

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING NOTES

May 1, 2017

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, May 1, 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 April 10 meeting were approved.

Special Presentation

The following students were recognized as William L. Howell Art Purchase Award Winners and received monetary gifts for their art pieces:

- Gavin Kuronya – WPS Grade 2 – “Watercolor Pumpkin”
- Julie Sinclair – WES Grade 5 – “Birch Tree Sunset”
- Joanna Jones – WMS Grade 8 – “Sunday Afternoon”
- Skylar Straub – WHS Grade 12 – “Dreams of Future Time”

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for May 2017 is attached.
2. On April 20, we celebrated NAEYC’s Week of the Young Child by holding a Trike-a-Thon to raise money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Students, who did not have helmets, were given donated helmets that they were allowed to keep. We will have a donation total from the Trike-a-Thon and other events throughout the year by Friday, April 28. We expect to reach a total of \$7000.
3. Khalil Robinson was selected as the Terrific Kid of the Year. He is a second grader in Mrs. Erin Gambrell’s class. Khalil’s mom, Deidre Robinson, and grandmother attended the Terrific Kid luncheon sponsored by Kiwanis Club at the First Baptist Church in Spartanburg.
4. The students enjoyed listening to tales told by the Stone Soup storytellers. Mrs. Rhodes coordinated that event on April 21.
5. Gifted Art and Music screening will conclude by the middle of May. Students chosen to participate in those programs at WES will be notified before the end of school.
6. In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, we will provide a small treat every day for all staff members to express gratitude for what they do for the students.
7. Second graders will tour WES on Monday, May 15.
8. Carly Parker and Sarah Little attended an all-day training on April 24 on administering the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA). They will train the teachers at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year on how to administer the instrument to their students. The KRA determines each child’s readiness level from an evaluation of four domains: Social Foundations, Language/Literacy, Mathematics, and Physical Well-Being. The KRA provides a snapshot of students’ abilities at the beginning of the school year. The KRA includes selected-response items (multiple-choice), performance tasks, and observation items. The test consists of 50 items; each item is scored using a rubric.
9. Summer School will begin June 5 and end on June 30. We will target students that are at least a year below grade level.

April				
Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	8	8	0	
Family Literacy	6	6	0	
1/2 day 3K	7	7	0	
Full day 3K	61	69	-8	1 McT and 7 Moon
4k	157	159	-2	1McT and Harvey 1
5K	201	202	-1	Harvey 1
1st	198	203	-5	Harvey 5
2nd	210	212	-2	Harvey 2
Special Education	9	9	0	
	857	859	-2	2McT

May

Character Value Emphasis: Perseverance

Career Focus: "What's Up Doc?" (Health Services)

24–May 12 – MAP Testing (Reading & Math) – 1st & 2nd Grades

1–5 – Teacher Appreciation Week **Please let our teachers (classroom & special area) and assistants know how much they are loved and appreciated.*

10 – School Nurses' Day **Let Mrs. Knight know how much you appreciate her.*

11 – Night of the Stars

15 – 2nd Graders will visit WES

19 – Last day for 3K students

19 – 3K Program @ 8:30

3K teachers will begin home visits

22 – 4K Pre-School Program @ 8:30 (Carden, Cochran, Godfrey, and Taylor) and 9:15 (Childers, Coones, Larson, Waters)

23 - Last Full Day of School

24, 25, 26 – Half Days for Students – no breakfast or lunch served

24 – Kindergarten Graduation @ 8:30 (Fowler, Sexton, Brailsford, and Kehn) and 9:30 (Abbott, Brown, Cook, Gladden and Harvey)

25 – First Grade Awards Day @ 8:15 and Second Grade Awards Day @ 9:45

29 – Memorial Day Holiday – No School

30 – Teacher Inservice Day

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Brewton gave the following report:

Current Enrollment 3rd Grade – 200

4th Grade – 210

5th Grade – 189

Total 599

1. April 12: Reading coaches from Spartanburg Districts 6 and 4 met at WES as part of continuing Read to Succeed Literacy Training. During their visit the coaches observed Ela lessons at Woodruff Primary and Woodruff Elementary Schools.
2. April 18-20: State Standardized Testing for all grade levels occurred for WES students in reading. This is the first year assessments were administered utilizing a computer format. Students prepared for the SC Ready assessments by participating in mock assessments throughout the school year.

