

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

May 5, 2025

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, May 5, 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 31 and April 29 meetings were approved.

The following reports were presented:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for May 2025 is attached.
2. The students enjoyed listening to tales told by the Stone Soup Storytellers. Mrs. Rhodes coordinated the event on April 25th.
3. I-Ready Diagnostic testing for kindergarten through second grade students began on April 16th and was completed on April 30th.
4. The WHS graduating class will walk through the WPS halls for students on May 13th.
5. WPS held the St. Jude Children's Hospital Walk-A-Thon on April 24th. The event was held inside because of uncertain weather. We still had a great turnout. Families were able to enjoy this event with their children. We are finalizing our fundraising efforts and have collected almost \$6,000.00 so far for St. Jude from the Woodruff community. Community members, businesses, churches, staff members, families, and students come together each year to provide a generous donation!
6. WPS plans to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week with a variety of activities May 5th -9th. All school employees will get lots of treats and attention that week!
7. Second graders will present a musical for parents on May 9th. "It's a Hit!" is a baseball themed musical performance that Mr. Carroll, WPS Music Teacher, coordinated. Students from Mrs. Chastain, Mrs. Craig, Ms. Brian, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Humerez's classes will perform. The other classes performed in the winter.
8. End of year programs for all grades will be held May 16th - 22nd.
9. May 16 – 3K, May 19 – 4K, May 20 – 5K, May 21 – First Grade, May 22- Second Grade
10. Programs will be held at various times, assigned by class.
11. WPS will hold summer school classes for kindergarten through second grade on June 2nd – June 26th. A limited number of slots will be available. Students will be invited based on need.
12. To celebrate all students' efforts on end of year testing, a GLOW party will be held on May 2nd.
13. Students will participate in an in-house program provided by Spartanburg Science Center, May 1st - 8th. A grant from Celanese funded this opportunity for students.
14. Terrific Kid of the Year, Lila West, was recognized at a luncheon in Spartanburg on April 17th.

MAY

- 1-8 - Science Center Programs
- 2- GLOW Party
- 2- Project Search
- 5-9 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- 9 – Second Grade Musical
- 12 – Second Graders Tour WES
- 13 – WHS Graduation Walk
- 14 – Field Day
- 16-22 – Awards Days
- 23 – Half-Day of School, Last Day of School

Enrollment- As of 4/30/2025

Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	45	55	-10	10- Spivey (Special Education)
4k	138	147	-9	4– Martell & 4- Moon 1- Humerez (Special Education)
5K	194	201	-7	4–Martell & 3- Moon (Special Education)
1st	199	204	-5	2 – McT 3-Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	196	204	-8	6– Humerez (Special Education) 2 - McT
TOTAL	772	811	-39	10 – Humerez, 8– Martell, 7– Moon, 10-Spivey 4- McCarthy Teszler & CDC

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris reported the following:

1. Calendar of Events for May 2025 is attached.
2. The students enjoyed listening to tales told by the Stone Soup Storytellers. Mrs. White coordinated that event on April 25th.
3. Mr. Wash and Mrs. Vaughn have been screening students for gifted art and music for next year. Congratulations to the following students on being selected as new members of the WE Singers for the 2025-2026 school year: Thomas Akins, Harper Blighton, Amia Jeter, Ladson Knighten, Savannah Mosley, Yabrielis Ramos Torres, Lacie Redd, and Conley Williams. Congratulations to the following students on being selected as new gifted art members for the 2025-2026 school year: Max Sanchez, Xeng Vang, Sophia Smith, Gracie Cochran, Michaela Glenn, Penelope Simpson, Brooke Crain, and Valerie Brock.
4. Students took the SC Ready Reading A portion on Monday, April 28th, SC Ready Reading B portion on Tuesday, April 29th, SC ELA Writing on May 1st. Students will take SC Ready Math on Tuesday, May 6th, and fourth graders will take SC Ready Science on May 8th.
5. Summer School will begin June 2nd-June 26th. We will attend Monday through Thursday from 7:45 until 3:15. Due to Juneteenth, students will attend June 6th. Students in the Read to Succeed summer reading camp must receive 96 instructional hours.
6. WE Singers performed for parents and students on March 28th. WE Singers include 3rd through 5th grade students who qualified for gifted music. They stay after school every Monday and work with Mr. Wash.
7. WES raised \$950 from our Domino's Fundraiser.
8. WES raised \$652 from our Spring Basket Sale.
9. We raised \$358 for the WPS Walk-A-Thon.

