

## SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

June 6, 2016

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Agenda notices were distributed to Spartanburg Herald Journal and listed on the District website at [spartanburg4.org](http://spartanburg4.org).

Minutes of the May 2 meeting were approved.

### Special Presentation

Dr. Liston congratulated Woodruff Elementary School and Woodruff High School on receiving Palmetto Gold/Silver awards and presented the following commemorative flags to the principals:

WES Palmetto Gold for Achievement  
Palmetto Silver for Closing the Achievement Gap

WHS Palmetto Gold for Achievement

### Special Recognition

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

WPS	Teressia Manley (not present)
	Doris Lambert (not present)
WES	Carolyn Hughes
	Myra Wood
	Betty Rhodes (not present)
WMS	Ann Greene
WHS	Mike Martin (not present)
	Diana Olencki

The following reports were given:

### Woodruff Primary School

1. The WPS Summer Reading Camp will operate from June 6 through June 24.
2. Preschool teachers conducted DIAL 4 screenings May 24, 25 and 26.
3. The following staff members were recognized at the end of the year luncheon:  
Student Support Staff Member of the Year – Sandy Williams  
Support Staff Member of the Year – Mason Taylor  
Teacher of the Year – Nicole Moon
4. Spring MAP reading data indicate 73% of second graders scored at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or above. That is the highest percentage of second graders to score at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile on MAP reading since we have been tracking data.
5. Spring MAP math data indicate that 69% of second graders scored at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or above. Our focus for curriculum work will be focused on math.
6. Several teachers expressed their appreciation for the end-of-year barbecue luncheon.
7. 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.

8. We hosted a brunch for the volunteers in the media center on May 19. Each volunteer was presented with a plant.

Early Head Start – 8

Family Literacy - 3 (minus 1 MC)

½ day pm 3k – 7

Full day 3k – 61 (minus 2 preregistered for 2016-2017)

4k – 153 (minus Kennedy's 7)

K – 206 (minus Harvey's 2)

1<sup>st</sup> – 211 (minus Harvey's 1)

2<sup>nd</sup> – 205 (minus 2 MC and Harvey's 5)

Sp Ed – 8 (total for all grades not broken down or added in counts above)

Total = 867

June

6 – 24 – Summer Reading Camp

July

28 - Registration

### **Woodruff Elementary School**

Mrs. Brewton gave the following report:

Current Enrollment 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 208

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 192

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 200

Total 600

1. May 6: End of Year Cookout and Fun Day: Students and faculty members participated in the annual end of the year cookout on the campus lawn. Students participated in inflatable activities as well during Fun Day.
2. May 11: Midget League Cheerleading Sign-up: Current students in grades K5 through fifth grades registered for fall cheerleading squads in the WES school cafeteria. Interested students will have a second opportunity to register again on May 20.
3. May 11: PASS Testing – Science: WES fourth and fifth grade students participated in state testing.
4. May 12: PASS Testing – Social Studies: WES fourth and fifth grade students participated in state testing. Third grade students do not participate in the PASS science and social studies testing.
5. May 13: Fifth Grade Middle School Tour: Fifth grade students toured the Woodruff Middle School campus as part of the orientation process for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year.
6. May 16-20: Spring Book Fair: Current WES students and rising third grade students participated in the spring book fair. The theme is *Feelin' Groovy Book Fair: Peace, Love, BOOKS!*
7. May 19: Math Medallion Recognition: One hundred twelve third grade students were honored for mastering their multiplication facts during the Math Medallion Recognition Ceremony. In order to obtain this award, students must master a nine minute timed multiplication test and make a perfect score. Students received a medal for their efforts presented by Kiwanis Club member retired Army general Ed Hall.
8. May 23: Third Grade Drop-In: Rising third grade students and parents attended the third grade drop-in for the purpose of meeting classroom teachers for the 2016-2017 school year.
9. May 25 - 27: Awards Day and Field Day Events: All students participated in end of the year Awards Day and Field Day events. Recognitions for Awards Day included perfect attendance, state testing, honor roll, Top Five, art, music, Terrific Kids, Shooting Stars and Superstars of the

Year. Memorial awards were given to the following students: Jon Bolt Memorial Award to Devin McClure, Hannah Lister Horizon Award to Michael Brisco, and the Victoria Patterson Victory Award to Lauren Beeler.

