

## SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

June 2, 2025

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, June 2, 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](http://spartanburg4.org/do/agenda).

Chairman Tony Davis called the meeting to order. The minutes of the May 5 meeting were approved.

The following reports were presented:

### **Woodruff Primary School**

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for June 2025 is attached.
2. Second graders from Ms. Brian, Mrs. Chastain, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Humerez's classes performed a musical titled "It's a Hit!" for families and students. Mr. Carroll, music teacher, produced the show and students gave a fantastic performance.
3. WPS students had a field day on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Coach Smith planned a variety of active relay race events for kids to enjoy!
4. WPS Summer School begins on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten, first and second grade students will be served. Seventy-six students are enrolled in the program.  
The program will run from 7:45 A.M. until 3:15 P.M. Monday through Thursday.
5. The following staff members were recognized at the end of the year luncheon:
  - a. Student Support Staff Member of the Year – Angela Wilborn
  - b. Support Staff Member of the Year – Ashlie Calhoun
  - c. Teacher of the Year – Rakeya Brian
6. Reed Broadway received the Donna Cannon Award for 2024-2025.
7. Lila West received the Terrific Kid of the Year Award for 2024-2025.
8. All WPS students performed and were celebrated at awards programs during the last week of school.
9. Fourteen second graders placed in SOAR for third grade.
10. Nine students placed in gifted music and two placed in gifted art for the 2025-2026 school year.
11. WPS recognized four retirees at our end of the year luncheon. Jenny Lynn Thackston, cafeteria manager, is retiring after twenty-six years of service. Tammy Trammell, cafeteria employee, is retiring after twenty-six years of service. Tammy Estes, cafeteria employee, is retiring after twenty-one years of service. Tammi Satterfield, second grade teacher, is retiring after thirty-two years of teaching and twenty-one years of service in Spartanburg District 4.
12. WPS Faculty and Staff enjoyed an end of year barbeque lunch on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to the District 4 Board for sponsoring this meal for staff.

### **June**

2- Summer School Begins

19- Juneteenth

26 – Summer School Ends

**Enrollment- As of 5/27/2025**

Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	46	56	-10	10- Spivey (Special Education)
4k	139	148	-9	4– Martell & 4- Moon 1- Humerez (Special Education)

5K	194	201	-7	4–Martell & 3- Moon (Special Education)
1st	198	203	-5	2 – McT 3-Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	196	204	-8	6– Humerez (Special Education) 2 - McT
<b>TOTAL</b>	773	812	-39	<b>10 – Humerez, 8– Martell, 7– Moon, 10-Spivey 4- McCarthy Teszler &amp; CDC</b>

### **Woodruff Elementary School**

Mrs. Parris reported the following:

1. WES summer school will operate from June 2nd until June 26th. We have 82 students who signed up for summer school. We have 25 students signed up for summer reading camp. They will be working on reading and writing. We have 29 students in 3rd grade summer school. They will be receiving both reading and math instruction. We have 27 students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5th grade summer school. They will be receiving both reading and math instruction. They will be receiving both reading and math instructions.
2. Mr. Barry Wash was selected as the Teacher of the Year for Woodruff Elementary School for the 2025-26 school year. He was recognized at the end-of-the-year luncheon. Mr. Wash is currently the music teacher.
3. Kristen Lee was chosen as our Support Staff Person of the Year. She is currently the nurse.
4. The following students placed in G/T for the 2025-26 school year:
  - a. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Joseph Craft, Lincoln Duerk, Samira El Hajji, Mikayla Gardner, Aaron Hernandez, Finley Neal, James Phillips, Sharjeel Rayan, and Axl Williams
  - b. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Cade Campos, Sariah Scott, and Coralie Wright
  - c. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Blake McPherson, Alexander Portes
5. Several awards are given annually in memory of students who attended WES. This year's students are as follows:
  - a. Victory Award – Rylan Wood
  - b. Hanna Lister Horizon Award – Zakhar Konev
  - c. Jon Bolt Award – Marian Figueroa
  - d. Lena Kirstein Award –Ladson Knighten
6. Second graders toured WES on May 12<sup>th</sup>. They asked questions about special classes, agendas, discipline, after school activities, homework, Chromebooks, etc.
7. The faculty faced the fifth graders in a game of kickball on May 16th. Everyone had a great time. 77-14
8. We had a great turnout for our awards programs at the end of the year.

