

## SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

March 30, 2026

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, March 30, at 6:00 p.m. at the new Woodruff High School, room 130. 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 Morgan Smith called the meeting to order. Minutes of February 23, 2026, meeting were approved as submitted.

Mrs. Beth Ramey, ELA teacher at Woodruff Middle School, shared information from a class poetry assignment. The students selected to present recorded versions of their poem were Jayden Brissie, Leigha Clutter, Caleb Henderson, Aubrey Shealy, and Sophie Tropeano.

Mr. Chris Benfield, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, presented information regarding current BOND and BAN percentage rates, and current proposed legislative bills related to teacher pay, health insurance premiums, paid parental leave, and security.

Superintendent Report- Dr. Aaron Fulmer

1. Statement of Economic Interests due March 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. Graduation is scheduled for May 22, 2026.
3. May 20, 21, and 22 will be half days for students.
4. Voting for William L. Howell Art Purchase Awards will be April 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.
5. Mr. Benfield will share preliminary budget information at the May board meeting.
6. The District is beginning the Cognia Accreditation process.
7. Jr. Scholars, William L. Howell Art Purchase Winners, and current Teachers of the Year, will be recognized at the May Board meeting.

**The following reports were submitted:**

### **Woodruff Primary School**

Mrs. Dover submitted the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for April 2026 is *listed below*.
2. WPS concluded its after school program on March 18<sup>th</sup>. We were able to serve around 42 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> for new 3K, 4K, and 5K students. WPS will continue to enroll new students throughout the summer. At this point, enrollment for 2026-2027 is comparable to last year.
5. WPS students will celebrate Storybook Character Week March 3 – April 3 with dress up days and activities. We are appreciative of 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>! We appreciate all they do to support us each day.
9. All 4K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to go on field trips in the spring. These students will visit local sites that offer fun learning experiences.

## April

3/30 – 4/3 Children's Book Week

1 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade tour to WES

6-10 Spring Holidays

14 & 15 – 4K Field Trip to Conestee Nature Preserve

15, 16, 20, 21 – i-Ready Testing (K-2)

16 – PTO Spring Flower Fundraiser

21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Spartanburgers

22 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip to Strawberry Hill

23 – St. Jude Walk-a-Thon Event 4:00 – 6:00

24 – School Family Celebration

27 - 5/1 – WPS Scholastic BOGO Book Fair

Enrollment- As of 3/23/2026

Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	41	46	-5	5- Moon (Special Education)
4k	138	148	-10	10- Moon (Special Education)
5K	204	211	-7	3 – Watson & 3- Humerez (Special Education) 1- Deaf and Blind
1st	204	212	-8	4- Watson (Special Education) 4- Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	216	225	-9	4– Humerez 3- Watson (Special Education) 2- McT
TOTAL	803	842	-39	11 – Humerez, 10– Watson,

				15- Moon,
				3- Satellite

### Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris submitted the following:

1. Read Across America March 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. The students wore their favorite hat, silly socks, wacky clothes, dressed in what they want to be when they grow up, and styled their craziest hair style.
2. Miss Baxter administered WIDA Access Testing to our ML students during the month of February.
3. 24- 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, 22 4<sup>th</sup> graders, and 20- 5<sup>th</sup> graders qualified to take the South Carolina Performance Task Assessment for Academic Gifted and Talented Identification. This is based on meeting the required state criteria and includes verbal and nonverbal task assessments. Student results will be returned late spring and will determine if students qualify for Soar placement for the 2026-2027 school year.
4. In the month of February, third grade students worked diligently on a research project and presentation for Black History Month and Important Person in History Hall of Fame. They each chose a historical or noteworthy figure, conducted research, organized their findings, and compiled their ideas into a final project. Students wore their **Red-Carpet** attire on their presentation day. Parents attended this event.
5. We had designated days for students to invite a "buddy" or two to breakfast. This is called "Breakfast Buddies." Students invited guests to come between 7 and 7:50 for breakfast. We served muffins, water, and juice. March 3<sup>rd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> Grade/March 4<sup>th</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Grade/March 5<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade

3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	199 Attended
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	195 Attended
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	185tended

6. Congratulations to the following students that made Gifted Music for the 26-27 School Year: Andersyn Duncan, Anzley Foster, Everly Gardner, Irie Jones, Kinley O'Shields, Ensley Page, Cillian Rosalez, Akira Rose, Maydon Sanchez, Paisley Wofford, and Blakely Wood.
7. WES Science Fair was held March 11<sup>th</sup>.