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 04/30/25

3 rd	235
4 th	202
5 th	215

May 2025 Calendar

1-State Testing -Writing
 2-3rd Grade Ice-Cream Math Celebration, Cafeteria Appreciation Day
 5- 9– Teacher Appreciation Week
 6-State Testing Math
 7-3rd Day Curriculum Day, Nurse Appreciation Day
 8-3rd Grade Watershed “Wetlands then and now”
 9-Student Council Meeting , Lunch with Principals-SC Ready Incentive, 4th Grade Curriculum Day
 3rd Grade Watershed “Wetlands then and now”8-SC Ready Math
 12-Mental Health Counselors Appreciation Day, 5th Grade Curriculum Day, 2nd Grade Tour 8:30 am
 and 9:15 am
 13-4th Grade Math Curriculum Day, WHS Graduation Walk
 14-EOY Glow Party
 15-3rd Grade Math Curriculum Day, 4th Grade Watershed “Bug Tracks”, 5th Grade Fun Day, 3rd and 4th
 Grade Yearbook Signing, Awards Day Practice 5th Grade
 16-Speech Language Pathologist Appreciation Day, 4th Grade Watershed “Bug Tracks”, WES Faculty
 Kickball Game
 19-Awards Day Practice 3rd and 4th Grade
 20-4th Grade Awards Day at 9:30 am, 5th Grade Field Day
 21-3rd Grade Awards Day at 9:30 am, 4th Grade Field Day
 22-5th Grade Awards Day at 9:30 am, 3rd Grade Field Day, WES luncheon (could change due to
 make-up day)
 23-Report Cards Issued/Last Day for Students

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 232 7th – 243 8th – 227
2. End of year report cards will be mailed home May 27, 2025.
3. A rising 6th grade parent night was held April 17.
4. The chorus spring concert is set for May 6 at 7pm in the Activity Center.
5. Band spring concerts were held May 1 for 6th and 7th graders and will be May 8 for 8th graders.
6. SC READY testing began with math on April 29. Writing was given May 1. ELA will be given May 6
7. The end-of-course test for Algebra I will be given May 12.

Calendar of Events:

Apr 28	Foothills conference meeting
Apr 29	READY Math
Apr 30	8 th class picture 120pm
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 210/8 th verifies WHS schedules
May 10	Contracts due
May 12	Algebra I EOC
May 13	WHS graduate walk/WMS VB meeting for fall 2025
May 14	Return 6 th grade Chromebooks/Pep cheer try-outs
May 15	Return 7 th grade Chromebooks/Olencki Art show 5-630pm/pep cheer try-outs
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

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- Juniors and select seniors took the College and Career Readiness test on April 1.
- Students met in Advisory Sections on April 2 to take the SEL Survey and complete a SEL lesson.
- Our 9th graders participated in a dental check on April 2.
- Guidance held a Lunch and Learn on April 3 during all three lunches.
- Our Drum Line and several Senior Athletes participated in WPS's Storybook Character Parade.
- Senior graduation supplies were delivered on April 15.
- Interims went home on April 16.
- 10 students went to a Construction Hiring Event on April 17.
- Student Council recognized our spring athletes in the last pep rally of the year on April 18.
- A senior class meeting was held on April 23. In that meeting seniors received their graduation packet with instructions of what to do now, a week out, and the week of. A letter was mailed home to parents and the graduation packet, scholarship form, and senior checklist/exit slip was also emailed to every senior to share with their parents.
- WHS held their first ever "Wolverine Games" on April 25. It was a meet and greet where our current sped population and current junior leadership students hosted an event full of games, lunch, and awards with the rising 9th grade population.
- Prom was on April 26 at Indigo Hall. WHS sold 310 tickets, and 300 students attended. Chelsea Booker and Connor Hitchcock were prom queen and king.
- Ms. White held an England Interest meeting on April 28.
- Guidance held a Dual Parent/Student meeting with Euginia Hooker from SCC on April 29.
- WHS offered physicals to athletes in their strength class on April 30.
- WHS held the Most Improved Banquet on April 30. It was well attended and is still the best banquet of the year.
- WHS kicked off testing with the first test being EOC English II Writing on April 30.