#### **Enrollment for WES as of 05/16/25:**

Grade	# of Students
3rd	235
4th	199
5th	215

## **Woodruff Middle School**

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. End of year report cards were mailed home May 24.
2. Students requiring summer school were contacted the week of May 27 – May 30. Summer school dates are June 2- June 26.
3. The school chorus and band concert was held May 9. Evening programs were held May 1, May 6, and May 8.
4. The Olencki art show was held May 15.
5. Field day was held May 19.
6. WMS student council for 25-26 includes: Luke Dickard, Bradley Entwistle, Rosario Lugo Gomez, Jayden Brissie, Leigha Clutter, Natalie Lopez Campos, Sophie Tropeano, Carson Calhoun, Mia Johnson, Giuliana Parris, Grayson Butler, Jocelyn Gomex, Trayden Smith, and Henry Zheng
7. Awards days were held as follows:  
May 21 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade May 22 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade May 23 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade
8. The WMS faculty luncheon was held on May 23.
9. Faculty and staff recognitions announced include:  
Teacher of the year – Nikki Clutter  
Support staff of the year – DJ Jasper  
“High’ly” dedicated to WMS – Cassandra Gilliam  
5-year service awards – Priscilla Jackson, Paige Roper  
10-year service award – Lynne Greene, Amy Hiott  
20- year service award – Ashley Bennett, Daniel Westmoreland  
25 – year service award – Wanda Brown

### **Look ahead dates**

June 2	Summer school begins
June 19	Juneteenth holiday
June 24	New teacher orientation
June 26	Last day of summer school
July 24	Registration
Aug 4	Teacher In-service begins
Aug 7	Open House 5pm-7pm teachers report at 1pm.

## **Woodruff High School**

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- On Thursday, May 1, Mrs. Jennings’ self-contained class went on their annual bowling trip. The kids thoroughly enjoyed it.
- On Thursday, May 1, the Art Society held a fundraiser where everyone had an opportunity to make a beautiful wooden flower bouquet. They also made and provided bouquets for our Teachers of the Year.
- On Friday, May 2, the students MLL and EOC students who met goals and enrichment session requirements went on their first ever incentive field trip to the Greenville Zoo and Middle Tyger River Park. They had an amazing time.
- Our last “Lunch and Learn” was held on Friday, May 2.
- The SAT was given at WHS on Saturday, May 3.
- On Monday, May 5, we were on Advisory Schedule for various reasons to include course verification, SEL lesson on Gavin and Erin’s law, and to vote for Student of the Year.
- Monday, May 5, kicked off Teacher Appreciation week. Mrs. Morris literally rolled out the red carpet for her staff. WHS along with WMS participated in an underground teacher dress up

spirit week. There were a lot of special treats throughout the week. Thank you to the District Office for providing breakfast that Wednesday.

- RD students were recognized on Tuesday, May 6, and Monday May 12. Several signed to continue their Works Based Learning placement as a full-time job, several were recognized for excelling in their program, and three young ladies received their CNA pin.
- EOC and AP testing continued.
- On Tuesday, May 13, seniors participated in their Graduation Walk, visiting all three schools.
- On Thursday, May 15, several WHS students' artwork was on display at The Muse for the Olencki Art Show.
- On Friday, May 16, WHS hosted their annual Awards Day and Annual Day Tailgate. Many students were recognized. Seniors participated in Senior Olympics during Annual Day. Students had an opportunity to visit several food trucks, race on the inflatables, challenge each other with the inflatable darts game provided by the Army National Guard. And of course, sign yearbooks.
- On Monday, May 19, WHS held its Spring Sports Banquet. It was very well attended. We really need that new gym.
- Thank you to the Board for providing our end-of-the-year lunch. We managed to find a way for all teachers to gather and be recognized, years of service and those leaving and/or retiring.
- One of our very special students, Landon Smith, got to ring the last bell of the 24-25 school year and tell everyone to Have a Good Summer 😊
- Graduation took place on Friday, May 23. God provided beautiful weather. Thank you to Mr. Smith and Mrs. Norman for joining us on stage.
- Report Cards were mailed home Saturday, May 24.

