

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

May 4, 2026

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, May 4, at 6:00 p.m. at the new Woodruff High School, in the theatre and in 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.

Chairman Morgan Smith called the meeting to order.

A special presentation was held to recognize the following:

Jr. Scholars – Vanessa Busko, Jeorgina Geanopulos, Eliza Guastaferro, Sway Hinton, and Emilo Rodriguez

William L. Howell Art Purchase Award Winners-Amia Nguyen, Lina Brock, Sarah Watson, and Kelsey Hutcheson

2025-2026 Teachers of the Year – Rakeya Brian, Barry Wash, Nikki Clutter, and Jordan Jennings

2026-2027 Teachers of the Year – Jessica Humerez, Summer Baxter, Tamara Branch, and Kinzie Sellars

Special Education Administrator of the Year for the State of SC – Rachel Traynham

Chairman Morgan Smith once again called the meeting to order after a brief recess to transition the remainder of the meeting to room 130.

Minutes of March 30, 2026, and April 22, 2026, meetings were approved as submitted.

Finance- Mr. Chris Benfield, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, presented a FY27 budget estimate as information only.

Superintendent Report – Dr. Aaron Fulmer

1. Budget meeting is set for June 29, 2026.
2. The board is invited to all end of the year luncheon. Again, thankful to the board for sponsoring these luncheons.
3. Education Appreciation Week is May 4th-8th. The District will provide breakfast from Panera on Wednesday, May 6th. Employees will also receive a monetary gift.
4. Reminded board members about the School Law Conference held in August.
5. The boys' soccer and boys' track teams are Region Champions.
6. The Administration at Woodruff Elementary School will be recognized at the June board meeting for receiving the Palmetto Silver Award.
7. Retirees will be recognized at the June board meeting.
8. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year laptops will not be sent home with students in grades K-5.

The following reports were submitted:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover submitted the following report:

1. The students enjoyed listening to tales told by the Stone Soup Storytellers. Mrs. Rhodes coordinated the event on April 24th.
2. I-Ready Diagnostic testing for kindergarten through second grade students began on April 15th and was completed on April 22nd.
3. The WHS graduating class will walk through the WPS halls for students on May 12th.
4. WPS held the St. Jude Children's Hospital Walk-A-Thon on April 23rd. We had beautiful weather and 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!
5. WPS plans to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week with a variety of activities May 4th – 8th. All school employees will get lots of treats and attention that week!
6. Second graders will present a musical review for parents on May 8th. "Forward: A Celebration of Possibilities" is a musical performance designed to give students the opportunity to celebrate their own ideas, thoughts, and dreams. Mr. Carroll, WPS Music Teacher, coordinated this performance. Students from Mrs. Buhler, Mrs. Hennigan, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Humerez, Ms. Hunter, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Watson's classes will perform. The other classes performed in the winter.
7. End of year programs for all grades will be held May 15th – 20th.
 - a. May 15 – 3K and 4K
 - b. May 18 - Second Grade
 - c. May 19 – First Grade
 - d. May 20 – KindergartenPrograms will be held at various times, assigned by class.
8. WPS will hold summer school classes for students June 1st – June 25th. A limited number of slots will be available. Students will be invited based on criteria set by the state.
9. To celebrate all students' efforts on end of year testing, a GLOW party will be held on May 1st.
10. Terrific Kid of the Year, Bryleigh Branch, was recognized at a luncheon in Spartanburg on April 23rd.
11. Cafeteria staff members will be recognized on May 1st, nurses will be recognized on May 6th, and mental health counselors will be recognized on May 13th! We are so thankful for these ladies that take such good care of all the children at WPS!

MAY

- 1- GLOW Party
- 4-8 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- 7 – School Improvement Council Meeting
- 8- Project Search
- 8 – Second Grade Musical
- 12 – WHS Graduation Walk
- 13 – Field Day
- 15-20 – Awards Days
- 20-22– Half-Day of School
- 22 - Last Day of School

Enrollment- As of 4/27/2026

Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2 day 3K	43	48	-5	5- Moon (Special Education)
4k	138	148	-10	10- Moon (Special Education)
5K	205	213	-8	3 -Watson & 4- Humerez (Special Education) 7- Deaf and Blind
1st	203	210	-7	4- Watson (Special Education) 3-Humerez (Special Education)
2nd	214	223	-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. The students enjoyed listening to tales told by the Stone Soup Storytellers. Mrs. White coordinated that event on April 24th.
2. Mrs. Vaughn screened students for gifted art for the 2026-2027 school year. Congratulations to the following students: **Rising 6th grade:** Rory Harris and Bonnie Bynum, **Rising 5th grade:** Sophia Ramos Ralph, and **Rising 4th grade:** Sophia Herrera
3. Students took the SC Ready Reading A portion on Monday, April 27th, SC Ready Reading B portion on Tuesday, April 28th, SC ELA Writing on April 30th. Students will take SC Ready Math A on Monday, May 4th and Math B on Tuesday, May 5th. and fourth graders will take SC Ready Science on May 7th.
4. WES raised \$970 from our Domino's Fundraiser.
5. Woodruff Elementary students and staff members that supported this month's community project to give back to PS I Love You Ministries! We were honored to deliver items off of their needs list and \$180 to help this great organization in their mission to support our community's children in foster care.
6. WES raised \$664 from our Spring Basket Sale.
7. We raised \$507 for the WPS Walk-A-Thon.

