

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING NOTES

April 10, 2017

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Agenda notice was distributed to Spartanburg Herald Journal and listed on the District website at spartanburg4.org/do/agenda.

Chairman Milton Smith called the meeting to order. Minutes of the March 6 meeting were approved.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for March 2017 was provided.
2. The after school ELL program for adults and students will begin on March 1. Betsy Alexander and Ebony Robinson will assist parents and students in the computer lab. They will have access to language-learning software designed to assist with speaking English. There will also be MP3 players and books for the students to take home. The lab will be open Monday through Thursday from 2:30 until 3:50.
3. Preschool (3K & 4K) enrollment for the upcoming school year will be held on Thursday, March 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. 3K screenings will be held on March 22 – 24 . 4K screenings will be held May 30 through June 2. Appointments for these screenings will be scheduled at enrollment. Rising kindergartners who did not attend our preschool program may enroll for 5K on March 16. Students who currently attend WPS do not have to re-enroll.
4. To celebrate the students bringing over 350 items for the Hope Center for Children during the months of January and February, faculty members will play a game of basketball for the students on March 31 in the activity center.
5. Makayla Stark, Miss South Carolina Teen, spoke to the students on February 24 at the School Family Celebration. Our character trait for the month was “effort” and she talked about how important effort is when trying to achieve your goals.

February				
Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	8	8	0	
Family Literacy	6	6	0	
1/2 day 3K	8	8	0	
Full day 3K	62	70	-8	1 McT and 8 Moon
4k	156	158	-2	1McT and Harvey 1
5K	203	204	-1	Harvey 1
1 st	199	203	-4	Harvey 4
2 nd	210	212	-2	Harvey 2
Special Education	8	8	0	
	860	862	-2	2McT

March

Community Project: Woodruff Area Nursing Homes (trial size shampoo, lotion, & powder)

Character Value Emphasis: Effort

Career Focus: "On Stage!" (Arts and Communications)

1–31 – Music in Our Schools Month; Youth Art Month

Feb. 27–March 3 – Dr. Seuss Week (Read Across America Day – Mar. 2nd)

1 – Spring Picture Day (All grades)

9 – Preschool field trip to the Children’s Museum in Greenville

12 – Daylight Saving Time Begins (Set Clocks Ahead 1 Hour)

14 – Report Cards Issued – (PreK–2nd Grade) **Parents should be notified of need for retention by this date.*

17 – Teacher Inservice Day – No School for Students; St. Patrick’s Day

29 – Kindergarten Graduation Pictures **No Make-Up Days Scheduled for These Pictures*

31 – School Family Celebration – Wear School T-Shirts

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Brewton gave the following report:

Current Enrollment 3rd Grade – 199
4th Grade – 212
5th Grade – 189
Total 600

1. March 15: Report Cards were issued to students and parents for the third nine weeks.
2. March 17: WES conducted Teacher In-service Activities with certified staff members. Training was held in the media center for upcoming on-line state standardized testing for classroom testing administrators. Faculty and staff members also analyzed spring student MAP test data results.
3. March 21: WES celebrated the academic accomplishments of students during the Third Nine Weeks Awards Day Recognition Program. Please find relevant numbers and names of students who received awards in the chart below:

Grade Level	“A” Honor Roll	“B” Honor Roll	Perfect Attendance	Top Five (In No Particular Order)
	Number	Number	Number	Students
3	36	83	51	Matthew Weathers, John Miles Bowling, Allie Burden, Maggie Smoak, Adalyn Smith, and Greta Fulmer
4	48	75	53	Leah Brown, Ivy Kate Rhodes, Oliva Lee, Carrigan Caldwell, Courtney Guyton, Chance Handley, TJ Morris, and Bailey Hayes
5	40	67	55	Emma Richards, Brayden Calhoun, Autumn Bishop, Mateo Iglesias-Juarez, Dylan Honeman

4. March 23 and 24: Students participated in PTO Fundraiser Events including Limo to Lunch and Thunderbash. All students had an opportunity to participate in the inflatable Thunderbash event.
5. March 30: Third grade students and teachers participated in SC History Day. Sessions and lessons included learning about SC agriculture, shag dancing, Revolutionary War, SC Native Americans, and SC College experiences.
6. March 31: PTO Spring Basket sales began.

