SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2026

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, November 9, at 6:00 p.m. at Woodruff High School 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.

Minutes of the October 5, 2026, meeting were approved as submitted.

Mrs. Rachel Traynham, Director of Student Support Services and Compliance, gave a brief overview of the Cogina Accreditation process and provided information regarding student support services throughout the district.

Mr. Chris Benfield, Assistant Superintended of Business and Finance, presented a statement of assessed value for all Spartanburg County Districts.

Superintendent Report – Dr. Aaron Fulmer

1. The SCSBA Legislative Delegate Assembly is being held December 4-6, 2026. Nathan Craig and Sandy Norman will be attending.
2. The SCSBA Board Conference is being held February 18-21, 2027.
3. The Spartanburg Oversight Committee will meet November 12.
4. The yearly audit report will be presented at the January meeting.
5. Eligible employees will receive an incentive check before Thanksgiving break.

The following reports were submitted:

<u>Woodruff Primary School</u>

Mrs. Dover submitted the following report:

1. Teachers are finalizing conferences with parents and guardians to review students' progress during the first nine weeks. Teachers at WPS hold conferences with the parents of all students.
2. Red Ribbon Week was observed October 26th – October 30th. Students and staff participated in dress-up days that represented a positive message about keeping our bodies healthy.
3. WPS will host a Fall Family Night on November 17th! Families will have lots of fun fall activities to enjoy together. We will have games, crafts, food, and family pictures! Thank you to Jessica Norris, preschool teacher, and the committee of teachers for planning this event!
4. Field trips are in full swing, and children are having a ball! Preschool students are visiting Stewart Farms. Kindergarten students are visiting the Children's Museum of the Upstate. First graders will be visiting Publix! Learning outside the classroom provides our little ones with valuable and memorable experiences.
5. As part of our study of community helpers, Spartanburg County Sheriff's Department and Trinity Fire Department brought a variety of vehicles for kids to explore. Students also had the opportunity to meet Officer Deahl and Rambo, one of the K9s, from Spartanburg County.
6. WPS collected $1 donations for Kidz in Lids to benefit The Cancer Partners of the Carolinas. Students and staff who donated $1 could wear a hat to school on October 23rd. WPS raised $253.00.
7. WPS will hold its second annual Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11th! We look forward to recognizing the family members of our students who are veterans or are currently serving in the military. We have more than 25 service members signed up to participate.

8. Healthy Smiles visited WPS on October 23rd to conduct dental screenings for all students. Parents of students who needed dental care were notified following the screenings.
9. Three-year-old preschool teachers are planning a gallery walk for families on November 5th. Parents will be invited to view displays of work completed by students as part of a recent topic of study.

November 2026

2 – No School – Teacher Inservice Day
3 – No School – Election Day
5 – 3K Gallery Walk 3:00-4:00
11 – Veterans Day Parade 1:00
12- Holiday Pictures
17 – Fall Family Night 4:00 – 6:00
20 – School Family Celebration
25 – 27 Thanksgiving Holidays

Enrollment as of 10/30/2026

Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
1/2-day 3K	55	60	-5	5- Moon (Special Education)
4k	117	121	-4	4- Moon (Special Education)
5K	181	197	-16	6-Helms & 8- Humerez (Special Education) 2- Satellite
1st	186	191	-5	3- Helms (Special Education 2-Humerez (Special Education)
TOTAL	539	569	30	**10- Humerez, 9- Helms, 9- Moon, 2- McCarthy Teszler**

Woodruff Elementary School

Dr. McCoy submitted the following:

- As of October 29, our enrollment is as follows:

Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
2nd	174	180	-6	6 - Beckner(Self Cont./SPED)
3rd	197	204	-10	7 - Beckner (Self Cont./SPED) 3 – Mosley (Satelite)
Total	371	385	-16	

WES Wins:

- 🎉 Second-grade team successfully completed CogAT/Iowa testing!
- 🎉 Successful completion of the first round of MTSS meetings with teacher involvement and input throughout the process!
- 🎉 A good report card rating that deserved celebrating our amazing teachers and students who

made it possible!

- 🎉 We had a successful Vehicle Career Day and wrapped it up with a landing from the Regional One Air Medical Team! We're thankful to everyone who helped make this experience possible for our students. They truly loved it! It was an exciting way to connect classroom learning to real-world careers!

