

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

October 6, 2025

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, October 6, 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 September 8, 2025, board meeting were approved.

The following reports were presented:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for October 2025 is attached.
2. WPS custodians will be recognized on Thursday, October 2nd. They will each receive a small token of appreciation for all their hard work.
3. WPS 4-Year-Old Preschool classes will have their SC Department of Education CERDEP monitoring visit on October 6th. Feedback will be provided, by the observer, at a later time.
4. WPS students and staff will bring canned goods and non-perishable food items for our October/November community service project. The food items will be donated to the Woodruff Soup Kitchen.
5. WPS will hold its first School Improvement Council meeting on October 30th. Our current School Improvement Council Chairman is Angel Owings. Hannah Hudson was elected WPS School Improvement Council Vice Chairman.
6. Fall Family Night will be held on October 16th. Families will visit classrooms to see what their students have been learning. There will be a variety of other activities for families to participate in. PTO is sponsoring a pre-paid meal for that evening.
7. Woodruff Primary School, in partnership with Vision to Learn, will provide free vision screenings for all students on October 14th and 15th. Students who do not pass the screening will receive a free exam and will be *provided with* glasses if needed. Parents have the option to opt-out if they choose to.
8. Second graders will complete CogAT and IOWA testing in October. These tests can determine a child's eligibility for the gifted and talented program in third grade. Students can automatically qualify for the program or qualify for further testing or consideration.
9. WPS welcomes and appreciates student athlete greeters and parent volunteers at arrival circles to assist with unloading students safely! The children love seeing these friendly faces in the mornings!

October 2025

*Parent conferences will be held with all parents throughout October.

2 - Custodian Appreciation Day

3 – Pink Out Day

6-8 Second Grade Testing

8- Make-Up Pictures

6-10 Fire Safety Week

10 Teacher Inservice Day

13-14 Second Grade Testing

13 – 17 Spirit Week

14-15 Vision to Learn Vision Screenings School-Wide

13-17 Book Fair

14-16 4K Field Trip to Stewart Farms

14 & 21 5K Field Trip to the Children's Museum

- 15- Report Cards Issued
- 16 – Fall Family Night 4:00 – 6:00
- 20-31 PTO Fundraiser
- 27-31 Red Ribbon Week
- 30 – School Improvement Council Meeting
- 31 – School Family Celebration

Enrollment- As of 9/29/2025

Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	38	42	-4	4- Moon (Special Education)
4k	140	147	-7	7- Moon (Special Education)
5K	201	207	-6	3 -Watson & 3- Humerez (Special Education)
1st	199	207	-8	4- Watson (Special Education) 4-Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	207	214	-7	3- Humerez 2- Watson (Special Education) 2- McT
TOTAL	785	817	-32	11 - Humerez, 10- Watson, 11- Moon, 2- McCarthy Teszler

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris reported the following:

1. We held SYATP Wednesday, September 24th.
2. Teachers will hold conferences with parents during the month of October. Parents and teachers are given the flexibility to meet in person or hold a phone conference.
3. We have the largest group of SOAR students this year with 65 total students participating.
3rd Grade: 14
4th Grade: 22
5th Grade: 29
4. We have 100 students attending the Good News Club this year.
5. We made \$12,500 at the book fair! We sold lots of good books and we will be able to add lots of new books to our library collection. We had 78 visitors!
6. NED's Resiliency Ride came to Woodruff Elementary School last week to teach our students about the power of resiliency through yo-yo tricks, magic, and an exciting story! Through their pay it forward model of selling yo-yos, we raised \$3,130 so that other schools can see the show for free like we did!
7. Kidz for Lids raised \$665.
8. Teachers and students will participate in Homecoming Spirit Week.
9. Reading and Math Buddies are off to a great start.
10. This October, students at WES will have the exciting opportunity to explore two traveling trunks from the Upcountry History Museum. These interactive educational resources are aligned with 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade ELA and Social Studies standards and offer students a hands-on,

object-based learning experience. The trunks highlight two pivotal periods in American history—the Civil War and World War II—and feature authentic artifacts such as photographs, clothing, magazines, and postcards. Through these unique items, students will gain a deeper understanding of the people, events, and stories that shaped these eras.

Professional Development

Mrs. Stonesifer and Mrs. Stribling will attend the Furman Consortium on October 21st and 22nd.