### **Woodruff Middle School**

Mrs. Denise Brown gave the following report:

1. Final report cards were mailed home May 31, 2016. All students received a copy of the final Cub Chronicle for the school year. Rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders received another notification regarding the Tdap vaccination requirement for 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
2. Summer School Registration was held June 2-3, 2016. Summer School dates are June 4-26. EXCEL Summer Camp dates are June 2-22. The automated call system was used to notify students who need to complete academic requirements in summer school.
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 16 and honored students who maintained an overall A average for the school year. This year, 74 sixth graders, 63 seventh graders, and 40 eighth graders were honored for their academic achievement.
5. End-of-Course results for Algebra I and English I were positive with a 100% passing rate for Algebra I
6. and English I. The highest mean scores to date were posted in both content areas. Longitudinal data is included in the chart below:

	<b>08-09</b>		<b>10-11</b>	<b>11-12</b>	<b>12-13</b>	<b>13-14</b>	<b>14-15</b>	<b>15-16</b>
<b>Alg I mean</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>94.4</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>98.2</b>
<b>%A</b>	71%		74%	78%	69%	74%	66%	93%
<b>%B</b>	20%	39%	22%	19.5%	22%	20%	27%	6 %
<b>%C</b>	9%	14%	4%	2.4%	7%	6%	7%	1 %
<b>%D</b>	0%	1%	0	0	1%	0%	0%	0 %
<b>%F</b>	0%	0%	0	0	1%	0%	0%	0 %
<b>Eng I mean</b>	<b>86.9</b>	<b>87.4</b>	<b>87.8</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>88.8</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>92.7</b>
<b>%A</b>	28%	22%	30%	36%	20%	33%	55%	51%
<b>%B</b>	40%	42%	30%	42.2%	43%	36%	33%	36%
<b>%C</b>	24%	29%	35%	19.2%	35%	25%	7%	8 %
<b>%D</b>	6%	7%	5%	2.6%	2%	6%	5%	5 %
<b>%F</b>	2%	0%	0	0	0%	0%	0%	0 %

7. Curriculum planning meetings are taking place this summer. Social studies teachers meet the week of June 6; ELA teachers will meet the week of June 27.
8. Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is July 28, 2016, 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:

June 2-22 EXCEL Boot Camp

June 6-10 Social Studies Curriculum Meetings

June 4-24 Summer School

June 27-July 1 ELA Curriculum Meetings

July 28 School registration, 8-5 pm, Cub Cafe

### 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 6 through May 19.
3. Award's Day was held on May 20. 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. Sha don Jones and Bri Lightfoot were recognized as athletes-of-the-year. Layne Melton was selected as student-of-the-year. Alexis Lyda was recognized as valedictorian, and Emilee Phillips was recognized as salutatorian.
4. The 2015-2016 Woodruff Student Council elections are complete. The Student Body officers are: President-McClain Wood, Vice President-Tobi West, Secretary-Sandra Lopez and Treasurer-Jolie Patterson.
5. The Rotary Club sponsored Choral and Band Nights of Music on May 3 and May 5 respectively. Holly Stockhaus was awarded the Rotary Scholarship on May 5.
6. The annual Most Improved Banquet was held on May 17. Students were recognized for improvement in academics, attitude, and work ethic. Over 200 people were in attendance for the banquet and ceremony.
7. The Spring Sports Awards Ceremony was held on May 19. The program was well attended. In the spring of 2016, Woodruff High School won region championships in Girls' Soccer, Track.
8. Senior Exams were May 23, 24 and 25. Underclassmen exams were held on May 25, 26 and 27.

### Instructional Reports

Ms. Neal provided the following information:

1. Project HELP and Fresh Start programs completed the school year. HELP served 28 students, and Fresh Start served 25 students throughout the year. 5 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. Some results will be back in June, but others will not be received until August.

