

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING NOTES

June 5, 2017

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, June 5, 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 May 1 and May 19 meetings were approved.

Special Recognition

The following retirees were recognized and received a district watch to commemorate their retirement:

WPS	Nancy O'Shields (not present)
	Patti Knight (not present)
WES	Argyl Brewton (not present)
WMS	Angela Turner
	Debra Varner

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. The WPS Summer Reading Camp will operate from June 5 through June 30.
2. Preschool teachers conducted DIAL 4 screenings May 24, 25 and 26. Another screening will be conducted at the end of the summer.
3. The following staff members were recognized at the end of the year luncheon:
Student Support Staff Member of the Year – Heather Pace
Support Staff Member of the Year – Cristina Lopez
Teacher of the Year – Meredith Stephenson
4. Spring MAP math data indicate that 69% of second graders scored at the 50th percentile or above. Our focus for curriculum work will be focused on math.
5. The barbecue luncheon was very much appreciated. Thank you.
6. JoAnn Brasington graciously agreed to do our SIC Report to Parents brochure. The brochure contains a variety of information about the 2016-17 school year and goals for the upcoming school year.
7. We hosted a brunch for the volunteers in the media center on May 15. Each volunteer was presented with a small gift.
8. Thirty-three second graders placed in the gifted/talented program at WES.
9. Alexia Aveiro received the Donna Cannon award at the end-of-year second grade program. She was in Ms. Gregorich's class. Alexia scored in the 99th percentile on MAP reading and math. She also excelled on her end-of-year math and writing assessments, participated in the science fair, and was chosen as a terrific kid this year.
10. Several teachers will be participating in staff development opportunities over the summer. Casey Dover and Meredith Welch attended a meeting on Erin's Law on June 1. Several teachers attended the ADEPT training Math 30 – June 1 with Dr. McAbee. Special education teachers and liaisons will attend Crisis Management training for 3 days in June.

Enrollment Numbers

3K – 81 enrolled (61 have been placed and missing documentation on 15)

4K – 147

5K – 183

1st – 202

2nd - 206

June

5 – 30 – Summer Reading Camp

July

27- Registration (8:00 – 5:00)

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Turner gave the following report:

1. May 5: End of the Year Cookout and Fun Day: Students and Faculty took part in our annual End of the Year Cookout and Fun Day. Rain caused the cookout to be moved to the cafeteria and Fun Day to be held in the activity center.
2. May 10-11: PASS Testing Science: WES students in fourth and fifth grade participated in state testing
3. May 12: Third Grade Math Medallion Recognition: One hundred fifteen third graders received the Kiwanis Math Medallion for mastering their multiplication facts in under nine minutes. Students who scored a perfect score for mastery were awarded a medal from Kiwanis Club member retired Army General Ed Hall.
4. May 16: Fifth Grade Barrier Island/Charleston Field Trip: One hundred forty-six fifth grade students took a field trip to Barrier Island and completed an Eco tour as well as toured Boone Hall Plantation in Charleston, South Carolina.
5. May 17: Third Grade State House and State Museum Field Trip: One hundred ninety-one third grade students toured the South Carolina State House grounds and the South Carolina State Museum.
6. May 17: Fifth Grade Middle School Tour: Rising sixth grade students toured Woodruff Middle School to begin the orientation process for the 2017-2018 school year.
7. May 17-18: PASS Testing Social Studies: WES students in fourth and fifth grade participated in state testing.
8. May 19: Fifth Grade Guest Speaker: Former NFL player, D. J. Moore, spoke to fifth grade students and delivered a motivational message encouraging students to make smart choices.
9. May 22: Third Grade Drop-In: Rising third grade students and parents attended a third grade drop-in to meet classroom teachers and tour Woodruff Elementary School in preparation for the 2017-2018 school year.
10. May 23: Award's Day: All students participated in grade level award's day held in the activity center. Awards given included: perfect attendance, SC READY/PASS achievement award, honor roll, top five, art, music, Terrific Kids, Shooting Star and Superstars of the Year. Memorial Awards were given to the following students: Jon Bolt Memorial Award to Layla Foster, Hannah Lister Horizon Award to Jayceon Manning, Victoria Patterson Victory Award to Alicia Vasquez, and the Lena Kirstein Award to Dillon Mitchell.
11. May 24-May 26: Field Day Events: Each grade level participated in field day events held in the activity center due to rain.