Woodruff Middle School

Mrs. Brown gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures:
 - 6th – 210
 - 7th – 194
 - 8th – 199
2. Fourth nine weeks interim reports go home Wednesday, April 19.
3. Parents were treated to a Gifted Music Recital March 14 in the Band Room. All gifted music students performed at least one selection. A light reception followed.
4. The 6th grade concert band traveled to Liberty High School March 29 to participate in concert competition. The band received an “Excellent” rating.
5. The Percussion Ensemble traveled March 18 to River Bluff to compete in the SCBDA middle school state championships. Our middle school captured 1st place.
6. The 8th Grade Class toured Spartanburg Community College March 31 for the annual *Cubs Go to College* day. This event brought closure to a series of activities for 8th graders that focused on identifying academic strengths and interests and possible career options (SCOIS Interest Inventory), selecting appropriate high school coursework to compliment these strengths (the WHS registration process and the IGP conference), and exploring post high school educational opportunities (*Cubs Go to College*).
7. Teacher in-service for SCPASS and SCReady testing administrations was conducted March 17. Extensive technical preparation has been on going to ensure a successful on-line testing administration. Students will participate in on-line field testing April 11, 12 and 13.
8. A Tdap Immunization Clinic will be held April 10 for 6th graders who completed appropriate documentation to receive immunization from DHEC nursing staff. Approximately 40 6th graders will participate.
9. Edward Jones sponsors Athlete of the Week recognition for Woodruff Middle School athletes. Spring sports athletes recognized include Chase Turner, golf; Carmen Pineda, jv girls soccer; Daniel Brasington, golf; and Natalie Montjoy, jv softball.

Calendar of Events:

April 11-13	Field testing for SCReady
April 17	SC Ready: 8 th math
April 18	SC Ready: 7 th math
April 19	SC Ready: 6 th math
April 19	Interim Reports go home
April 20	SC Ready: 8 th ELA day #1
April 21	SC Ready: 7 th ELA day #1
April 24	SC Ready: 6 th ELA day #1
April 25	SC Ready: 8 th ELA day #2
April 26	SC Ready: 7 th ELA day #2
April 27	SC Ready: 6 th ELA day #2
April 28	SC PASS: 8 th social studies
April 29	Carowinds Choral Festival

May 1	SC PASS: 7 th social studies
May 2	SC PASS: 6 th social studies Rotary Choral Program, 7 pm, Activity Center
May 3	SC PASS: 8 th science
May 4	SC PASS: 7 th science Rotary Band Program, 7 pm, Activity Center
May 5	SC PASS: 6 th science
May 9	EOC English
May 10	EOC Algebra 1
May 11	EOC Writing Academic Awards Banquet, 6 pm
May 12	Yearbook Day
May 15	7 th gr field trip: Biltmore House
May 16	Secondary Art Show, Woodruff Library, 7 pm
May 17	5 th gr Tour of WMS
May 24	Half day; Exams, 6 th gr Awards Day
May 25	Half day; Exams, 7 th gr Awards Day
May 26	Half day; Exams, 8 th gr Awards Day

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Many Woodruff High School students displayed works at the Spartanburg County Art Exhibit at the Chapman Cultural Center. The Youth Art Month reception was on March 9, 2017 at the Chapman Cultural Center.
2. Seniors at risk of not meeting diploma requirements continue to be assigned to an after school program. Administrators and teachers are contacting parents of possible non-graduates.
3. Report Cards were issued on March 15, 2017.
4. Josten met with members of the Sophomore Class on March 21 to discuss class ring orders.
5. Mia Johnson and Olivia Bennett have each won a National Scholastic Art Gold Medal. The young ladies and their parents will attend the awards ceremony in New York City on June 7-9, 2017. Less than 1% of the entered art work entered in this prestigious competition are honored with an award.
6. Skyler Straub, Mia Johnson and Saira Martinez won awards from the Converse College Women in Art Competition and Exhibition. .
7. Silas Newton won first place and a cash prize of one hundred dollars from the Focus on Youth Exhibition with his realistic drawing "Wilted." Also on display for Youth Art Month at the Chapman Center are works by Mary Connor Kitchens and Scarlett Hinton.
8. We had sixteen students involved with Future Teachers of America job shadow teachers at WPS, WES and WMS. Meredith Welch at WPS, Alysia Hayes at WES, and Tracy Lawson at WMS assisted with organizing and scheduling this event.

Instructional Reports

Ms. Karen Neal reported the following:

1. Fresh Start and HELP are fully functioning at the D4 Learning Center. Current enrollment in Fresh Start is 18. Current HELP enrollment is 16. Plans to administer spring tests to the various grade levels have been completed and updated as enrollment changes.
2. District administration continues to observe all programs in all schools on a rotational basis. In addition, formal teacher evaluations for second semester have been completed.