4. Each school held Award's Day program(s) which were well attended by family members. Graduation was held on May 27. 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 30 from 8AM until 10AM.
6. Final PADEPP (principal evaluation) results have been entered into the state PADEPP data system for 15-16 as have ADEPT (teacher evaluation) results. A revised ADEPT plan is being prepared for the SDE which includes Student Growth as one component of the overall teacher evaluation...
7. Curriculum and planning meetings have been held with individual principals in anticipation of the 16-17 school year. Each school has various committees working on curriculum development/modification during the summer.
8. The Spartanburg County Truancy Court continued to receive referrals. A summary is attached.
9. Approximately fifty teachers and administrators will attend some technology training in June to learn about shared documents and virtual storage.

Dr. Kim McAbee provided the following report:

1. District Four was awarded \$15,000.00 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.
2. Adult Education Program End-of-Year Totals:
  1. GED Student Enrollment – 67 Students
    1. Morning Class: 44 Students (3,611.75 hours logged)
    2. Evening Class: 23 Students (943.75 hours logged)
  2. Diploma Class – 18 Students
  3. WorkKeys Career Ready Certificates (May certificates not included)
    1. Gold – 1 Student
    2. Silver – 16 Students
    3. Bronze – 11 Students
3. The Title III/ESOL monitoring visit was held on May 17. The State Director interviewed 8 persons and reviewed district files and student permanent records during the visit. She made recommendations on revisions to forms and commended the district on a “good audit.” Dr. Christin Smith, ESOL teacher, has done an excellent job communicating with classroom teachers and documenting services provided to students.
4. Schools are working to submit their Read to Succeed School Literacy Plans, which are due to the State Department by September. The plans require information on current practices and the establishment of 7 literacy goals for the upcoming school year. The State Department is providing funds to support professional development related to the plans.
5. The Read to Succeed Summer Reading Camps will be held at Woodruff Primary and Woodruff Elementary. The camps will be June 6 – 24 (8:00am – 3:15pm). In addition to salaries for teachers, bus drivers, and literacy coaches, the State Department will provide funding for books that students may take home.
6. Woodruff Elementary School has identified 16 rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in the Citizens Scholars Program. These students will work with mentors throughout their middle level and secondary years in preparation for college. District Four had 4 graduates this year who participated in the Citizens Scholars Program. Those graduates are attending Spartanburg Community College, Limestone College, and Wofford College in the fall.
7. Fifty-seven abuse/neglect reports were made during the 2015-16 school year. This is an increase from 40 reports made the previous year.
 

Woodruff Primary: 25	Woodruff Elementary: 15
Woodruff Middle: 10	Woodruff High: 7

Ms. Mary Johnson reported the following:

1. The Special Education Department served 413 students during the 2015-16 school year. This is 15% of the student population. This number does not include the students who were served in the district before they transferred out of the district or dropped out.
2. The data in the attached Disproportionality Report is extracted from two systems, Enrich, the computerized Special Education data base and Power School, the district data base for information on all students.
3. The disproportionality reports shows a total of 498 instead of 413 students because it shows the services provided, and some students receive more than one Special Education Service. It also shows only 9 Adult Education students instead of the actual enrollment, since only current and former Special Education students are in the Power School and Enrich systems.

### **Facilities**

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

### **Superintendent**

Dr. Liston reported the following:

1. Thank administrators/school personnel for smooth school closing.
2. Provided meeting schedule to board for 2016-2017 school year.
3. Reminded board of Budget Public Hearing and Board Meeting on June 27 at 6 PM.
4. Second end-of-school Visions will be mailed out in the very near future.
5. District is providing Seamless Summer lunches again this year to students on campuses as well as to Kelly Acres and the Leisure Center.
6. The 30%/10% industrial park initiative is official.
7. Reviewed a map of recent sewer designations by Spartanburg County and the potential growth in District Four.

### **BOARD ACTION**

1. Approved Funding Flexibility resolution.
2. Approved construction of additional tennis court.
3. Approved transfer to construction fund.
4. Approved the following personnel for 2016-2017:
  - a. Whitney Hasselbach – WPS Teacher
  - b. Kelly Kehn – WPS Teacher
  - c. Sydney Price – WPS Teacher
  - d. Katie Godchaux – WES Guidance Counselor
  - e. Jennifer Popper – WES Teacher
  - f. Amanda Stallard – WES Media Specialist
  - g. Grant Ramsey – WMS Teacher/Coach
  - h. Samantha Brown – WHS Art Teacher
  - i. Annie White – WHS Teacher