Estimated Enrollment for WES as of 04/30/26

3 rd	211
4 th	228
5 th	209

May 2026 Calendar

- 1-WES Volunteer Breakfast Cafeteria Appreciation Day WHS Greeters
Guidance Lesson 5th Grade
- 4- 9- Teacher Appreciation Week 4-State Testing Math A

- 5-State Testing Math B
- 6-Nurse Appreciation Day Guidance Lessons 4th Grade
- 7-State Testing Math SC Ready Science
- 8-Attendance Incentive Celebration Pizza with Principals
WHS Greeters
- 11-ELA Curriculum Days 4th Grade Guidance Lessons
3rd Grade Math Kiwanis Ice Cream Celebration
- 12-WHS Graduation Walk Math Curriculum Days
- 13-3rd Grade Guidance Lessons Mental Health Counselors Day
iReady Incentive Celebration
- 14-5th Grade Fun Day 4th Yearbook Signing
- 15-3rd Grade Guidance Lessons WES Faculty Game
EOY Class Parties
- 18-3rd Grade Guidance Lessons Speech Language Pathologists Appreciation Day
- 19-3rd Grade Guidance Lessons 4th Grade Awards Day 9:30 am
5th Grade Field Day
- 20-3rd Grade Awards Day 4th Grade Field Day
½ Day for Students
- 21-5th Grade Awards 9:30 am 3rd Grade Field Day 9:30 am
½ Day for Students Faculty and Staff Luncheon
- 22- Report Cards Issued ½ Day for Students

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Scott Lawson submitted the following:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th -226, 7th -218, 8th -253
2. End of year report cards will be mailed home May 26, 2025.
3. A rising 6th grade parent night was held March 17.
4. The chorus spring concert is set for May 12 in the performing arts center.
5. Band concerts are set for May 6 for 6th and 7th graders and will be May 5 for 8th graders.
6. SC READY testing began with math on April 30. ELA is scheduled for May 5 and 6. Science (6th graders only) is on May 12.
7. The WMS faculty luncheon is set for May 21.

Calendar of Events:

- Apr 28 8th field trip
- Apr 29 6th/7th football meeting after AM announcements
- Apr 30 READY Math/SLO's due
- Apr 28 8th field trip
- May 5 READY ELA/8th grade band concert 6pm at performing arts center
- May 6 READY ELA/6th and 7th band concert 6pm at performing arts center
- May 7 FCA breakfast at FBC/Olencki art show
- May 11-15 READY make-up
- May 11 Chorus dress rehearsal
- May 12 READY Science/grad walk/chorus concert at performing arts center
- May 13 6th grade returns devices (Chromebooks and hot spots)/WMS VB meeting AM/cheer tryouts
- May 14 7th grade returns devices (Chromebooks and hot spots)/cheer tryouts
- May 15 8th grade returns devices (Chromebooks and hot spots)
- May 18 Field Day/annuals/Pelicans
- May 19 Make-up field day
- May 20 half day / 6th awards 8:15/7th and 8th exams
- May 21 half day / 7th awards 8:15/6th and 8th exams
- May 22 half day / 8th awards 8:15/6th and 7th exams
- May 20-22 Student Half days

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

- WIN test was given on April 1.
- The MLL students who met their end of the year goal enjoyed a bowling field trip with a Zaxby's lunch at the park.
- The Auschwitz virtual field trip that Mrs. Lawson coordinated this spring was very informative and well received.
- Our senior student WHO readers enjoyed participating in the storybook parade walking with their class, the Wolverine was excited to be a part of the parade, and we are proud of our percussion ensemble leading the parade.
- Interims went out Wednesday, April 15.
- Senior Supplies were delivered on Thursday, April 16.
- Wolverine Games hosted by Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Bennett was a huge success. Student council helped lead the games at each station. The WMS students enjoyed getting to know our high schoolers and vice versa.
- Spring athletes were recognized at the last pep rally of the year. The teachers showed out in Drop the Mic game.
- The Art Flower Fundraiser was hit with many people. Flower bouquets and wreaths were made.
- Mrs. Morris met with the senior class on Wednesday, April 22. Seniors received their graduation packet.
- ASVAB was given on Friday, April 24.
- Prom was very well attended and the students really enjoyed the evening. Teachers loved seeing the students all dressed up. They not only danced, but played UNO, Jenga, and cornhole. Our prom queen was Aidyn Smith and our prom king was AJ Peake.
- WHS teachers honored their most improved student at our Most Improved Banquet, Tuesday, April 28. It remains our favorite banquet of the year.
- Guidance announced that course verification form for the 26-27 year is not available in their student portal. They have until May 11 to verify their course selections for next year.
- Congratulations to upperclassman Ian Jones and underclassman D'yonnee Hall for being selected April Students of the Month. Aaliyah Norman, Deonte Goggins and Dylan Shytlers were recognized as "BE a Wolverine"