Upcoming Dates:

- **November 9-13**: Coat Drive
- **November 11**: Veterans Day Program & Interim Reports Issued
- **November 18 & 19**: 2nd grade Watershed
- **November 25-27**: Thanksgiving Break
- **November 30**: 3rd grade Watershed
- **November 30 - December 4**: Holiday Shop
- **December 4:** Author Visit
- **December 1**: Ballet Spartanburg & 3rd grade Watershed
- **December 2**: Dental Screenings
- **December 3**: Grinch Photos
- **December 8-11**: i-Ready Testing Window
- **December 11**: Christmas Program at 9AM
- **December 15, 16, & 17**: 2nd Grade Field Trip
- **December 16**: Grades Due for Report Cards

<u>Woodruff Intermediate School</u>

Mrs. Giada Parris submitted the following:

1. We celebrated Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 26th through October 30th.
2. The Veteran's Day program is at 9:00 on November 11th in the cafeteria. Veterans will enjoy breakfast before the program.
3. We made $7,262 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 50 plus parents shop the book fair.
4. We will celebrate our faculty and staff with our Fabulous Friday monthly treat during the month of November. Teachers will choose from an assortment of pies.
5. We held our first SIC meeting on October 20, 2026.
6. Professional Development/Opportunities
    a. Mrs. Amick attended FMU Fall 2026 Career Fair at Francis Marion on October 23rd.
7. We are collecting items for the Helping Hands Ministry of Woodruff. This community project runs through November 24th. We had a friendly rivalry between the Gamecocks and Clemson Tigers.
8. Students participated in the Gamecock Reading Incentive in October. They earned free tickets to a men or women's basketball game.
9. Students will purchase tickets to be entered into a drawing- "Principal for A Day Contest". The winner will spend November 24th shadowing all three principals.

Enrollment as of 10/30/26

4th Grade	176
5th Grade	196
Total	372

November

1-Daylight Savings Ends
2-Teacher Inservice Workday

3-Election Day Holiday-School Closed
6-Heart4 Schools Food Bags
9-4th Grade Watershed "Wild Wetlands"
10-Kids For Christ Gifted Art
11-Interims Issued Veteran's Day Breakfast 8:15
Veteran's Day Program at 9:00
16-4th Grade Watershed " Wild Wetlands" Gifted Music
17-Gifted Art
19-5th Grade Watershed "Far out Space"
20-Fabulous Friday
23-5th Grade Watershed "Far out Space"
24-5th Grade Watershed "Far out Space" Heart4Schools Food Bags
25-26-Thanksgiving Holidays
30-Spelling Bee

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Scott Lawson submitted the following:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6th – 195 7th – 239 8th – 229
2. 2nd Nine Weeks interim reports will be sent home Nov 11.
3. Beta Club installation was held on October 29 with over 50 students being inducted.
4. WMS basketball tryouts and WMS wrestling began November 4.
5. An appreciation breakfast for veterans will be held November 11.
6. Red Ribbon week was celebrated October 26-30.
7. Two WMS students were recognized as winners at the Piedmont Fair. Congratulations to 8th grader Konnor Simmons for earning a 2nd place ribbon in the painting category in the 7th, 8th, 9th grade division. Congratulations to 6th grader Creed Ruppe for earning a 3rd place ribbon in the drawing category in the 4th, 5th, 6th grade division.
8. WMS is hosting a Farmer's Market on November 19 as part of a project-based learning initiative.

Calendar of Events:

November 11	Interims
November 19	Farmer's Market/Ice cream sales
November 20	Classroom spelling bee winners due
November 23	Basketball jamboree at WMS
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Holidays
November 30	MAP window opens/WMS fall sport awards program
December 1	WMS 6th/7th band concert 6pm at performing arts
December 3	WMS BB at home vs Ewing/WMS 8th concert 6pm at performing arts 7th dental screenings
December 4	Schoolwide spelling bee – begins during 1st period
December 7	WMS BB at Blacksburg/chorus rehearsal
December 8	WMS chorus concert at the WHS theatre 630pm
December 7-11	IXL snapshot (math and ELA)
December 10	Spirit club meets for WMS basketball
December 11	MAP window closes
December 14	ENCORE exams completed on/before today/WMS bb at Chesnee
December 15	Math exams
December 16	ELA exams
December 17	Science and social studies exams/WMS bb at home vs HP/Spirit club meets
December 18	Make-up exams/noon dismissal/faculty luncheon
Dec 21–Jan 3	Holidays
January 4	Staff workday
January 5	students return

