman Ramirez
Mrs. Silver	Noah Sadler and Keigan Salter
Ms. Smith	Caden Faulkner and Ryleigh Patrick
Coach Taylor	Wyatt Shearin
Mrs. West	Dominic Huffman and Harper Blighton

4th Grade

Dr. Brannon	Jason Romanov and Riley Palomino
Mrs. Burnette	Lainey Burch and Nora Harrell
Mrs. Harrison	Harmony Jones and Coralie Wright
Ms. Littlejohn	William Seba Sinaca and Olysia Gilliam
Mrs. Stonesifer	Lizzie Whitmore and Sienna Arrowood
Mrs. Wallace	Phoenix Dixon and Braelynn Horton
Mrs. Watson	Toryn Harris and Daylyn Johnson
Mrs. E. Young	Sofia Valle
Ms. G. Young	Michael Woodward and Adalee Jones

5th Grade

Mrs. Gaffney	Miguel Garcia and Kaylee Watson
Ms. Jacobi	Corbin Owens and Judith Delgado-Tranquilino
Mrs. Mosteller	Gavin Beasley and Cambry Rhodes
Ms. Rector	Spencer Finley and Raegan Brooks
Mrs. Richards	Rylan Wood and Brianne Theo
Coach Taylor	Reagan Boyd
Mrs. Thompson	Tomas Ramirez and Juliette Klien
Ms. Tollison	Beckett Renfrow and Sanaiya Duncan
Mrs. Williams	Andrew Hudson and Chelsea Rossi
Mrs. E. Young	Connor Neale

The WES Science Fair was held on February 27th. The Piedmont Region III Science Fair at USC Upstate was held on March 7th. Our science fair winners were:

Behavioral Science

1st: Ryan Matz
 2nd: Cash Smith
 3rd: Ladson Knighten

Biology

1st: Penny Oetken
 2nd: PJ Taylor
 3rd: Lorelai Urps

Chemistry

1st: Avery Stonesifer
 2nd: Owen Harnage
 3rd: Brooke Crain

General Science

1st: Keefer Young

2nd: Chelsea Rossi

3rd: Ellie Vance

Math/Computer Science

1st: Kensley Miller

Physics

1st Peyton Parris

2nd Savannah Hill

3rd Ginny Dees

Overall Science Fair Winners:

1st Peyton Parris

2nd Ryan Matz

3rd Cash Smith

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 3/6/25

3rd	234
4th	203
5th	216

Professional Development:

March 11	Cross-Check Method and Research	SCDE	Wallace	Webinar
March 18	Cross -Check Method and Communications	SCDE	Wallace	Webinar
March 19-20	SC College and Career Ready math Standards	SCDE	Guker	Spartanburg Community College
March 25	Text Complexity	SCDE	Wallace	Webinar

April 2025 Calendar

1-3rd and 4th Grade Guidance lessons, After School Program, Gifted Art

2- 5th Grade Field Trip to Barrier Island Eco Tour Day Trip, Last Day for the After School Program

3-WE Singers Spring Concert 10:00 am

4-Student Council Meeting

7-11th Spring Break

15-Gifted Art

16-Interim Reports Issued

17-Terrific Kid Luncheon 12 pm

18-WMS Tour -5th Grade (8:15 ELA and 9:15 Math)

22-Gifted Art

25-3rd and 4th Guidance Lessons, Tea Sale for WPS St. Jude Trike-a-thon, Fabulous Friday

28-State Testing WES Reading A

29-State Testing WES Reading B Gifted Art (last class)

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 234 7th – 242 8th – 228
2. Interim Reports for the 4th Nine Weeks will be sent home April 16.
3. MAP testing began March 24 and will conclude before spring break.
4. The rising 6th graders will tour WMS on Friday, April 18.
5. Pre-registration for rising 7th and 8th is underway.

