

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING NOTES

January 14, 2019

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, January 14, 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 December 3 meeting were approved.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for January 2019 was provided.
2. First and second graders completed MAP assessments in December. Teachers and members of the leadership team are reviewing student, class, and grade level data as we plan for the second semester.
3. Mid-year evaluations for teachers who are being formally evaluated have been completed. WPS administrators have reviewed the results of the SAFE-T evaluation with those teachers.
4. We celebrated students' achievements on our Family Engagement Days which were held December 17 through December 20. Preschool class programs were on the 17, kindergarten the 18, first grade the 19, and second grade on the 20. Teachers recognized Terrific Kids and students with perfect attendance. Each teacher demonstrated a reading activity that could be done at home after reading a story. Every child got to take home a book and the materials to do the activity at home.
5. On January 9, every child got a free dental screening through Healthy Smiles.
6. I held data meetings with every teacher before the holiday break. We discussed individual students and instructional strategies for the second semester.
7. As of January 9, we have 25 second grade students enrolled in our afterschool program. We will also provide reading and math interventions for students based on their DRA and MAP data.

December					
Grade Level	# on Roll		# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	16		0	16	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	4		0	4	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
Full day 3K	59		82	-23	1 McT, 1 -Sheffield & 1 - Moon
4k	158		163	-5	1 -Sheffield & 4 - Moon
5K	205		210	-5	1 - McT & 4 - Humerez
1st	208		216	-8	6 - Humerez & 2 - McT
2nd	204		207	-3	2 - Humerez & 1 - Roebuck Elem
Special Education	12		0	12	Included in Grade Level Count
Moon	5		0	5	Included in Grade Level Count
	871		878	-7	4 -McT, 2 - Sheffield & 1 - Roebuck

January

Community Project: Spartanburg Children's Shelter

Character Value Emphasis: Integrity

Career Focus: "Down on the Farm" (Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources)

1-4 – New Year Holidays

1 – 31 – School Board Recognition Month **Thank a School Board Member for providing excellent leadership and vision for Spartanburg District 4.*

4 – Teacher Inservice Day – No School for Students

4 – Report Cards Issued (PreK–2nd Grade)

14 – End of the 2nd grading period

14-18 – School Mall Fundraiser

21 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – No School

23 – Class Picture Day

25 – School Family Celebration – Wear School T-Shirts

Woodruff Elementary School

Mr. Yount gave the following report:

1. Enrollment: 3rd Grade- 212, 4th Grade- 228, 5th Grade- 208, Total- 648
2. December 3-18 – WES Students took the Winter MAP assessment.
3. December 11- Third and Fifth Grade students had Vision Screening completed.
4. December 13 & 14- The third grade students had a Watershed Lesson on "What's on Earth"
5. December 17- The WES Spelling Bee was held. Taylor Martin was our winner.
6. December 6-21- WES teachers were honored with the 12 Days of Christmas
7. December 17-18- The fifth grade students had a Watershed lesson on "Wise Up About Watersheds."
8. December 21- Mr. Barry Wash, music teacher, WES Singers and our fifth grade students presented the annual Christmas Concert. Approximately, 250 parents attended.
9. December 24-January 4- Christmas Holidays

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures:
6th – 226 7th – 194 8th – 213
2. 2nd Nine Weeks report cards were sent home January 9. Interim reports for 3rd nine weeks will go home February 6.
3. The spring MAP testing window opens March 11. All students took winter Map in December.
4. All 8th grade homerooms have completed a career interest inventory provided through SCOIS (South Carolina Career Information System). SCOIS is an internet-based career educational resource. Data is saved by user and may be accessed at future dates as students continue to explore possible career interests.
5. Sixteen 8th graders have qualified as Junior Scholars. Students took the PSAT in October and earned qualifying scores equivalent to juniors in high school in one or more of three areas- critical reading, math, and writing. The county-wide ceremony honoring these students is set for February 28 at Converse at 6 pm.
6. Current 8th grade registration for the 2019-2020 year is underway. The WHS Parent Meeting is scheduled January 14. 8th grade students toured WHS January 11. Registration for rising grades 6, 7 and 8 will begin in February.
7. WMS girls' basketball is 7-0 in conference play while the boys are 4-3. The Foothills Conference Tournament is set for the last week of January.

