

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

August 4, 2025

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, August 4, 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 June 2, 2025, board meeting and June 30, 2025, Public Hearing and Budget meeting were approved.

The following reports were presented:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for August 2025 is attached.
2. Registration for all students was held on July 24th from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Parents completed forms for transportation, paid technology plan payments, received classroom placements, and had the option to purchase a yearbook or school shirt and join PTO. WPS had approximately 530 students registered that day.
3. Meet the Teacher is scheduled for Thursday, August 7th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
4. Preschool teachers, kindergarten – third grade teachers, SPED teachers, instructional coaches and administrators completed year one of LETRS training. The second year of training will begin in August. A new group will begin each year as new teachers are hired. We currently have 8 teachers enrolled to begin year one in August. As a reminder, LETRS is a 2-year training for teachers focused on mastering the fundamentals of reading instruction.
5. WPS custodial staff has completed many tasks throughout the building this summer. Tasks include waxing all floors, cleaning all classroom rugs, deep clean of classrooms and restrooms, deep clean of cafeteria tables, landscape maintenance, and scrubbing tile floors.
6. WPS welcomes 17 new employees for the 2025-2026 school year! Grace Jones (Kindergarten Teacher), Kandace Bouchicas (Kindergarten Teacher), Jen Brown (Kindergarten Teacher), Emily Carroll (First Grade Teacher), Angie Gore (First Grade Teacher), Linda Watson (SPED Teacher), Yulonda Elmore (Resource Staff), Maegan Entwistle (4K Assistant), Heather Johnson (4K Assistant), Heather Williams (5K Assistant), Mackenzie Jackson (First Grade Assistant), Sarah Oliver (First Grade Assistant), Kayla Griffin (First Grade Assistant), Mary Beth Campbell (Speech Therapist), Kayla Stone (Behavior Intervention Assistant), Jason Settle (PE Coach), and Brandy Garcia (Resource Assistant).

August 2025

4- Faculty and Staff Return

7 – Meet the Teacher 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

11 – First Day of School (1st and 2nd Grade)

11 – 15 Staggered Entry (3K, 4K, and 5K)

Enrollment- As of 7/29/2025

Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	39	48	-9	6- Moon (Special Education) 3- pending withdrawal
4k	126	137	-11	6- Moon (Special Education) 5- pending withdrawal

5K	182	200	-18	5-Watson & 4- Humerez (Special Education) 9- pending withdrawal
1st	200	216	-16	4- Watson (Special Education) 4-Humerez (Special Education) 8- pending withdrawal
2nd	207	219	-12	4- Humerez 2- Watson (Special Education) 4- pending withdrawal 2- McT
TOTAL	754	820	-66	12 - Humerez, 11- Watson, 12- Moon, 2- McCarthy Teszler 29- pending withdrawal

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris reported the following:

1. The WES Summer Reading Camp and Academic Recovery Camp operated in June. Students took the i-Ready assessment at the end of summer school to monitor progress.
2. As of Friday, July 25th, 544 students have registered online. All calls have been made to parents reminding them that they can register from home.
3. The week of August 4th through the 8th we have the following scheduled for teachers including meetings on E3 Crisis Management, curriculum, evaluations, special education services, handbook policies and procedures, etc.
4. Students can meet their teacher on August 7th, from 5:00 to 7:00.
Technology Fee: \$15 for day users \$30.00 for take home
Watershed Science Program: \$7.00
T-shirts: \$15.00
Agenda: \$10.00

August

4th -First day for teachers and Opening Breakfast

11th - First day for students

18th – Begin fall testing i-Ready

Enrollment as of 7/25/25

PowerSchool Enrollment Numbers	
3 rd Grade	208
4 th Grade	227
5 th Grade	201
Total	636

Pending Enrollment Numbers	
3 rd Grade	6
4 th Grade	6
5 th Grade	9
Total	21

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. Summer School was held from June 2 – June 26.
2. Woodruff Middle School welcomes new staff to the building this year:

Dr. Heather Perry	School Counselor
Jerry Wood	7 th grade math
Jackson Smith	6 th , 7 th , 8 th grade ELA
Lisa Morrow	SP ED
Dr. Christie Anderson	Asst Principal of Instruction
Ashleyjean Ellis	ISS
3. Open House/Meet the Teacher will be held Thursday, August 7, 5pm-7pm.
4. As of July 28, WMS has 700 enrolled with 15 students pending due to records. 8th grade is the largest grade level with 249.

Calendar of Events:

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| Aug 4-8 | Teacher In-service/workdays |
| Aug 7 | Teachers work 1-7pm with Open House 5pm-7pm |
| Aug 11 | First student day |
| Aug 13 | 6 th grade class meeting during 1 st period ENCORE |
| Aug 14 | 7 th grade class meeting during 2 nd period ENCORE/8 th grade remains in the gym at AM dismissal |
| Aug 18 | MAP opens |
| Aug 27 | WMS FB at D6 jamboree |
| Aug 29 | MAP closes |
| Sep 1 | Labor Day Holiday |
| Sep 2 | VB @ home vs Ewing 5pm |
| Sep 3 | VB @ Blacksburg 5pm |
| Sep 10 | VB @ Chensee 5pm |
| Sep 11 | FB @ home vs Ewing 5pm |
| Sep 15 | VB @ home vs HPA 5pm |
| Sep 17 | Interims/VB @ home vs Mabry 5pm |
| Sep 18 | FB @ Chapman 5pm |
| Sep 19 | WMS/youth night at WHS FB vs Chesnee |
| Sep 22 | Vector training completed/VB @ Sims 5pm |
| Sep 23 | School Pictures |
| Sep 24 | See you at the pole/VB @ Jonesville 5pm |
| Sep 25 | FB @ home vs Chesnee 5pm |
| Sep 29 | VB @ Landrum 5pm |