6. WMS has spring spirit activities from April 1 – April 4.

Apr 2	Students return cards
Apr. 3	Book fair ends
Apr 4	MAP window closes/7 th and 8 th cards due to guidance
Apr 7-11	Spring holidays
Apr. 16	Interims
April 29	READY Math
May 1	READY writing/6 th and 7 th band concert at WHS 6pm
May 2	8 th field trip
May 5	Chorus dress rehearsal
May 6	READY ELA/chorus concert 7pm
May 7	READY ELA
May 8	READY science - 6 th grade/8 th grade band at WHS 6pm
May 9	All library books due/band and chorus school concert 210
May 10	Contracts due
May 12	Algebra I EOC
May 13	WHS grad walk
May 14	Return 6 th grade Chromebooks
May 15	Return 7 th grade Chromebooks/Diana Olencki Art show 5-630pm
May 16	Return 8 th grade Chromebooks
May 19	WMS Field Day
May 20	WMS field day rain date
May 21	6 th awards/7 th and 8 th exams/full school day
May 22	7 th awards/6 th and 8 th exams/Sports Physicals 12pm-5pm
May 23	8 th awards/6 th and 7 th exams/last day for students
June 2	Summer school begins

Mr. Lawson wanted to publicly thank his staff for their hardwork and efforts this school year.

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- A tornado and fire drill were held this month at WHS.
- Class meetings took place regarding scheduling for the 25-26 school year. Two parent meetings were held as well.
- Teachers and students have taken the Climate Survey.
- The Winter Sports Banquet was held on Monday, March 10. It was well attended and as always everyone enjoyed the cookies and punch.
- The ACT/SAT school administration was given on Tuesday, March 11.
- Third nine weeks report cards went home Wednesday, March 12.
- The 8th grade class came and toured the building on Wednesday, March 12. Student Council guided them around the building and Mrs. Morris met with them as well.
- On Wednesday, March 19, seniors met for their first senior meeting regarding graduation. A letter was given to each senior outlining the event. A copy was also mailed home. A second senior meeting will be held after spring break.
- Band, winter guard, and chorus have been busy this month. The winter guard had one first place finish and two third places finishes. The band traveled to NGU for a performance and participated in CPA last Wednesday. Band and chorus were rewarded with their annual trip to Carowinds.

- Guidance sponsored three “Lunch and Learns” this month: Information on Theology Course Offering, Dual Course Offering/RD and MSC Offerings, and Mental Health.
- Scoops provided a sweet treat for students Friday, March 28, during lunch.

Date	Event
4-1	WIN Testing
4-2	9 th Grade Dental Check (AM) SEL Lesson
4-3	Lunch and Learn
4-7	Spring Break Week
4-15	Jostens Senior Delivery
4-16	Interims
4-17	Senior Construction Hiring Event
4-18	Spring Pep Rally
4-23	Senior Meeting #2
4-25	Scoops at Lunch
4-26	Prom
4-30	Sports Physicals in Strength, Most Improved
5-1	Art Bouquet Fundraiser
5-2	Incentive Field Trip – EOC/WIDA, Lunch and Learn
5-6	Chorus Concert, EOC Eng, AP Chem, AP Gov’t
5-7	EOC US, AP Lit
5-8	EOC Alg 1, Band Concert
5-9	APUSH
5-12	AP Calc
5-13	EOC Bio, APES, Grad Walk
5-14	AP Lang, School Concert
5-15	AP CS, Senior Exams
5-15	Olencki Art Show
5-16	Awards Yearbook Day
5-19	Senior Exams, Spring Sports Banquet
5-20	1 st Period Exam
5-21	2 nd and 5 th Period Exams
5-22	3 rd and 6 th Period Exams
5-23	4 th and 7 th Period Exams, Last Day
5-24	Teacher Workday (5/27)

Mrs. Morris gave a brief update on scheduling at WHS.

Instructional Reports

Mr. Russell Mahaffey reported the following:

1. Educators have until May 12th to return contracts that were issued in February. Sixty-two percent of educators have already signed and submitted their contracts. Eighty-four contracts remain outstanding throughout the entire district.
2. The last induction class was held in February. First year teachers and teachers new to South Carolina participated in this monthly course throughout the entire school year. This course provided them with resources and supports to be successful during their upcoming annual contract year where they must show proficiency on the SC Teaching Standards.
3. Thirty-nine educators have licenses that will expire on June 30, 2025. **Eleven** teachers are still completing recertification requirements, which include 120 renewal credits/points. It is typical

for teachers to submit points in May, as many graduate courses are completed during that month.