3. April 24: One hundred-six third, fourth, and fifth grade students were recognized for exemplary reading and writing accomplishments during the 20th Annual Star Seekers Program. Held in the District 4 Activity Center, students received medals for their efforts. Parents and other family members were in attendance during this event.
4. April 24: Coleman Watson, a fifth grade student at WES, was recognized as the WES Terrific Kid of the Year during a special luncheon held at First Baptist Church of Spartanburg. In attendance to celebrate Coleman's accomplishment were Dr. Liston, Mrs. Deloris Patterson (teacher), Ms. Katie Godchaux (WES guidance counselor), Chasity and Travis Watson (Coleman's parents), and Mrs. Brewton
5. April 25-27: All WES students continued State Assessment On-line Testing. Students participated in Day 2 of the reading assessment.
6. April 25: WES members of the school running club, Girls on the Run, are completing their training in preparation for a 5K race held on April 29th at USC-Upstate. All girls who participated in the 5K race were accompanied by buddy runners comprised of teachers and D4 cross country runners. The girls met after school each Tuesday and Thursday to improve their running skills and endurance with school sponsors. Each member of Girls on the Run Club also received a certificate for completing the program.

Woodruff Middle School

Mrs. Brown gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures:
 - 6th – 208
 - 7th – 196
 - 8th – 199
2. End of the year report cards are mailed home May 27, 2017.
3. Individual Graduation Plans (IGP's) for current 8th graders are being completed and recorded in the PowerSchool database. Guidance counselor Tracy Lawson has offered conference appointments to all 8th grade parents and has met with approximately 80% of parents of 8th graders.
4. The Woodruff Middle School Chorus earned an "Excellent" rating at the Carowinds Choral Festival April 29.
5. 35 sixth graders received Tdap immunizations at the DHEC Clinic held at the school on April 10. Additional reminders will be provided to rising 7th graders who still lack this immunization.
6. 18 of the 65 seventh grade students identified as Duke TIP Scholars participated in either SAT or ACT testing as part of the talent identification program.
7. Congratulations to these art students who have works on display at Westgate Mall: Lily Zheng, Lauryn Beeler, Zoe Wampler, Haley Harkins, Alexis Woody, Malia Kimbrel, Skylar Klomprens, Haley Ferguson, Joanna Jones, Grace Cooper, Grace Meaney and Chase Turner.
8. Several middle school athletes participated in varsity track. These students competed in the Region Meet April 25-26 and qualified for Upper State competition in the underlined event: Maggie Rhodes (4x800, 800, 1600, 3200); Cenya Neal (400, 4x400, 4x100); Cameron Richards (4x800, 800, 1600, 3200); Chloe Chandler (4x800, 800, 1600, 3200), and Rachel Patterson (4x800, 800, 1600, 3200). Maggie Rhodes qualified for Upper State in all 4 of her events and earned the *Iron Woman Award*.
9. Edward Jones sponsors Athlete of the Week recognition for Woodruff Middle School athletes. Spring sports athletes recognized include Hayden Gosnell, JV baseball; Maggie Rhodes, track.

Calendar of Events:

May 1 Week	Cheer Try outs
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 8-10, 15-17	Volleyball Camp
May 9	EOC English
May 9-11	Mini Cheer Camp
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 18	Academic Banquet, 6 pm
May 19	Choral, Band school concerts, 1:30 pm
May 24	Half day; Exams, 6 th gr Awards Day
May 25	Half day; Exams, 7 th gr Awards Day Teacher Luncheon, 12:45 pm
May 26	Half day; Exams, 8 th gr Awards Day
May 31-June 2	Summer School registration
June 5-23	Summer School

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Interim reports were issued to students on April 19, 2017.
2. The 2016 Prom was held on April 22. The Prom theme was "Midnight in Paris" and was attended by 295 people. Kayla Kelly was crowned Prom Queen and Charlie Ramey was crowned Prom King.
3. The Archibald Rutledge Award is given to the top visual arts senior student in South Carolina planning on attending a college in the state. Olivia Kim has been awarded the Archibald Rutledge Award for the 2016-2017 school year.
4. Seniors have received graduation supplies and information on commencement has been distributed to seniors.
5. WHS is quickly approaching Advance Placement and End of Course Tests. AP testing will take place between Monday May 1 and Thursday May 11. EOC testing will take place between Wednesday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 16. Students and teachers have been working together all year to prepare all year for these tests.