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- All student and teacher schedules were mailed in July and related instructions given. Numerous parent conferences have been held regarding course schedules.
- WHS New Teacher Orientation was held on July 10.
- Registration for the 2025-2026 school year was held on Thursday, July 24, from 8 am to 6 pm.
- There are currently 877 students with schedules at Woodruff High School. Students continue to transfer into and out of WHS in the weeks leading up to the start of school.
- The facility has been cleaned, and the final touches are being put in place for school opening. Carpet cleaning was a huge success.
- 101 students completed the extended school year program, received credits and made progress toward graduation.
- Three seniors completed their diploma requirements during the extended school year program. Two seniors who finished either at the LC or in Summer School participated in Summer School Graduation.
- Student athletes have been working throughout the summer and have attended various camps. A consistent group of young men and women have been conditioning in the mornings throughout the summer. This group represents players from all athletic teams at WHS.
- Band members have been working throughout the summer and have begun band camp. The competition program is entitled "*Neptune's Garden*".

Instructional Reports

Mr. Russell Mahaffey reported the following:

1. The Orientation for new employees was held on Tuesday, June 24th in the Woodruff Elementary School library. Dr. Fulmer addressed the new employees regarding district vision and goals. They completed payroll and insurance documentation with Mr. Benfield and Mrs. Skinner. Accommodations were made for new employees who were unable to attend due to vacations or other conflicts.
2. Employees will participate in trainings specific to their roles through the Vector/Safe Schools online training modules. Universal trainings will include the following online videos: Bloodborne Pathogen, Sexual Harassment, slips/trips/and falls, and Child Abuse. Employees have had access to the training videos since early July, so they can view them at a time that is convenient.
3. District Four has nine teachers who will be evaluated at the induction level. They will be assigned mentors and participate in monthly induction classes. These classes support first year teachers, as they learn the SC Teaching Standards and the teacher evaluation instrument utilized in SC.
4. Ten teachers will be evaluated at the annual contract level. These teachers will participate in a formal evaluation process with a team consisting of a building administrator and peer evaluator. They will be evaluated using the SC Teaching Standards Rubric 4.0.
5. Thirty-six continuing contract teachers will renew certificates on June 30, 2026. These teachers will participate in the comprehensive formative evaluation. Teachers complete this evaluation the year in which their certificates are scheduled to expire (5-year cycle). Mrs. Denise Brown completes these evaluations for District Four.

Mrs. Rachel Traynham reported the following:

1. Mental Health.
 - a. We were able to offer services to students who needed Mental Health supports through the summer.
 - b. We have 2 new staff joining our team from ReGenesis this school year that will begin in September in our schools.
2. SPED

- a. There will be a county SPED Director meeting August 14, 2025.
- b. The SPED meets will be held in D6 this year.
3. Nursing
 - a. We are in the early stages of planning for our Employee Health Fair
 - b. Our previous high school nurse is moving to a full-time teaching position to accommodate teaching our nursing courses offered at WHS. With this in mind, a new nurse will be hired at WHS.
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. They were honored at the Opening Breakfast this morning
5. Great Start
 - a. We appreciate the work and support of all our local churches who participated in this initiative. We are fortunate to live in such a generous community.
 - b. We had a wonderful turnout and have received feedback of how smooth having the supplies at each school at registration went. Thank you so much to everyone who made this possible.
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.
7. Vision to Learn
We will be partnering with Vision to Learn to bring free eye exams and 2 free pairs of glasses to our students at WPS, WES, and WMS this school year at no cost to the parent or district. Vision to Learn is partnering with all of Spartanburg County as well as Charleston and other areas of the state, to help students receive the vision services they need.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following report:

1. Registration for the 2025-2026 school year was held at all schools July 25th from 8 am- 6pm.
2. The most up-to-date Spartanburg School District Four assessment calendar is attached. Please note this is a working document and subject to change throughout the year.
3. Assessment data for the 2024-2025 school year has been received, and we await state averages for comparison. Once received, this information will be shared.

Facilities

1. BAN 2025 Projects – Board members received a list.
2. 2025 / 2026 School Year Projects – Board members received a list.
3. Security Grant Award – Classroom Door Locks- Installation is complete.
4. Stadium Sound System – Complete.
5. Stadium Handicap Platform – Complete.
6. WES 200 Hall Restroom Floor Replacement – Complete.
7. WHS Classroom Floor Replacement – VCT / Moisture barrier for (4) classrooms- Complete.
8. WMS 400 Hallway Floor Replacement - VCT / Moisture barrier. Complete.
9. Gym Floor Refinishing – Complete.
10. Roof Replacement at WMS Art/Chorus rooms- Complete.
11. Engraved Bricks for New WHS- Sold 246 and they have been ordered.
12. Energy Reports 2024-2025- Board members received a list.

Superintendent Report- Dr. Aaron Fulmer

1. Presented copies of the 2025-2026 meeting schedule.
2. Teachers have returned and off to a great start.
3. Thanks to all summer staff on preparing for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Great Start was held at each school during registration. Area churches and community organizations do a fantastic job of assisting students with back-to-school supplies.

Board Action

1. Approved the purchase of a minibus for \$92,340.00.
2. Approved the following new hire for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - a. Angie Long-Gore- Woodruff Primary School Teacher