Calendar of Events:

January 11	8 th grade tours at Woodruff High School
January 14	WMS 8 th grade night at WHS
January 21	Martin Luther King Holiday- no school
January 16	8 th grade Parent Night at Woodruff High School
January 26	Citizen Scholars meeting, 9-1 pm
February 1	Basketball playoffs begin
February 6	Interims issued
February 18	Student attendance day

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. The WHS Chorus and Band presented a music program during an assembly prior to Christmas holidays in addition to community concerts in December. Additionally, the WHS Chorus performed at Woodruff First Baptist Church. The WHS Marching Band was scheduled to perform in two Christmas parades, but were hazardous weather prevented the performance.
2. The state mandated teacher evaluation process is on schedule and will be completed this spring.
3. WHS Freshmen attended a field trip to the R.D. Anderson Vocational Center before Christmas break to explore the training and educational options at the center.
4. The WHS Speech and Drama classes hosted a dinner theater in the WHS cafeteria on December 6, 2018. The event consisted of a meal and seven one act plays put WHS students with the help of Ms. Kelly.
5. WHS held first semester exams on December 19-21. First Semester Report Cards will be issued on January 9, 2019.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. Faculties are beginning to assess progress toward their school goals in preparation for the annual update of School Renewal Plans. These updates must be finalized and submitted to the SC Department of Education by April 30. They must assess their progress related to student achievement, teacher/administrator quality, and school climate. In addition, goals in the School Literacy Plans and Gifted and Talented plans must be reviewed and updated. New five-year goals will be established and submitted in April of 2020.
2. Mid-year conferences have been held with principals to review progress toward their professional development plans and to review evidence related to the PADEPP standards. During second semester, principals will complete self-assessments for each of the nine PADEPP standards. A final conference will be held at the end of the school year. All evidence, ratings, and signatures are entered into the SC LEAD system.
3. Principals are notifying personnel with teaching licenses set to expire June 30, 2019. An educator must accumulate 120 renewal points within a five-year period in order to renew the license for an additional five years. The Read to Succeed requirements for certificate renewal will be in effect for licenses that expire in 2020.
4. February 18 and March 29 had originally been scheduled as teacher inservice days. Those days have been converted to student make-up days due to the October hurricane and December snow. Principals are planning professional development sessions for the missed inservice time.
5. The next induction class will be held on Monday, January 28 from 3:00 – 6:00pm. The December session was missed due to snow.

6. Administrators will attend the Anderson University Spring Education Networking Event on Tuesday, January 15. At this event, there will be the opportunity to meet spring graduates and share information about Spartanburg District Four schools.

Mrs. Britt McKinney provided the following report:

1. The Learning Center is currently serving thirteen students. Three students for the FY19 school year have completed courses for graduation.
2. Spartanburg County will recognize Junior Scholars in February at Converse College. Those recognized have qualified by scoring 550 or above on Reading / Writing and/or 530 or above on Math of the PSAT. This test was given to 8th graders at WMS in October. Woodruff Middle School will be recognizing 16 Junior Scholars this year.
3. Spartanburg District Four will have a Title III monitoring visit at the end of the month. A representative from the state will review records and visit schools to make sure all federal and state rules and regulations are being followed.
4. Representatives from four companies will present software presentations to a district-wide technology team to determine which program will be purchased for the FY20 school year. Teachers and administrators will have input in this selection process.
5. Federal grants are in the process of being amended to update current spending and allotments for Spartanburg District 4 schools.
6. An after-school program will begin in January at each of the schools. Transportation and snacks will be provided for those students who are staying.
7. MAP scores are being imported into ExactPath for individualized computer instruction for the students at WES and WMS. This program recognizes areas of strengths and weaknesses and provides activities for students based on their needs.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following information:

1. Woodruff Primary School, Woodruff Elementary School, and Woodruff Middle School completed the winter session of MAP testing to conclude semester one. Woodruff High School will begin MAP testing January 21, 2019.
2. Quarterly and semester grades were entered and report cards distributed on January 9, 2019. The parent portal continues to be utilized by parents. At present, there are 1,796 parent accounts assigned throughout the district.
3. Plans are underway to begin the preregistration process for the 2019-2020 school year. Schools are completing class meetings, projected student enrollment, and the scheduling process.
4. Attached you will find an updated testing schedule for the 2018-2019 school year. School and district administrators continue to prepare for state testing which begins in February with the ACT and Access WIDA. Woodruff Middle School will participate in NAEP testing in March. Students in grades 3-8 will complete the ELA, math, and writing tests (SC Ready). The SC Science Pass will be given to students in grades 4, 6, and 8 while students in grades 5 and 8 will complete the Social Studies test. In addition, District Four students will also participate in the SC Performance Task Assessment in February and March for identification of students for the Gifted and Talented program.
5. The installation of the Meraki Access Points at Woodruff Elementary School, Woodruff Middle School, and Woodruff High School began on Monday, January 7 and was completed on

Wednesday, January 9. All new access points are completely functional and operating as expected.

Mrs. Mary Johnson provided the following report:
No report given

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

Superintendent

1. Provided information about State Ethics filing.
2. Provided copies of the 2019-2020 personnel timeline.
3. Recognized Board member Charles Hembree for 10 years of service and presented him with a certificate and pin from SCSBA.
4. Chairman Smith gave a brief update on the Legislative Breakfast held in December.
5. Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Bennett, and Mrs. Phillips gave an update on the SCSBA Delegate Assembly they attended in December.

BOARD ACTION

1. Approved the 2019-2020 school year calendar.
2. Approved the purchase of additional laptops, adaptors, and iPads with Apple Care and keyboards.
3. Approved Elaina Southern as Special Education Teacher at WES.
4. Approved District administrators for the 2019-2020 school year.