Woodruff Middle School

Mrs. Brown gave the following report:

1. End of the year report cards were mailed home May 30, 2017.
2. Summer School Registration was held May 31- June 2. Summer School dates are June 5-23.
3. End-of-the-Year Awards Programs were well attended by the community. Numerous awards were presented to students for academic excellence, service to the school, athletic accomplishments, and fine arts achievements.
4. The Academic Awards banquet was held May 18 and honored students who maintained an overall A average for the school year. This year, 89 sixth graders, 57 seventh graders, and 58 eighth graders were honored for their academic achievement.
5. Curriculum planning meetings for ELA are taking place this summer July 10 -11.
6. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is July 27, 2017, from 8-5pm, in the Cub Café. The first edition of the Cub Chronicle for the new school year will be mailed home the first week in July and will include registration and other important information for students and parents.

Calendar of Events:

May 31-June 2	Summer School registration
June 5-23	Summer School
July 10-11	Curriculum meetings in Media Center

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Advance Placement Exams were administered in Calculus, Statistics, U.S. History, Government, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Chemistry and Studio Art.
2. End of course tests were administered in Algebra I, English I, U.S. History and Biology from May 3 through May 16.
3. Award's Day was held on May 19. Medals were given in all academic areas as well as other designated areas voted upon by faculty, staff, and students. The ceremony was well attended by parents. Keith Pearson and Neely Lambert were recognized as athletes-of-the-year. Charlie Ramey was selected as student-of-the-year. Paola Espinal was recognized as valedictorian, and Christopher Blanton was recognized as salutatorian.
4. The Diana Olencki Art Show sponsored by The Friends of the Library was held on May 16. Art from WMS and WHS was on display and the reception was well attended.
5. The 2017-2018 Woodruff Student Council elections are complete. The Student Body officers are: President-Caroline Chandler, Vice President-Madison Littlefield, Secretary-Drew Lawton and Treasurer-Tyler Stanton
6. The Rotary Club sponsored Choral and Band Nights of Music on May 2 and May 4 respectively. Christopher Blanton was awarded the Rotary Scholarship on May 4.
7. The annual Most Improved Banquet was held on May 9. Students were recognized for improvement in academics, attitude, and work ethic. Over 200 people were in attendance for the banquet and ceremony.
8. The Spring Sports Awards Ceremony was held on May 18. The program was well attended. In the spring of 2017, Woodruff High School won region championships in Girls' Soccer, Softball, Track and Golf.
9. Senior Exams were May 22, 23 and 24. Underclassmen exams were held on May 24, 25 and 26.

Instructional Reports

Ms. Karen Neal reported the following:

1. Project HELP and Fresh Start programs completed the school year. HELP served 20 students, and Fresh Start served 17 students throughout the year. 6 students from Wolverine Express completed diploma requirements. District and school staff members are reviewing the program in an effort to continuously improve upon services provided. See attached draft of the alternative program summary.
2. End-of-course-test scores have arrived, and principals and district administrators are in the process of reviewing this data. Preliminary district summary data is attached.
3. Students, teachers, and administrators are to be commended upon the successful completion of all state and federal tests. Results will be received later in most cases this year because of the setting of cut scores.
4. Each school held Award's Day program(s) which were well attended by family members. Graduation was held on May 26th. The ceremony was well attended and conducted with dignity to honor each graduate.
5. Plans for Great Start, the community-wide effort to provide school supplies to students continue to be finalized with local churches and community organizations. The date will be the weekend after registration and will be Saturday, July 29th from 8AM until 10AM.
6. A revised ADEPT plan has been prepared and submitted to the SDE for the 17-18 school year. A new statewide ADEPT model must be implemented in 18-19. Teachers and administrators are undergoing training this summer in order to be certified as approved evaluators.
7. Curriculum and planning meetings have been held with individual principals in anticipation of the 17-18 school year. Each school has various committees working on curriculum development/modification during the summer.
8. A LMS (Learning Management System), Schoology, has been purchased for integration in all schools in 17-18. This will enable a smooth flow of virtual communication and instruction.
9. Online testing was completed May 18th with very few issues.