### WES 2026 Science Fair Winners

Overall:

1. Brees Johnson
2. Isaiah Lawson
3. Avery Stonesifer

Biology:

1. Brylee Duckett- Pop! The Science of Appendicitis
2. Lina Brock- 5 Second Rule
3. Abigail Cruz- Bean Sprouts Project

Physics:

1. Peyton Parris- Temperature Takes a Swing!
2. Brooke Crain- Balloon Blast: Racing on Air Power
3. Ryan Matz- Produce Power

Chemistry:

1. Isaiah Lawson- Baking Soda Blast Off
2. Anzley Foster- The Sparkling Science of Crystals
3. Ladsen Knighten- The Enamel Enemy

Math:

1. Avery Stonesifer- Sunscreen Showdown
2. Aubrey Morgan- A Lasting Kiss
3. Owen Harnage– Batman Walking Robot

Behavioral:

1. Brees Johnson- How do Intense Video Games affect Heart Rate?
2. Landon Williams- One of These Things is Not like the Other
3. Capri Sugalski- Feathered Food Fight

General Science:

1. Michaela Glenn- Space
2. Delilah Gibson- Solar System
3. Grant Sewall- What Would Happen if There Wasn't a Moon?
8. **Family Game Night March 26th**- This was a free event. We had a variety of exciting options including build a tower STEM activity, cornhole, line dancing, a photo booth, ring toss, multiplication and division bingo, Jenga, Speech Bingo, Math Stacks, checkers, tic-tac-toe, card games, "Headbandz", Speed Stacks, Connect 4 and more. Families also had the opportunity to view student artwork and play the bucket drums alongside their child. The WES PTO had Moe's To-Go boxes available by preorder, and concessions were sold during the event. It was a wonderful night of fun, learning, and community!
9. Our after-school program officially started February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This was a six-week program. I am so appreciative to these teachers for working with the students: Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Pitt, Ms. Boiter, and Mr. Connolly. Ms. Mitchell has done a tremendous job with overseeing the program.
10. WES held the book fair March 9-13<sup>th</sup>.

Terrific Kids 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks

Homeroom	Grade	Name (1)	Name (2)
Ms. Blackley	3rd Grade	Charley Lancaster	Axl Maggio
Mrs. Cole	3rd Grade	Hazel Hernandez Olmos	Jase Hewitt
Ms. Grier	3rd Grade	Lilly McCandless	Hattie Ross
Mrs. Lewis	3rd Grade	Juniper Ebert	Gaston Gibson

Mrs. McKoy	3rd Grade	Leah Mitchell-Connolly	Callum Tucker
Mrs. Patton	3rd Grade	Dakota Crenshaw	Hadleigh Morgan
Mrs. Peeler	3rd Grade	Vanessa Romanov	Jossyan Zayas Curbelo
Mrs. Stribling	3rd Grade	Charlotte Harakas	Tinsleigh Simmons
Coach Taylor	3rd Grade	Emma Lawrence	Chance Pickens
Mrs. West	3rd Grade	Isabella Mills	Kymleigh Sloan
Homeroom	Grade	Name (1)	Name (2)
Mrs. Baynes	4th Grade	Tadeo Aragon Murrieta	Hunter Safrit
Dr. Brannon	4th Grade	Daisy Childers	Roman Greer
Mrs. Graham	4th Grade	Mariah Gonzalez	Ezra Young
Mrs. Harrison	4th Grade	Hadleigh Coppedge	Erin Gordon
Mrs. Pitt	4th Grade	Harvest Allen	Easton Chaney
Mrs. Romanov	4th Grade	Elli Lee	Finley Neal
Mrs. Stonesifer	4th Grade	Keigan Salter	Axl Williams
Mrs. Wallace	4th Grade	Lazaro Belteton Aguirre	Elizabeth Gonzalez Perez
Mrs. Watson	4th Grade	Eliand Martinez Cerdas	Kylah Murphy
Mrs. E. Young	4th Grade	Elliott Collins	
Ms. G. Young	4th Grade	Lincoln Duerk	Everly Gardner