Coming Events

Date	Event
5-6	Chorus Concert, EOC Eng (reading), 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, 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)

Instructional Reports

Mr. Russell Mahaffey reported the following:

1. Educators have until May 12th to return contracts that were issued in February. Seventy-one percent of educators have already signed and submitted their contracts. Fifty-six contracts remain outstanding throughout the entire district.
2. Principals have been busy interviewing and selecting candidates for the vacancies for the upcoming school year. At this time, there are five positions remaining to be filled.
3. Thirty-nine educators have licenses that will expire on June 30, 2025. Eight teachers are still completing recertification requirements, which include 120 renewal credits/points. Thirty-one educators have met the requirements to renew their licenses. Some teachers finalize course completion in May and others take summer classes in June. The SC Department of Education allows teachers to request a 1-year extension if they need additional time to meet the requirements for license renewal.

Mrs. Rachel Traynham reported the following:

1. Nursing
 - a. The Mobile Mammogram Unit is coming May 8-9
2. Mental Health
 - a. ReGenesis Health will be joining us in a partnership for the 25-26 school year to support our students in need of Mental Health Services.
 - b. We continue to serve a large population of students at each of our schools and will have summer sessions available for those in need.
3. SPED
 - a. Medicaid Audit went very well.
 - b. The County SPED Director meeting will be held in D5 on May 8, 2025 to include the SCDE required PPPSC meeting.
4. Federal Program Information/Compliance
 - a. Strategic Plan
 - i. Thank you for meeting for the meeting on April 29th. I was able to submit our 5 year plan and each school's plan April 29th with no issue
 - ii. We will hold the SCDE required Federal Program Informational Meeting on May 19th at 8:30
 - b. Great Start Planning Meeting will be held May 19th at 10:00 at the District Office.
5. Teacher of the Year
 - a. We held Teacher of the Year judging on May 2nd at the District office. The District Teacher of the Year will be announced at the end of the year luncheon at their school and honored in front of all faculty at the 2025-2026 Back to School Breakfast.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following report:

1. All schools continue the scheduling process for the 2025-2026 school year with course requests and grade level assignments.
2. End of the year state required assessments began on April 28th. SCReady, which includes reading, writing, math and science (4th and 6th grade only) will be administered to students in grades 3-8. End-of-course exams will be administered to students currently enrolled in English II, Algebra I, U.S. History, and Biology. Advanced Placement exams will be administered to appropriate students at Woodruff High School. The Spartanburg Four testing schedule has been shared with students, parents, principals, counselors, and teachers as well as posted on each school's website.
3. The 2024-2025 Parent, Student, Teacher Climate Surveys closed on April 11th. All Students in grades 3-12 completed the required survey that will account for up to 10 points on the 2024-2025 Woodruff Elementary School's and Woodruff Middle School's Accountability Report Card.

At Woodruff High School, the survey will account for five points on their Accountability Report Card. All parents with students enrolled in any SD4 school were given the opportunity to take the parent survey which was housed in their PowerSchool parent portal.

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. Retirees will be recognized at the June meeting.
2. Budget meeting date will be set at the June meeting.
3. May 21 & 22 will be full days for students. May 23 will be a half day for students.
4. Proof of residency for the 2025-2026 school year is currently being accepted.
5. Thanked the board once again for providing end-of-year luncheons for staff.
6. Education Appreciation Week is May 5th-9th. The District will provide breakfast from Panera on Wednesday May 7th. Employees will also receive a monetary gift.
7. Reminded Board Members about the School Law Conference held in August.

New Business

1. Approved Local Board Approved course for the 2025-2026 school year. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approved the bid for sound system improvements at W.L. Varner Stadium from Harrison Production Services in the amount of \$68,042.40.
3. Approved the following hires for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - a. Reagan Lewis- Woodruff Elementary School Teacher
 - b. Patricia Mosley- Woodruff Elementary School Teacher
 - c. Sharon Beeks- Woodruff Middle School Special Education Liaison
 - d. Lisa Morrow- Woodruff Middle School Teacher
 - e. Heather Perry- Woodruff Middle School Guidance Counselor
 - f. Jade Bennett- Woodruff High School Teacher
 - g. Manuel Gonzalez- Woodruff High School Teacher/Coach
 - h. Johnathan (Garrett) Holmes- Woodruff High School Teacher/Coach
 - i. Elizabeth Santos- Woodruff High School Teacher
 - j. Austin Weathers- Woodruff High School Teacher/Coach
4. Approved the Baseball, Softball, and Tennis Complex Package guaranteed maximum price for new WHS in the amount of \$11,143,840.