

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

June 1, 2026

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, June 1, at 6:00 p.m. at the new Woodruff High School, in the theatre and 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:

Spartanburg District Four Retirees

All State Athletes and Band Members

Palmetto Silver Award Winner

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 May 4, and May 13, 2026, meetings were approved as submitted.

Superintendent Report – Dr. Aaron Fulmer

1. Presented a copy of the 2026-2027 meeting schedule.
2. Presented a copy of the 2026-2027 school calendar.
3. The budget meeting previously scheduled for June 29th is now June 25th due to conflicts.

The following reports were submitted:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Dover submitted the following report:

1. WPS students had a field day on May 13th. Coach Rollins and Coach Kay planned a variety of active relay race events for kids to enjoy!
2. WPS Summer School begins on June 1st and ends on June 25th. First and second grade students will be served. Approximately sixty students are enrolled in the program. The program will run from 7:45 A.M. until 3:15 P.M. Monday through Thursday.
3. The following staff members were recognized at the end of the year luncheon:
 - a. Student Support Staff Member of the Year – Stephanie Williams, Preschool Assistant
 - b. Support Staff Member of the Year – Cristina Lopez, Cafeteria Staff
 - c. Teacher of the Year – Jessica Humerez, Special Education Teacher
4. Rosella Williams received the Donna Cannon Award for 2025-2026.
5. Bryleigh Branch received the Terrific Kid of the Year Award for 2025-2026.
6. All WPS students performed and were celebrated at awards programs during the last week of school.
7. Sixteen second graders placed in SOAR for third grade.
8. Fourteen students placed in gifted music and four placed in gifted art for the 2026--2027 school year.
9. Two retirees, Betsy Alexander and Marie Davis, were recognized at the end of the year luncheon. After a combined fifty-seven and one half years in District 4, they will be greatly missed.

10. WPS Faculty and Staff enjoyed an end of year barbeque lunch on May 21st. Thank you to the District 4 Board for sponsoring this meal for staff.

June

1 - Summer School Begins

19- Juneteenth

25 – Summer School Ends

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Parris submitted the following:

1. WES summer school will operate from June 1st until June 25th. We have 58 students who signed up for summer school. We have 22 students signed up for summer reading camp. They will be working on reading and writing. We have 13 students in 3rd grade summer school. They will receive both reading and math instruction. We have 22 students in 4th and 5th grade summer school. They will receive both reading and math instruction.
2. Ms. Summer Baxter was selected as the Teacher of the Year for Woodruff Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school year. She was recognized at the end-of-the-year luncheon. Ms. Baxter is currently the Multilingual Learner Program Teacher.
3. Kristy Siskey was chosen as our Support Staff Person of the Year. She is currently our PowerSchool Secretary.
4. During the month of April, Woodruff Elementary School students read lots of books and were also able to raise a total of \$1205 for our Read-A-Thon! We will be able to buy lots of new books. Congratulations to Mrs. Stribling's class for being the top class for the most minutes read. Congratulations to Mrs. Stonesifer's class for being the top class for the most money raised.
5. The following students placed in G/T for the 2026-27 school year:
6. 3rd Grade: Everett Fuller, Hunter Hudson, Irie Jones, Emery Lineberger, Madelyn Spurlin, James Stewart, Michael Watson, and Lila West
7. 4th Grade: Zoey Niemela and Blaise Wright
8. 5th Grade: Elizabeth Whitmore
9. Several awards are given annually in memory of students who attended WES. This year's students are as follows:
 - a. Victory Award – Charis Avrett
 - b. Hanna Lister Horizon Award – Blain Collins
 - c. Jon Bolt Award – Avrileigh Sanders
 - d. Lena Kirstein Award – Capri Sugalski
10. First and Second grade students toured WES in April.
11. The faculty faced the fifth graders in a game of kickball on May 15th. Everyone had a great time. Staff won 81-13
12. We had a great turnout for our awards programs at the end of the year.

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Scott Lawson submitted the following:

1. Students requiring summer school were contacted the week of May 26 – May 29. Summer school dates are June 1- June 25.
2. The chorus program was held May 12 in the Performing Arts Center. Band concerts were also held there May 5 and 6.
3. The Olencki art show was held May 7.
4. Field day was held May 18.
5. WMS student council for 26-27 includes: Luke Dickard, Bradley Entwistle, Cowen Graves, Colt Atkins, Leigha Clutter, Natalie Lopez Campos, Sophie Tropeano, Coleman Fulmer, Avery Stonesifer, Elizabeth Whitmore, Peyton Parris, and Sariah Scott

6. Awards days were held as follows:
 - a. May 20 – 6th grade
 - b. May 21 – 7th grade
 - c. May 22 – 8th grade
7. The WMS faculty luncheon was held on May 21.
8. Faculty and staff recognitions announced include:
 - a. Teacher of the year – Tamara Branch
 - b. Support staff of the year – Donna McAbee
 - c. “High’ly” dedicated to WMS – Bryan McConnell
 - d. 5-year service awards – Nikki Clutter, Adam Knighten, Lauren Gregory, Elena Lisicenco
 - e. 20- year service award – Emily Wireman
 - f. 25 – year service award – Julie Kitchens
 - g. 30 – year service award – Cassandra Gilliam