Date	Event
5-4	AP Bio (AM)
5-5	AP Gov't (AM) Band Concert (New WHS - Theater)
5-6	AP Lit (AM)
5-7	EOC Eng II Reading, AP Stats (PM) Olencki Art Show (New WHS – Theater)
5-7	Drama Skit (New WHS – Theater)
5-8	APUSH (AM), AP Art
5-11	EOC APUSH AP Calc (AM)
5-12	Graduation Walk EOC Biology Chorus Concert (New WHS - Theater)
5-13	EOC US AP Lang (AM)
5-14	WHS Awards/Annual Day AP CS (PM)
5-15	APES (AM)
5-18	Spring Sports Banquet
5-20	Sports Physicals (PM)

5-22	Last Day
5-23	Teacher Workday

Instructional Reports

Mrs. Rachel Traynham submitted the following:

1. SPED
 - A. We are finishing the school year and holding IEP meetings as needed to end the school year.
 - B. We are closing out documentation for the 25-26 school year and preparing for next year
 - C. We are finishing up documentation for our Medicaid Audit.
2. Mental Health/ReGenesis
 - A. We renewed our contract for 2 counselors with ReGenesis for 26-27.
 - B. As of the end of April, we have had 175 students served in district for Mental Health. We received 130 new referrals this school year and completed 77 Columbia Suicide Screeners. October was our busiest Mental Health Month.
3. Nursing
 - A. We will have the mobile Mammogram Unit May 14-15 at the District office for employees.
4. Teacher of the Year
 - A. Judging for District Teacher of the Year will be May 4th at the DO
 - B. Winner will be announced at the end of year luncheon at their school.
5. Howell Art Purchase
 - A. Winners will be honored at the May 4th Meeting in the theater at 6:00
6. Strategic Plan
 - A. The Strategic Plan was submitted to the SCDE for our Year 1 update.
7. Cognia
 - A. We will be going through reaccreditation for the 26-27 school year and are now starting this process. Our review will be between late September and January.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner submitted the following report:

1. All schools continue the scheduling process for the 2026-2027 school year with course requests and grade level assignments.
2. End of the year state-required assessments began on April 27th. 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 students enrolled in these courses 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 2025-2026 Parent, Student, Teacher Climate Surveys closed on April 17th. All students in grades 3-12 completed the required survey that will account for up to ten points on the 2025-2026 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, found in their PowerSchool parent portal.

Mr. Russell Mahaffey submitted the following report:

1. Educators have until May 11th to return contracts that were issued in February. Seventy-two percent of educators have already signed and submitted their contracts. Sixty contracts remain outstanding throughout the entire district.
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. Forty-four educators have licenses that will expire on June 30, 2026. Thirty – eight educators have already submitted documentation for license renewal. Three 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. One educator filed for an extension to June 30, 2027. Two educators will apply for the Retiree Certificate. The Retiree Certificate allows the educator the ability to renew without earning 120 renewal credits.
4. Teachers are evaluated under the Expanded ADEPT system, which includes the South Carolina Teaching Standards 4.0 Rubric. Evaluation teams are completing classroom observations, and administrators are scheduling end-of-year conferences with teachers. The goal is to complete evaluations by April 27th.
5. Principals are evaluated under PADEPP standards. They are completing self-assessments and submitting evidence for each standard. Their evaluations must be complete by September 1st. Results of ADEPT and PADEPP are entered into SC LEAD.
6. Personnel attended 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

BAN 2025 Projects – Board received a list.

BAN 2026 Projects – Board received a list.

2025 / 2026 School Year Projects – Board received a list.

Engraved Bricks for New WHS – Initial order: 249 Installed in Oct 2025.

We ordered 43 additional bricks on April 2 for installation this summer. 292 Total sold to date.

New WHS – Work continues on the Punchlist.

Summer Projects - Board received a list.

Board Action

1. Approved state contract bid from Y&S Technologies for 64 Lenovo workstations and monitors for \$178,461.44.
2. Approved state contract bid from Y&S Technologies for 75 Lenovo ThinkPads for \$95,321.25.
3. Approved the state contract bid from Culinary Depot for a new dishwasher at Woodruff Elementary School for \$62,578.22.
4. Approved the following new hires for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - Alexandra Altier- Teacher – Woodruff Elementary School
 - Amanda Ray – Teacher – Woodruff Elementary School
 - Scott Brooks – Teacher – Woodruff Intermediate School
 - Kyndal Peeler – Teacher/Coach- Woodruff Middle School
 - Anna Nicholls – Special Education Teacher – Woodruff Middle School
 - James Norman – Teacher/Coach – Woodruff High School