Homeroom	Grade	Name (1)	Name (2)
Mr. Connolly	5th Grade	Saylor Cook	Jaelyn Williams
Mrs. Gaffney	5th Grade	Alexandra Castillo	Cassidy West
Mrs. Greene	5th Grade	Ariyona Rice	Jason Romanov
Mrs. Mosteller	5th Grade	Mason Monroe	Conley Williams
Ms. Rector	5th Grade	Marian Figueroa	Reid Siskey
Mrs. Thompson	5th Grade	Rebekah Jennings	Alexis Sanders
Ms. Tollison	5th Grade	Ashton Briggs	Peyton Lanford
Mrs. Williams	5th Grade	Nora Harrell	Lincoln Dudleson
Mrs. E. Young	5th Grade	Noah Cook	

**Woodruff Middle School**

Mr. Scott Lawson submitted the following:

Current enrollment figures: 6<sup>th</sup> – 227 7<sup>th</sup> – 217 8<sup>th</sup> – 253

1. Report cards for 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks were sent home March 11.
2. The WMS winter sport awards program was held March 9.
3. The following WMS students have art of display at the Chapman Cultural Center for March/April: Sophia Wotjun, Sarah Watson, Barlee Morris, Saylor Lanford, and Wes Newsome.
4. Cubs on the PROWL were recognized for February during morning assembly.
5. Interims for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be distributed on April 15.
6. The WMS chorus received an “excellent” rating at the Carowinds festival.
7. The WMS Wind Ensemble earned a “superior” rating at the Concert Performance Assessment.

**Calendar of Events:**

Mar 30	Student council field trip
Apr 2	MAP closes
Apr 3	Spring dance during PM ENCORE
Apr 6-10	Spring Holidays
Apr 14	Ice cream sales/Book Fair begins
Apr 15	Interims
Apr 21	Book Fair ends
Apr 22	Earth Day Fair
Apr 28	8 <sup>th</sup> field trip
Apr 30	READY Math
May 5	READY ELA/8 <sup>th</sup> grade band concert 6pm at performing arts center
May 6	READY ELA/6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> band concert 6pm at performing arts center
May 11-15	READY make-up
May 11	Chorus dress rehearsal
May 12	READY Science/grad walk/chorus concert at performing arts center
May 18	Field Day/annuals/Pelicans
May 19	Possible make-up field day
May 20	half day / 6 <sup>th</sup> awards 8:15/7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> exams
May 21	half day / 7 <sup>th</sup> awards 8:15/6 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> exams
May 22	half day / 8 <sup>th</sup> awards 8:15/6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> exams
May 23	Saturday AM workday
June 1	First day of summer school
June 25	Last day of summer school

**Woodruff High School**

Mrs. Christine Morris presented the following

- Monday, March 2, Ms. Morris and Ms. Abrams met with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to go over with them expectations of WHS such as attendance, seat time, grades, and discipline as well as the timeline and “How To” fill out your course card for registration for the 26-27 school year.
- Thursday, March 5, a senior class meeting was held where they received their first letter with information pertaining to graduation. After the meeting they completed the student survey and took the senior class picture. Then they departed for their Senior Bowling Trip. As always, this is a fun trip for our seniors.
- Thursday, March 5, Ms. Morris, Dr. Anderson, Ms. Abrams, and Mr. Logan held an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night in the new WHS auditorium. The meeting was very well attended.
- Monday, March 9, Coach Morris held the winter sports banquet. Several teams and athletes were recognized. And as always everyone enjoyed the cookies and punch.