Date	Event
5/28,29	Summer School Registration
5/30	First Day of Summer School
6/2	School Board Meeting
6/9,10,11	Senior Pictures by appointment
6/26	Summer School Graduation
7/24	Registration

## **Instructional Reports**

Mr. Russell Mahaffey reported the following:

1. District Four only has two teaching vacancies as of May 27, 2025.
2. Thirty-nine educators have licenses scheduled to expire on June 30, 2025. Thirty-eight of those educators submitted 120 renewal points and/or Read to Succeed coursework and have already had their licenses renewed for an additional five years. One teacher requested an extension for the 2025-26 school year. One teacher is still completing recertification requirements. 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.
3. District Four's Expanded ADEPT Implementation Plan has been submitted to the SCDE. The plan outlines the district's methods for evaluating educators at the various contract levels (induction, annual, and continuing). In addition, it includes the district's evaluation timeline, induction class sessions, and plans for supporting the Student Learning Objective (SLO) process.

4. Teacher evaluations (ADEPT) were completed, and end-of-year conferences were held with teachers. Evaluation results were entered into SC LEAD and submitted to the SCDE by the end of May. Principal evaluations (PADEPP) will be completed and submitted by June 30th. Principals must self-assess and present evidence on the assigned standards. Standards 2 (Instructional Leadership) and 9 (Professional Development) are required annually for every principal.
5. The New Employee Orientation will be held on Tuesday, June 24th from 8am – 11:30am. An introduction to District Four will be made, and Mr. Benfield and Mrs. Skinner will provide insurance, payroll, and retirement information.

Mrs. Rachel Traynham reported the following:

1. Mental Health
  - a. The Spartanburg County Behavioral Health Meeting will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
  - b. We are continuing to provide services to students who need Mental Health supports through the summer.
2. SPED
  - a. There will be a county SPED Director meeting June 3, 2025.
  - b. We are working on closing out files in EdPlan for the 24-25 school year in order to prepare for next year.
3. Nursing
  - a. The Mobile Mammogram Unit was a success.
  - b. We will have a nurse available on-site during summer school rotating as needed.
4. Teachers of the Year
  - a. Teachers of the Year were named for each school. They are:  
WPS-Rakeya Brian  
WES-Barry Wash  
WMS-Nikki Clutter  
WHS-Jordan Jennings
  - b. District Teacher of the year was announced on May 23 at the WMS luncheon. Nikki Clutter was chosen as District Teacher of the Year
5. Great Start
  - a. The community planning meeting was held on May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - b. We appreciate the work and support of all our local churches who participate in this initiative.
6. RIZE Program
  - a. We will be participating in the RIZE Prevention Program at WMS for the 25-26 school year.
  - b. We are excited to offer this opportunity for our students as a way to discuss substance abuse and prevention and how students can overcome these challenges.
  - c. Information will be shared with parents about the iRIZE program at registration and students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in the fall semester in this unique program that focuses on building relationships with students.

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. Performance Task Assessment results for placement in the academically gifted program have arrived. An additional 25 students will receive services through the academically gifted program for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Summer school sessions for Woodruff High School began on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

4. Woodruff Primary School, Woodruff Elementary School, and Woodruff Middle School began today and will end June 26<sup>th</sup>. The hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 7:45 am-3:00 pm.

### **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. Presented copies of the 2025-2026 meeting schedule.
2. Presented a copy of the 2025-2026 school calendar.
3. Special thank you to the board for sponsoring the end of the year staff luncheons.
4. Special thank you to the staff at all schools for a successful year.
5. Special thank you to WHS and District employees that made graduation a success.
6. Budget meeting is scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Board Action**

1. Approved the transfer of up to \$5 million from the general fund to the construction fund for the year ending June 30, 2025.
2. Approved the booster club and parent teacher organization officers for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Approved the bid from Total Strength and Speed for flooring in the amount of \$67,578.89 and equipment in the amount of \$225,735.86 for the weight room at the new WHS.
4. Approved the following new hires for the 2025-2026 school year:
  - a. Yelena Romanov – Teacher at Woodruff Elementary School
  - b. Christine Anderson – Assistant Principal of Instruction at Woodruff Middle and Woodruff High School