Woodruff High School

Mrs. Christine Morris presented the following:

- We had a great homecoming pep rally and crowned Alexis Baldwin Queen and Jolin Pettay Maid of Honor. The homecoming dance was a great success; we sold over 300 tickets and all but 12 did not show.
- English II and AP Literature enjoyed a field trip to USC Upstate to watch a matinee performance of Antigone.
- Our AP Art students visited the Woodruff BMW facility. We are partnering with them to produce some artwork for their grand opening in November, as well as explore other opportunities to help them bring life to some of the inside walls and break rooms.
- The MLL students held a Heritage Celebration. They prepared ethnic food and brought it in to share it with everyone. Coach Weathers enjoyed it the most.
- A Meeting Street Scholarship representative met with our senior class on Tuesday, October 13. They shared information about this wonderful opportunity.
- Report cards for first quarter went home Wednesday, October 14, along with a newsletter reminding parents about different policies and procedures including attendance and upcoming events.
- Our credential students participated in the Mayor's Walk on Wednesday, October 21.
- Guidance held a Financial Aid Night on Thursday, October 22. Ms. Hooker was there to present the information to seniors and their parents about applying for college and completing their FASFA.
- WHS participated in an earthquake drill on Monday, October 26.
- Select seniors participated in WIN and ASVAB testing on Tuesday, October 27. Sophomores who signed up for the PSAT took the PSAT.
- WHS participated in Kidz in Lid Day on Friday, October 30. Kids and students who donated $1 were allowed to wear a hat for the day. This money goes to help support the fight against childhood cancer.
- Teachers provided a surprise Trick-or-Treat event during wolverine enrichment on Friday, October 30. Students were given 10 minutes to trick-or-treat up and down their hallway. There were a lot of smiles, and I do believe the teachers enjoyed it as much as the students.

Date	Event
11/7	SAT
11/10	RDA/MSC 9th Grade Field Trip
11/11	Veteran's Day Brunch (10:00 am - 11:00 am – Café) Interims
11/13	VR Meeting in Theatre Scoops
11/14	Art Market (10:00 am - 2:00 pm – WHS Gym)
11/19	Dinner Night hosted by Credential Students (6:00 pm – Aux Gym Seating)
12/1	EOC Eng II Writing Band Concert (6:00 pm - 6th & 7th Grade, Theatre)
12/2	VR Meeting in Theatre
12/3	EOC Alg I Band Concert (6:00 pm – 8th Grade & WHS, Theatre)
12/4	9th Grade Dental Screening
12/7	Chorus Rehearsal
12/8	Chorus Concert (6:30 pm – WMS & WHS, Theatre)EOC Eng II Reading
12/9	SEL Survey
12/10	EOC Biology
12/11	EOC US History
12/16	Exams
12/17	Exams
12/18	Last Day of First Semester (half day)
1/6	Report Cards

1/13 Fire Drill
1/25 VR Meeting in Theatre
1/29 Scoops

Instructional Reports

Mrs. Rachel Traynham submitted the following:

1. SPED
    a. We are working on completing IEP changes from our Audit Review
    b. State Sped Director Meeting on November 6,2026
    c. County Directors November 12, 2026
2. Federal Programs
    a. All Title Programs have been approved.
    b. Title I and Title II final allocations have been reduced from:
        i. Title I - $724,783.74 to $724,358.61
        ii. Title II=$111,807.50 to $96,775.88
3. Mental Health
    a. Mental Health numbers continue to increase
    b. Our Lead Therapist was able to attend a county-wide training course in October for Mental Health Therapist.
4. Cognia
    a. Our Cognia Review was moved to April 14, 2027.
5. FERPA
    a. We began using a new FERPA request form to keep consistency across the district.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner submitted the following report:

1. The required 45-day funding reports for the 2026-2027 school year have been successfully submitted to the South Carolina Department of Education.
2. GOLD and KRA, state mandated testing for 4k and 5k, were completed on October 9th. GOLD (4k) screenings will be completed in January as well as in May.
3. Second Grade CogAT/IA testing completed on Tuesday, October 27th at Woodruff Elementary School. These tests are used as identifiers for the Gifted and Talented program.
4. The PSAT was administered at Woodruff Middle School on Wednesday, October 21st and Woodruff High School on Tuesday, October 27th.
5. The 2026-2027 South Carolina Report Cards were released on October 12th for all public-school districts and schools. Spartanburg Four schools received the following ratings: Woodruff Elementary School- Good, Woodruff Middle School- Average (1.4 points away from meeting the Good threshold), and Woodruff High School- Average (0.2 of a point from meeting the Good threshold). Individual school report cards are Woodruff Elementary School- Academic Achievement and Multilingual Progress- Good, Woodruff Middle School- Academic Achievement and School Climate- Good, Woodruff High School- Academic Achievement and College and Career Readiness- Good.

Mr. Russell Mahaffey submitted the following report:

1. The ADEPT teacher evaluations and PADEPP principal evaluations are progressing on schedule. All evaluations are entered into the SC LEAD portal. Administrators should conclude classroom observations in November, conduct mid-year conferences on Student Learning Objectives (SLOs), and complete preliminary evaluation conferences in December. At these conferences, the teacher and administrator will review the data/evidence and sign the evaluation.
2. The next induction class will meet November 10th from 3:30 until 6:00. The topics for this month's session are as follows: Professionalism; Spartanburg District Four Employee Handbook; Ethics for Professional Educators; Maintaining Professional Boundaries with

Students; Effective Teachers' Research; Professionalism Domains: Growing and Developing Professionally, Reflecting on Teaching, Community Involvement, School Responsibilities

3. Personnel attended or will attend the following Recruitment Fairs in October, November, and December:
   - October 19 - Anderson University
   - October 22 - USC-Upstate
   - October 23 - Francis Marion University
   - November 2 - Converse University
   - November 5 - North Greenville University
   - November 18 - Lander University
   - December 2 - Erskine College

   With the teacher shortage, it is important to recruit early, particularly at the local colleges and universities.
4. Teachers will be conducting parent conferences throughout the month of October and November to discuss student progress. Conferences may be scheduled in person, online, or over the phone. Teachers will maintain a log of these conferences.

Facilities

BAN 2026 Projects – Board received a list.
2026 / 2027 School Year Projects – Board received a list.
New WHS – Work continues on the Punchlist.
Spring Sports- Passed final inspection 9/9/26. Field House in progress.
Fall Projects -
Remove Beaver Dams on Cross Country Trail - TBD
Repair Sheetrock and Paint WMS Cafeteria Dome – Completed 10/17/26.
Replace Ceiling Grid and Ceiling Tiles in WMS Lobby Restrooms – Completed 10/15/26
Playground Inspections – TBD

Board Action

1. Approved the following policies:

   - BBBD- Board Member Removal from Office
   - BEDH- Public Participation at Meetings
   - BEDM- Electronic Participation in Board Meetings
   - BIA/BIB- Board Member Training/Development Opportunities
   - DIG – Whistleblower Protections
   - EBCA- Cardiac Emergencies
   - EEA- Student Transportation
   - GBAA-R Sexual Harassment and Retaliation (Staff)
   - GBEB- Staff Conduct
   - GCCAC/GDCC- Paid Parental Leave
   - IHAL- Teaching About Religion
   - IJ- Instructional Resources and Materials
   - IKA-Grading Assessment Systems
   - IKA-R- Grading Assessment Systems
   - IKADD- Credit Recovery
   - IKADD-R- Credit Recovery
   - IMBC-Religious Based Exemptions
   - IMBC-E – Religious Based Exemptions Form
   - JFAB- Admission of Nonresident Students
   - JH- Student Absences and Excuses

- JH-R- Student Absences and Excuses
- JHCB – Released Time for Religious Instruction
- JHE-Excused Absences for Career and Technical Student Organization Experiences
- JICDA- Code of Conduct
- JICI-Weapons in School
- JKD-Suspension of Students
- JKD-R- Suspension of Students
- JKE-Expulsion of Students
- JKE-R Expulsion of Students
- JLCG – Seizure Safe Schools

2. Approved the 2027-2028 school calendar.

3. Approved the temporary easement for a gas line with Piedmont Natural Gas on Allendale Road.