Look ahead dates

June 1	First day of summer school
June 16	New employee orientation
June 25	Last day of summer school
July 27	Registration 8am-6pm
July 30	Start of staff preservice days
Aug 3	Back to school employee breakfast – new WHS
Aug 4	Open House all schools WMS 5pm-7pm(1pm-7pm workday)
Aug 6	first student day

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris presented the following

- May was a month of testing. All EOC tests and AP tests were given, not to mention students who had final exams to take.
- Teachers enjoyed Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to all the area churches and the district office for providing meals and treats throughout the week. Special thanks to the board for sponsoring our end of the year luncheon.
- The concert band performed in the theatre for the first time on Tuesday, May 5. What a difference the theatre made in their performance. They sounded spectacular and everyone enjoyed the seating arrangements. I love the backdrop of the stage and the stage lighting.
- The chorus performed in the theatre on Tuesday, May 12. The WMS and WHS chorus performed a combined song, and it was really special.
- The Olencki Art Show was up for about a week and a half, everyone attending the board meeting, the band concerts, the chorus concerts, and the drama skit enjoyed viewing the art. Thanks to Coach McConnell, Mrs. Doshier, and Mrs. Chappell for providing the art and creating a great show.
- Students viewed their course requests and verifications were to be made by Monday, May 11. WHS has started the scheduling process.
- The Graduation Walk was held on Tuesday, May 12. It was a huge success as it always is. Thanks to WPS, WES, and WMS for being so accommodating.
- Chromebooks were collected by Wednesday, May 13.
- WHS held its Awards/Annual day on Thursday, May 14. It was very well attended. Several students received academic, fine arts, and athletic recognition. Students enjoyed being outside engaging in events such as corn hole, an obstacle course, a slide, and a gaming station. Food trucks were available as well. Seniors enjoyed competing in Senior Olympics.
- The Spring Sports Banquet was held on Monday, May 18. Once again, several athletes were recognized and everyone enjoyed the cookies.

- WHS's faculty and staff worked hard to pack up and move out. Thanks for all the assistance from various people and providing needed supplies.

Date	Event
5/28-29	Summer School Registration
6/1	First Day of Summer School
6/16	New Teacher Orientation (DO)
6/16-18	Senior Pictures
6/24	Online Registration Forms Open
7/27	Registration
7/30	First Teacher Day

Instructional Reports

Mrs. Rachel Traynham submitted the following:

- 1. SPED**
 - a. We are still in need of a self-contained teacher at WES for next school year. All other Certified SPED positions have been filled at this time.
 - b. The final County SPED Director meeting for 25-26 will be held on June 9th in Spartanburg 6. Spartanburg 7 will be the host for county meetings next year.
- 2. Mental Health**
 - a. This year our clinicians saw students for in our district for the following: ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder, Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and trauma history, Bipolar, Adjustment Disorder, family disruption/separation by divorce, death of a family member, adjustment disorders with anxiety and depression, and family history of mental illness. Many of these co-exist with other disorders, particularly anxiety/depression, and about 5% meet the qualification for borderline personality disorder.
 - b. Clinicians will serve students throughout the summer.
- 3. Nursing**
 - a. A meeting was held to review a few items from our Medicaid Audit that needed correction. No major findings.
- 4. Strategic Plan/School Renewal Plan**
 - a. Submitted to SCDE 4/29/26

Federal Program Meeting

 - a. Held at the District Office on 5/19/26
 - b. We have received our first Assurance and Award notification of 26-27 for IDEA Pre-School
 - c. Others should arrive this summer

Whitlock

 - a. We may offer a summer bus if needed. I will be meeting with parents of those students to go over behavioral expectations and the details for drop-off and pick-up.
- 7. Great Start**
 - a. This will be done differently this year.
 - i. They will purchase Binders, Pencils, and Water Bottles for 3000 students. No other supplies will be provided.

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. Performance Task Assessment results for placement in the academically gifted program have arrived. An additional 22 students will receive services through the academically gifted program for the 2026-2027 school year.
3. Summer school sessions for all schools began June 1st. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 7:45 am-3:00 pm.

Mr. Russell Mahaffey submitted the following report:

1. District Four only has two teaching vacancies as of May 27, 2026.
2. 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.
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 assess and present evidence of 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 16th from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM. An introduction to District Four will be made, and Mr. Benfield and Mrs. Skinner will provide insurance, payroll, and retirement information

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. Draft 2026-2027 budgets for Spartanburg School District Four, and RD Anderson Applied Technology Center were presented as information only. **No action was taken.**
2. Approved the Booster Clubs and Parent Teacher Organization officers for the 2026-2027 school year.
3. Approved the bid of \$224,766.73 for bus security cameras.
4. Approved the following new hires for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - a. Yulonda Elmore- Teacher – Woodruff Primary School
 - b. Isabella Longo – Teacher- Woodruff Intermediate School