Enrollment for WES as of 10/3/25:

3 rd Grade	216
4 th Grade	232
5 th Grade	207
Total	655

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Scott Lawson reported the following:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 229 7th – 219 8th – 252
2. Interims were distributed September 17. First Nine Weeks Report Cards will be sent home with students on October 15.
3. Parent contacts and conferences will be held October 13 - October 31.
4. The PSAT, a practice opportunity for the *Scholastic Aptitude Test*, will be administered at Woodruff Middle School October 16. Results from the PSAT help guide students and parents in course selection for the 9th grade as well as serve as qualifying criteria for Junior Scholar recognition. This will be administered digitally.
5. “Cubs on the Prowl” students were recognized for August and September.
6. WMS spirit week began October 6.
7. WMS has recognized these students as athletes of the week: Carson Grimes, Bella Westmoreland, Audrey Crain, Zoey Jane Lawson, Coleman Fulmer, Bellashea Schulz

Calendar of Events:

Oct 6	WMS spirit week/VB @ home vs Clifdale 5pm
Oct 8	VB in Foothills tournament
Oct 9	FB @ home vs Clifdale 5pm
Oct 10	Teacher/In-Service
Oct 15	Report Cards/Make-up pictures
Oct 16	PSAT/FB @ Sims 5pm
Oct 17	Woodruff High homecoming vs MVP/WMS school dance
Oct 30	FB @ Blacksburg 5pm
Nov 3,4	Fall Break
Nov 12	2 nd quarter interims
Nov 25	Class spelling bee winners due
Nov 26-28	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec 1	WMS fall sports awards 6pm
Dec 2	Dental exams – Healthy Smiles
Dec 5	School spelling bee
Dec 8	MAP opens
Dec 19	MAP closes

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris reported the following:

- Student Council began planning for Homecoming 25. Mrs. Morris met with all contestants on Wednesday, September 24. Dance tickets went on sale Monday, September 29. Events and dates are listed below.
- WHS participated in the district Code Red Drill on Wednesday, September 10. Thanks to Mrs. Morris she initiated an internal Code Yellow and not a drill, which notified the police and fire. Good news is the communication was received.
- Students and faculty had one last opportunity to take yearbook pictures on Friday, September 12.
- On Monday, September 15, WHS inducted 59 students into the Beta Club. It was very well attended. We are looking forward to hosting this in our new auditorium next year.
- Drive to Zero was on campus Wednesday, September 17. Our health students participated in experiencing first-hand how dangerous impaired and distracting driving is.
- First nine weeks interims went home Wednesday, September 17.
- WHS participated in Lids for Kidz. Many students and teachers made donations to support the fight against childhood cancers.
- We celebrated WHS's Teacher of the Year, Jordan Jennings, at the home football game Friday, September 19.
- AP Environmental Science completed their stream study on Tuesday, September 23. The students enjoyed tramping through the stream collecting macroinvertebrates.
- WHS held a fire drill on Wednesday, September 24.
- Teens for Christ sponsored SYATP Wednesday, September 24. There was a great crowd, and we want to thank churches for their support in this event.
- Thursday, September 25, guidance held a Lunch and Learn on suicide prevention.
- Scoops was on campus Friday, September 26. Who doesn't love ice cream.
- Congratulations to upperclassman Alexis Baldwin and underclassman Wyatt McCarley for being selected September Students of the Month. Gabe Pearson, Carlee Walters, and Legend Coleman were recognized as "BE a Wolverine" recipients.

Date	Event
10-1	Ed Op Day
10-2	Multi-Cultural Celebration (MLLs)
10-3	College Application Day Jostens (10 th and 12 th)
10-4	SAT
10-9	Josten Orders Due
10-10	Homecoming Parade/Powder Puff/Falling Star
10-14	Financial Aid Night
10-15	PSAT, Report Cards
10-16	Mayor's Walk
10-17	Activity Schedule – Pep Rally, Homecoming
10-18	Homecoming Dance
10-23	ASVAB, Lunch and Learn – Anxiety
10-24	Faculty Health Screening
10-29	Career Ready Testing
10-31	Scoops at Lunch
11-1	SAT
11-8	Tree Planting
11-9	NEW WHS Open House
11-11	Veterans Day Program
11-12	Interims, Jennings Field Trip
11-14	Scoops at Lunch

11-15	Christmas Art Market
11-19	Lunch and Learn – Healthy Boundaries
11-24	Auschwitz Virtual Field Trip
12-1	Fall Sports Banquet
12-2	EOC Writing
12-4	EOC Biology
12-5	9 th Grade Dentist Check
12-8	SEL Survey Opens, Auschwitz Virtual Field Trip, Chorus Christmas Rehearsal
12-9	EOC Reading, Chorus Christmas Concert, Band at Spartanburg Christmas Parade
12-15	Semester Exams
12-14	Band at Woodruff Christmas Parade
12-16	Lunch and Learn – Stress Busters
12-19	Last day to turn in first semester excuses

Instructional Reports

Mr. Russell Mahaffey reported the following:

1. The second Induction class meeting was September 9th. The September session addressed the following topics: Trauma informed practices, adverse childhood experiences, skills of resilience, classroom management, and SC Teaching Standards under the Environment domain. The next Induction Class will meet on October 7th at 3:30.
2. The Personnel Department will be attending the USC Upstate Recruitment Fair on October 14th and the Anderson University Recruitment Fair on October 20th. With the teacher shortage, it is important to recruit early, particularly at the local colleges and universities.
3. Teachers will be conducting parent conferences throughout the month of October to discuss student progress. Conferences may be scheduled in person, online, or over the phone. Teachers will maintain a log of these conferences.