- Report cards were issued on Wednesday, March 11. Parents with email addresses in PS also received their child's report card by email for the first time.
- On Wednesday, March 11, guidance gave the SAT and ACT test.
- WHS's first big moving day is Saturday, March 21.
- SEL Survey will open to our students on Monday, March 23.
- Our MLL class participated in their second Cooking Up Confidence class thanks to Spartanburg Regional and Ms. Terry.
- Honors English III and English IV enjoyed a matinee performance of Macbeth performed by USC Upstate.
- Prom tickets go on sale Monday, March 30. Prom is April 25 at Indigo Hall.
- Juniors took the WIN test Tuesday, March 31.
- Congratulations to upperclassman Jasmine McKnight and underclassman Itzary De La Garza for being selected February Students of the Month. Congratulations to upperclassman Maddux Young and underclassman Mattie Rhodes for being selected March Students of the Month. Kaplan Burgess and Jamie Cole were recognized as "BE a Wolverine" recipients.

WHS would like to thank Church of the Mill Woodruff campus for biscuits provided to our staff this month.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
3-31	WIN Testing
4-2	Auschwitz Virtual Field Trip
4-3	Storybook Parade
4-6	Spring Break
4-15	Interims
4-16	Lunch and Learn, Senior Supplies Delivery
4-17	Wolverine Games, Pep Rally, Band Banquet
4-18	Art Flower Fundraiser
4-22	Senior Graduation Meeting #2
4-24	Scoops
4-25	Prom
4-28	Most Improved
4-30	EOC Eng II Writing
5-1	Lunch and Learn
5-2	SAT
5-4	AP Bio (AM)
5-5	AP Gov't (AM), Band Concert, RD Awards
5-6	AP Lit (AM), RD Pinning Ceremony
5-7	EOC Eng II Reading, AP Stats (PM)
5-8	APUSH (AM), AP Art, Lunch and Learn
5-11	EOC APUSH, AP Calc (AM)
5-12	Graduation Walk, EOC Biology, Chorus Concert
5-13	EOC US, AP Lang (AM)
5-14	WHS Awards Day, AP CS (PM)
5-15	APES (AM)
5-20	Sports Physicals (PM)
5-22	Last Day
5-23	Teacher Workday

## **Instructional Reports**

Mrs. Rachel Traynham submitted the following:

### **1. Special Education**

- a. Our Medicaid Audit went well. We should have official feedback soon.
- b. County Sped Director meeting April 2nd in District 6

### **2. Nursing**

- a. We will host the Mobile Unit on May 14-15, 2026.
- b. Staff can make an appointment with Melissa McCarley

### **3. Mental Health**

- a. ReGenesis- Dr. Fulmer and I met with them to review their service this year. We have been pleased with the partnership and plan to continue for 26-27.

### **4. Gifted and Talented Art/Music**

- a. Chapman Cultural Art Center Reception is March 31, 2026 from 4:30-6:30 for all of Spartanburg County. District Five 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 translation needs for next year

### **6. Howell Art Purchase Awards**

- a. Judging will take place on Friday, April 17th from 8-4:00 and Monday April 20th from 8:00-4:30. Please make arrangements to come by and vote.
- b. Dinner and recognition of winners will be held at the May board meeting.

### **7. Teacher of the Year**

- a. Judging will take place May 4, 2026 at the District Office

### **8. Strategic Plan and Cognia**

- a. We are updating our Strategic Plan and planning for Cognia. We will have a Cognia review in the 26-27 School Year.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner submitted the following report:

1. Qualifying students in grades 2-5 completed the Performance Task Assessment on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
2. Students at Woodruff High School participated in the SAT/ACT School Test Day on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
3. Third year Woodruff High School students will take the WIN Career Readiness Assessment on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Seniors needing to retake a domain will also be tested on March 31<sup>st</sup>.
4. Woodruff Elementary School and Woodruff Middle School will conclude their Spring formative assessment window on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Woodruff Primary School will begin their Spring formative assessment window on April 15<sup>th</sup>. While this is a required assessment from the state, schools with end of year state assessment requirements will also use this data in preparation for upcoming testing.
5. Third quarter report cards were issued on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Fourth quarter interims will be issued on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Russell Mahaffey submitted the following report:

1. Contracts were issued on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Over 51% of those contracts have already been signed and submitted to the District Office.
2. The last induction class was held on Tuesday, January 13 from 3:30 – 6:00pm. The teachers worked with the 12 standards in the Instruction Domain during the last class session. Teachers videotaped themselves teaching a lesson, viewed the lesson, and completed the Post-Conference Teacher Reflection form. They reflect on their teaching in relation to the SC Teaching Standards and share their findings with their colleagues.
3. Administrators are following the end-of-year timeline for the completion of ADEPT observations and final evaluation conferences. The timeline in the District Four ADEPT Plan has been approved by the SC Department of Education.
4. All principals have completed the PADEPP mid-year evaluation conferences. They will complete a self-assessment related to the standards on which they are being evaluated and submit evidence to document performance on those standards. A full evaluation requires evidence for all nine of the PADEPP standards. A partial evaluation requires evidence for Standards #2 (Instructional Leadership) and #9 (Principal's Professional Development). Principals are required to complete full evaluations every third year.
5. Forty-four educators have licenses that will expire on June 30, 2026. Thirty-four educators have already submitted documentation for license renewal. Ten teachers are still completing recertification requirements, which include 120 renewal credits. Renewal credits can be accumulated through graduate courses, SCDE workshops, and professional development related to Student Learning Objectives.
6. Personnel have or will attend the following teacher recruiting events this year:
  - a. USC Upstate October 14, 2025
  - b. Anderson University October 20, 2025
  - c. North Greenville University November 3, 2025
  - d. Converse University March 6, 2026
  - e. USC Upstate Meet the Districts March 17, 2026

### **Facilities**

1. BAN 2025 Projects – Board members received a list
2. BAN 2026 Projects – Board members received a list.
3. Engraved Bricks for New WHS – Initial order: 249 Installed in Oct 2025.
  - a. We have orders for 23 additional bricks.
  - b. Next order will be placed April 1, 2026. Last order before school opens.
4. New WHS – Work continues on the Punchlist.
5. SCDOT Permit – Approved on 1/28/26. Construction on Cross Anchor Road began 2/17/26.
6. Trees- TreesUpstate planted (12) trees on 2/18/26. (6) each at WES and WMS. To date TreesUpstate has donated (178) trees to our District.

### **Board Action**

1. Approved Local Board Approved courses for the 2026-2027 school year.
2. Approved the bid of \$54,861.53 from Great Southern Recreation for the play structure at Woodruff Intermediate School.
3. Approved the bid of \$1,465.72 (per cut) from Roebuck Wholesale Nursery & Landscaping.
4. Approved the following new hires for the 2026-2027 school year:
  - a. AnnDora Helms – Teacher – Woodruff Primary School
  - b. Jonah Rollins – Physical Education Teacher/Coach – Woodruff Primary School

- c. Shelby Byers – Guidance Counselor – Woodruff Elementary School
  - d. Baileigh Gossett – Music Teacher – Woodruff Elementary School
  - e. Addie Harrison – Teacher – Woodruff Elementary School
  - f. Kelsey Moore- Art Teacher – Woodruff Elementary School
  - g. Jenna Knight – Teacher – Woodruff Intermediate School
  - h. Rhonda Compton – Teacher- Woodruff Middle School
  - i. Becky Pope – Teacher – Woodruff Middle School
  - j. Jennifer Reese- Special Education Liaison– Woodruff Middle School
  - k. Joshua Beck – Theatre and Drama Teacher – Woodruff High School
5. Approved the field house presentation presented by Harper at a cost of \$5,558,555.
  6. Approved new HVAC units at the current Woodruff High School- only units for \$104,83. The motion passed unanimously.
  7. Approved Irwin to paint Woodruff Primary School and Woodruff Elementary School and Prime to paint Woodruff Middle School and Woodruff High School at a cost of \$68,172.55.