Dr. Kim McAbee provided the following report:

1. The Read to Succeed Summer Reading Camp for second and third graders will be held at Woodruff Elementary from June 5 – 30 (7:45am – 1:15pm). In addition to salaries, funding for student books will be provided. Students may take these books home at the conclusion of the Summer Reading Camp. The SCDE will conduct an onsite monitoring visit to observe classroom literacy practices. Teachers have reviewed the monitoring instrument as part of their program planning.
2. The District Literacy Plan that was submitted in April 2017 was approved by the SCDE. Goals included developing partnerships with organizations for the purpose of promoting reading and implementing schedules/routines to increase the minutes of core literacy instruction and in-class interventions.
3. Twenty-three teachers and administrators participated in the 3-day Expanded ADEPT training on May 30 – June 1. Another training will be held on June 12 – 14. Expanded ADEPT will be implemented as the new teacher evaluation instrument beginning in 2018-19. This evaluation instrument will support teachers in planning, instruction, environment, and professionalism by identifying areas of reinforcement (strengths) and refinement (needs). After the 3-day training, team evaluators must pass an online assessment before becoming certified to evaluate. Certification is valid for 3 years.
4. Each school has teams of teachers, literacy coaches, and administrators working over the summer to update curriculum guides and course syllabi. Revisions and updates are necessary due to new standards, student assessment results, and additional course offerings.
5. District Four was awarded \$7,000.00 through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation Family Literacy Grant. It will be used to strengthen the existing family literacy program, which

requires four components: adult education, early childhood education, parenting education, and interactive literacy activities with parents and children.

6. Adult Education Program End-of-Year Totals:
 - a. GED Student Enrollment – 64 Students
 - i. Morning Class: 35 Students (2,201.25 hours logged)
 - ii. Evening Class: 29 Students (1,129.2 hours logged)
 - b. Diploma Class – 8 Students (411.5 hours logged)
 - c. WorkKeys Career Ready Certificates: 34
 - i. Platinum – 1 Student
 - ii. Gold – 3 Students
 - iii. Silver – 25 Students
 - iv. Bronze – 5 Students

Mrs. Mary Johnson provided the following report:

1. The Special Education Department served 410 students during the 2016-17 school year. 89 of these students were served by more than one Special Education Teacher. This number does not include the students who were served in the district, but transferred out of the district or dropped out of school. The total number of Special Education students served this year is 3 students less than last year.

Area of Disability	Number of Students
Speech	186
Specific Learning Disability	175
Autism	36
Other Health Impaired	32
Intellectual Disability	30
Developmentally Delayed	14
Deaf or Hard of Hearing	8
Emotionally Disabled	7
Multiple Handicaps	1
Visually Handicapped	1

2. We also had 42 students who had 504 Plans. These students do not receive Special Education for their disability. They are served in the General Education classrooms with accommodation made by their teachers. This is an increase of 23 students from last year.

School	Number of Students
Woodruff Primary School	3
Woodruff Elementary School	16
Woodruff Middle School	12
Woodruff High School	12

3. When we combine the number of Special Education Students and Students with 504 Plans, there were 452 students in the district, who needed specialized instruction in order to be successful in school during the 2016-2017 school year.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

Superintendent

1. Presented copies of 2017-2018 Board Meeting Schedule.

BOARD ACTION

1. Approved funding flexibility resolution.
2. Approved funds transfer from the General Fund into the Construction Fund.
3. Approved the following new teacher contracts for the 2017-2018 school year:
 - a. Trista Schar – WES Teacher
 - b. Ty Skinner – WMS Teacher
 - c. Casey Kendrick – WHS/WES Teacher

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Secretary