3. A summer technology plan has been developed and includes replacement of 2 labs at WMS and the IT lab at WHS.
4. Dates of summer school programs have been set to include a mandated summer reading camp for students in K-grade 3.
5. Plans for Great Start have been made with community members. This activity has been most helpful to our students in the past and has been set for Saturday, July 29 from 8-10AM in the Activity Center.
6. New textbook adoptions for 17-18 have been selected and preorders have been submitted to the SDE.
7. The after school program at schools has been most helpful in preparing students for spring testing.
8. Referrals continue to be made to Truancy Court.
9. Schools have been conducting the State Report Card surveys to students, parents, and teachers in the past month. Students and teachers completed the surveys online, but parents completed a paper and pencil survey.
10. All teachers whose certificates expire on June 30 have been notified by their principals of their balance of certificate renewal points.
11. District administrators have attended multiple state meetings regarding requirement changes and anticipated funding changes regarding ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) and recent executive orders.
12. The final report from the Technology Readiness Study was presented to the superintendent and district administrative staff on March 16. They were most complementary of the efforts of teachers and students in preparing for online testing.

Dr. Kim McAbee provided the following report:

1. Read to Succeed Summer Reading Camps will be offered at Woodruff Primary School and Woodruff Elementary School. These camps serve to reduce the number of children who are below grade level in reading. Schools document reading interventions, after school, summer school, and other supports provided to students to increase reading skills.
2. Principals and district administrators have been participating in curriculum meetings to analyze formative assessment data in order to project students' performance on standardized assessments. Curriculum needs have been identified and plans are being developed for summer curriculum teams.
3. Enrollment for 2017-18 preschool was held on March 16 in the District Four Activity Center. The entire process was orderly and well organized for the parents. The enrollment figures were the highest since preschool has been offered: 84 3K students and 139 4K students.
4. The Diana Olencki Secondary Art Show, sponsored by Friends of the Woodruff Library, will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 16. Woodruff Middle School and Woodruff High School art students have received many awards and recognitions on their art work this year. We commend the students and recognize the efforts of our outstanding art educators.
5. Board Members viewed and ranked selections for the William L. Howell Art Purchase Awards. Presentations will be made at the May Board meeting. We appreciate our Board Members' support of the arts programs.
6. A Tdap Clinic will be held at Woodruff Middle School on April 10.
7. Induction teachers (first year teachers) have completed their induction classes. Their Unit Work Samples and Professional Self- Assessments must be submitted by April 17. The teachers have worked hard and are expected to do well with their SAFE-T evaluations next year.
8. The Read to Success Professional Learning Cohort (Spartanburg Districts 4 & 6) will meet at Woodruff Elementary School on Wednesday, April 12. They will be observing in classrooms at Woodruff Primary, Woodruff Elementary, and Woodruff Middle.

9. The Adult Education Program is currently serving 65 students. The morning session serves 28 students in the GED program and 8 students in the diploma program. The evening session serves 29 students in the GED program. Fifteen students have completed their GED requirements. Thirty students have earned their Career Readiness Certificates (WorkKeys).

Mrs. Mary Johnson provided the following report:

1. Special Olympics - Area 12 Track and Field Special Olympics will be held at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind on April 11, 2017.
2. Medicaid Audit - The Annual Medicaid Audit will be held on April 25, 2017 at 10:00. Public Consulting Group (PCG) our Medicaid billing agency will call on April 20, 2017 to be sure that we have everything we need from them for the audit. They will also send a representative to be with us during the audit.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

Superintendent

1. Provided board members with information on the total solar eclipse on August 21.
2. May 24, 25, and 26 will be half-days for students.
3. May 29 is Memorial Day Holiday.
4. William L. Howell Art Purchase Awards will be presented at the May board meeting.
5. A very preliminary budget will be presented in May.

BOARD ACTION

1. Approved amended 2017-2018 school calendar.
2. Approved contracts for Amber Worthy as teacher, Andrea Belyea as Special Education teacher, and Erin Hurst as Speech-Language Pathologist at Woodruff Primary School; Jennifer Lockman as a teacher/coach at Woodruff High School, and Meagan Wagner as Literacy Coach/Interventionist at Woodruff Middle School and Woodruff High School for the 2017-18 school year.