Instructional Reports

Ms. Karen Neal reported the following:

1. Fresh Start is fully functioning at the Learning Center with Plato software as the curriculum. Current enrollment is 18. Enrollment in Project HELP is 15. State testing is being provided to applicable students at Fresh Start and HELP. Currently, 3 Express students have completed diploma requirements, and 3 more are projected to complete diploma requirements.
2. SCReady and SC PASS are being administered to grades 3-8 currently. End-of-course exams will be administered in English I, Algebra I, U.S. History, and Biology I. The testing schedule has been shared with principals, counselors, and teachers and includes the testing of HELP, Fresh Start, homebased, SCAS, Scholars Academy, and Adult Ed diploma students

as applicable. In addition, Advanced Placement exams will be administered to appropriate students at WHS.

3. The MAP testing window is open for the testing of grades 1 and 2 at Woodruff Primary. Students at all other schools have completed the spring MAP testing window. Principals and district administrators are in the process of analyzing data.
4. Plans are being made for "Great Start" on July 29 at the District 4 Activity Center.
5. The SDE continues to work with the Education Oversight Committee, the State Legislature and the USDOE in preparing policies for ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) which replaced ESEA (Elementary Secondary Education Act) which replace NCLB (No Child Left Behind Act).
6. All schools continue the scheduling process for 17-18 with course requests and grade level assignments. District administrators are meeting with principals to discuss staffing, curriculum, and other resource needs for next school year.
7. Final reports on teachers undergoing ADEPT evaluations are being completed and include the required SLO weighting. Also, all teachers who certificates are to expire on June 30 have been notified regarding recertification needs on multiple occasions. In addition, a new ADEPT plan for Spartanburg 4 is being prepared for submission by June 1 to address all required components.
8. Plans for summer school at all four schools have been finalized. In addition, WES and WPS will provide Summer Reading Camps for selected students through third grader in an effort to enable them to read on grade level.
9. The Federal and State Accountability Committee will meet on May 5 to review all federal and state programs.
10. School textbook coordinators have submitted all textbook pre-orders during ordering cycles, but we await decisions on funding.

Dr. Kim McAbee provided the following report:

1. District Four operations and all schools received accreditation through the SC Department of Education for 2016-17. There were no deficiencies.
2. The annual update to the five-year District Strategic Plan was submitted on April 28. All schools submitted updates regarding progress toward goals outlined in the School Renewal Plans.
3. As part of the Read to Succeed legislation, the SCDE required that each school and district complete an Exemplary Literacy Reflection Tool that addressed a variety of literacy practices. Schools and the district created 1 – 3 goals to address literacy needs identified in the self-ratings.
4. The Rotary Nights of Music will be held on May 2 (choral programs) and May 4 (band programs) in the District Four Activity Center.
5. The Diana Olencki Secondary Art Show, sponsored by Friends of the Woodruff Library, will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 16.
6. Music and art teachers are in the process of conducting screenings for gifted and talented programs. Selections will be completed by May 12.
7. Principals are submitting plans for summer curriculum work. Teachers will be updating curriculum guides. They will focus on vertical alignment, Lexile levels, formative assessments, and syllabi for new courses.
8. Expanded ADEPT training will be provided to teachers who serve as mentors and team evaluators at the end of May and to administrators in June. ADEPT is South Carolina's teacher evaluation system.
9. Kindergarten teachers will be administering the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) for the upcoming school year. Legislation requires that the KRA be administered to each kindergartner at the beginning and end of the school year.