4. Teachers are evaluated under the Expanded ADEPT system, which includes the South Carolina Teaching Standards 4.0 Rubric. Evaluation teams are completing classroom observations, and administrators are scheduling end-of-year conferences with teachers. The goal is to complete evaluations by April 25th.
5. Principals are evaluated under PADEPP standards. They are completing self-assessments and submitting evidence for each standard. Their evaluations must be complete by September 1st. Results of ADEPT and PADEPP are entered into SC LEAD.

Mrs. Rachel Traynham reported the following:

1. Special Education
 - a. Our Medicaid Audit went well
 - b. County Sped Director meeting April 3rd in District 5
2. Nursing
 - a. Mobile mammogram unit emails went out to staff.
 - b. We will host the Mobile Unit on May 8-9, 2025.
 - c. Staff can make an appointment with Melissa McCarley
3. Mental Health
 - a. ReGenesis- we are looking to make them a local partner in services to our students.
4. Gifted and Talented Art/Music
 - a. Chapman Cultural Art Center Reception is April 1, 2025 from 5:00-7:00 for all of Spartanburg County. District Four is the host this year.
 - b. Diana Olencki Secondary Art Show, May 13-16 at MUSE
5. Multi-Lingual Learners
 - a. Our numbers continue to grow
 - b. We are determining school needs for next year
6. Howell Art Purchase Awards
 - a. Please judge the art before you leave tonight
 - b. Dinner and recognition of winners will be held at the May board meeting at Woodruff Elementary (May 5, 2025, along with Junior Scholars and outgoing Teachers of the Year)
7. Teacher of the Year
 - a. Judging will take place May 2, 2025 at the District Office
8. Strategic Plan
 - a. Community Meeting was held March 27th 9:00
 - b. You have a copy attached of the PowerPoint that was presented along with the Goals and Action Steps for each school and the whole district.
 - c. By State Law, the Strategic plan is due to the South Carolina Department of Education by April 30th.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following report:

1. Qualifying students in grades 2-5 completed the Performance Task Assessment on March 7th.
2. Students at Woodruff High School participated in the SAT/ACT School Test Day on March 11th.
3. Third year Woodruff High School students will take the WIN Career Readiness Assessment on April 1st. Seniors needing to retake a domain will also test on April 1st.
4. Woodruff Elementary School and Woodruff Middle School will conclude their Spring formative assessment window on April 4th. Woodruff Primary School will begin their Spring formative

assessment window on April 16th. While this is a required assessment from the state, schools with state required assessments will also use this data in preparation for upcoming testing.

5. Third quarter report cards were issued on March 12th. Fourth quarter interims will be issued on April 16th.
6. Schools have completed grade level selections for the upcoming math adoption and await Board approval to complete ordering of materials to be used, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

Facilities

1. BAN 2024 Projects – Board members received a list.
2. BAN 2025 Projects – Board members received a list.
3. 2024 / 2025 School Year Projects – Board members received a list.

Superintendent Report- Dr. Aaron Fulmer

1. All required statements of economic interest are submitted.
2. Graduation will be Friday May 23, 2025.
3. Preliminary budget information will be distributed at the May board meeting.
4. Dr. William L. Howell Art Purchase Awards Winners, Jr. Scholars, and outgoing Teachers of the Year will be recognized at the May board dinner.
5. Discussed the requirement of student make-up days.

Board Action

1. Approved the 2025-2026 Math textbook adoption.
2. Approved the bid of \$170,990 from Bull's Eye Brands, Inc. for pizza ovens and supplies.
3. Approved the bid for access points in the amount of \$206,503.47 from Encore Technology Group and the bid for switches in the amount of \$429,833.55 from ANC Group.
4. Approved the bid for promethean boards for the new WHS in the amount of \$168,018.20 from Encore Technology Group.
5. Approved the following hires for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - a. Karaline Grace Jones- Woodruff Primary School Teacher
 - b. Christopher Connolly- Woodruff Elementary School Teacher
 - c. Mary Ashly Graham- Woodruff Elementary School Teacher
 - d. Jackson Smith- Woodruff Middle School Teacher
 - e. Gerard Wood- Woodruff Middle School Teacher
 - f. Christopher Lewis- Woodruff High School Teacher/Coach
6. Approved a request made by Gordon Ray for a sewer easement at the property on Varner Street at no cost.