Mrs. Rachel Traynham reported the following:

SPED

- We will hold our county-wide Special Education Director Meeting at District 5 on October 2nd, 2025
- I will participate in the state-wide SPED Director meeting in Columbia this month.
- Our District is up for a SCDE Special Education Audit. We have submitted documentation for Phase I of that process.
- We attended the Medicaid Meeting in Columbia last week in preparation for this year's audit.
- Nursing
- The Employee Health Fair will be held October 24th in the High School Cafeteria.
- We have been able to obtain several nurse subs to fill in as needed. We are thankful for their services to our schools.

Mental Health

- The number of student referrals for Mental Health Services continues to increase. We continue to conduct Behavioral Threat Assessments and Columbia Screeners at an increased rate. We have 3 District Four Counselors and 2 ReGenesis Counselors serving our students. They are available M-F each week.
- The South Carolina Department of Education recently sent a survey to each district in the state inquiring about Mental Health Services and Direct Counseling Services available to students and staff.

Multi-Lingual Learners

- We are serving an increased number of Multi-Lingual Learners. Our staff was able to participate in a state sponsored 2-day Professional Development in Columbia last month. We currently have 4 full-time ML teachers and 2 certified translators to assist with this growing population.

Federal Programs

- I have submitted all Federal Program Applications for FY26
- We are waiting on Title I and CATE approvals for budgeting
- I will participate in the McKinney Vento Summit later this month

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following report:

1. As part of legislation Proviso 1.76, all districts must ensure all students in first-eighth grades are assessed using a state approved interim assessment tool for fall, winter, and spring. Districts are required to have a percentage rate greater than 85% or ten percent of funding will be withheld until the percentage rate is satisfied. Internally, for SD4, these scores will continue to be used to design a personalized learning pathway for each student.
2. State mandated preschool and kindergarten assessments are well underway. GOLD (4K) and KRA (5K) will be completed on or before October 14th.
3. The 2025 PSAT will be given to students in 8th grade on October 16th and students in 10th grade on October 15th. Scores from the assessment are used to determine 8th grade Junior Scholars who will be recognized in the spring.
4. Seniors needing to retake the Career Readiness Test will be given this opportunity on October 29th.
5. District and School Report Cards for the 2024-2025 school year have a release date of October 13th. Ratings of Excellent, Good, Average, Below Average, and Unsatisfactory will be assigned to all public schools in South Carolina.

Facilities

1. BAN 2025 Projects – Board members received a list.
2. 2025 / 2026 School Year Projects – Board members received a list.
3. Engraved Bricks for New WHS – Sold 246 and they have been installed
4. Training Sessions for New WHS
 - a. HVAC – 9/15/25
 - b. Plumbing – 9/24/25
 - c. Electrical- 9/25/25
 - d. Theater – 10/9/25
5. Final Inspections at New WHS
 - a. OSF – 10/1/25
 - b. SCDA- 10/3/25
 - c. State Fire Marshall – TBD
6. New School Tours
 - a. Board 10/10/25
 - b. WHS Faculty 10/10/25
 - c. Community 11/9/25

Superintendent Report- Dr. Aaron Fulmer

1. The SCSBA Board Conference is being held February 19-22, 2026
2. The SCSBA Delegate Assembly is being held December 6-7, 2025, in Charleston. Nathan Craig is the voting delegate, and Sandy Norman is the alternate.
3. No scheduled meeting in December.

4. An open house for the new Woodruff High School is scheduled for November 9. Administration is working on finalizing the program and more information will be made available soon.
5. Reminded board that current sitting board members will participate in the November 10 meeting which will be held after the upcoming election. Newly elected members will assume responsibilities after December first according to current policy.
6. The Spartanburg Oversight Committee will meet November 13. Chairman Davis will attend the meeting.

Board Action

The following policies were presented as information only - (First Reading)

- BBB Board Membership-Elections
- BD- Organization of the School Board
- BE School Board Meetings
- BEA Livestreaming of Board Meetings
- DFAC School District Fund Balances
- GBC Staff Compensation
- GCB Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation
- GCC Professional Staff Leave and Absences
- GCC-R Professional Staff Leave and Absences
- GCCAAA Sick Leave Bank
- GCK Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers
- GCLE Unencumbered Time
- GCLE-R Unencumbered Time
- GCOA Evaluation of Instructional Staff
- GCQE Retirement of Professional Staff
- GCQF Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of Professional Staff
- GCQF-R Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of Professional Staff
- GDC Support Staff Leaves and Absences
- GDC-R Support Staff Leaves and Absences
- GDQC Retirement of Support Staff
- IC School Year
- JH Student Absences and Excuses
- JH-R Student Absences and Excuses
- JHE Excused Absences for Career and Technical Student Organization Experiences
- JLCDB Use of Lifesaving Medications

No action taken