10. Spartanburg Four had the second highest participation rate (79.1% of eligible children) in Spartanburg County in Imagination Library, a program that provides one book per month to children from birth – age 5.
11. Project SEARCH will be held on Friday, May 5. Parents may schedule appointments for speech, hearing, vision, and developmental screenings for children from birth – age 21.
12. The Adult Education Program is currently serving 71 students. The morning session serves 34 students in the GED program and 8 students in the diploma program. The evening session serves 29 students in the GED program. Seventeen students have completed their GED requirements. Thirty-three students have earned their Career Readiness Certificates (WorkKeys).

Mrs. Mary Johnson provided the following report:

1. Annual Medicaid Audit and Medicaid Billers - Our Medicaid Audit was conducted by Rhudene Toomer on April 25. Public Consulting Group, our Medicaid Billing agency, attended the meeting to provide support during the Follow-Up Meeting. The District is taking corrective action as required by the State to bring us in full compliance.
2. Private School/Home School Consultation - School Districts are required by law to serve students with special needs who live in their district, even if the students are homeschooled or attend private schools. An invitation to the parents of Private School and Homeschooled students in Spartanburg County to our annual Consultation Meeting, which will be held on May 4, was published in the Spartanburg Herald Journal on April 27, 2017. Before our monthly Directors' Meeting at McCarthy Tetzler, on May 4, the Directors of the seven Spartanburg County Districts will be available to meet with parents of special needs students, who are homeschooled or attend Private Schools in Spartanburg County.
3. Surrogate Parent - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, IDEA, expressly requires school districts to name surrogate parents for students who are wards of the state. The surrogate parent may not be an employee of the State or District, or be involved in the care or education of the child. A court order provides DSS with the right to act as the parent of the child in most circumstances. DSS cannot, however, act as the parent of the child for Special Education Meetings, a Surrogate Parent must be appointed. We have a growing number of Special Education students, who have been removed from their homes and placed in DSS custody. Mrs. Sudie Mae Harmon has agreed to serve as Surrogate Parent in the meetings of Special Education students in the district, who have been named Wards of the State. Her role is to make sure that the District follows the procedural safeguards, outlined by the Office of Special Education Services, to assure that the rights of the students are followed during Special Education meetings. Mrs. Harmon is very qualified for this role, since she has attended Special Education meetings, serving in the role of parent for her grandson, who attends McCarthy Tetzler, for the past 15 years.
4. Indicators 4, 9, 10 - These Indicators are reports based on data that the State Department collects from each school district to determine if we have disproportionality in three areas. Indicator 4 provides data on the suspension rate in the district, Indicator 9 provides data on the over representation of racial and ethnic groups in all Special Education categories in the district, and Indicator 10 provides data on the over representation of racial and ethnic groups in a specific area of disability in the district. The District will analyze our policies, procedures, and practices to determine if they comply with the IDEA requirements, relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards.
5. Professional Development - Professional Development Training will be provided in Professional Crisis Management and Autism classes. Training has been scheduled for this summer and next school year. Teachers will also be taught how to properly restrain students to prevent them from harming themselves and others.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

Superintendent

1. Thanked board members for providing end-of-year luncheons for teachers. Invited board members to attend luncheons. All will be May 25 at the following times: WPS – 11:45, WHS – 12 noon, WES – 12:15, WMS – 12:45.
2. Teacher Appreciation week is being observed by the schools this week, and the District will send muffins and bagels to schools next Wednesday in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week.
3. Retirees will be recognized in June.
4. The budget hearing/meeting will be Monday, June 26 at 6 PM.
5. BJ Johnson, former football player for WHS and Georgia Southern, has been invited to attend a mini camp in San Francisco, CA.
6. Dr. Liston reviewed a map of US Lights showing growth along I-85 and I-26 over the past four years.

BOARD ACTION

1. Approved low bid from Clayton Construction for remodel of WMS boys restroom.
2. Approved low bid from Vaughn Curbing for sealcoating of parking lots and replacement of some parking lots.
3. Approved the following personnel: WPS – Alexis Shoemaker and Amber Wyatt as teachers; WHS – Natalie Keller as Guidance Counselor and Lance Hansen as Teacher/Coach; Scott Lawson as WMS Assistant Principal and Adam Knighten as WES Assistant Principal.