

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING NOTES

**March 5, 2018**

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, March 5, 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.

Chairman Milton Smith called the meeting to order. Minutes of the February 5 meeting were approved.

The following reports were given:

## **Woodruff Primary School**

Mrs. Hodge reported the following:

1. Calendar of Events for March 2018 is attached.
2. Preschool (3K & 4K) enrollment for the upcoming school year will be held on Thursday, March 15 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. 3K screenings will be held the week following enrollment. 4K screenings will be held May 29 through May 31. Appointments for these screenings will be scheduled at enrollment. Rising kindergartners who did not attend our preschool program may enroll for 5K on March 15. Students who currently attend WPS do not have to re-enroll.
3. Fifty-five students participated in our school science fair. These were the winners in each category:

Chemistry

- 1st- Hailey Pearson
- 2nd- Lily Dutton
- 3rd – Nicholas Wardlow

Physics

- 1st- Aidan Lawson
- 2nd- Jackson Godfrey
- 3rd- Sophia New

Behavioral and Social Science

- 1st- Bryce Guker
- 2nd- Harrison Hatchett
- 3rd- Joseph Morris

General Science

- 1st- Zachary Bailey
- 2nd- Joseph Craig
- 3rd- Cason Lyda

Biology

- 1st- Caitlyn Hurd
- 2nd- Cordelia Liggett
- 3rd – Andi Fowler

Overall Winner

Aidan Lawson

4. Carly Parker, Lisa Taylor, and Natalie Coones will attend a workshop in Columbia on March 20 regarding our Child Early Reading Development Education Program (CERDEP).
5. We enjoyed having the baseball team open car doors on Friday, February 23.
6. Sarah Little attended a Read to Succeed meeting in Columbia on February 28. She received information regarding Summer Reading Camp for 2018.

February				
Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	8	0	8	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
Family Literacy	0	0	0	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	1	0	1	Included in 3K Grade Level Count

Full day 3K	63	78	-15	3 -Moon, 8 - Childcare & 4 -Sheffield
4k	155	160	-5	1- McT, 3 - Moon & 1 - Humerez
5K	218	222	-4	1 - McT, 2 - Moon & 1 - Humerez
1st	197	199	-2	1 - Abner Creek & 1 - Humerez
2nd	204	211	-7	7 - Humerez
Special Education	10	0	10	Included in Grade Level Count
Moon	9	0	9	Included in Grade Level Count
	864	870	-6	1 - AC, 2 - McT & 3 - Sheffield

## March

**Community Project: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**

**Character Value Emphasis: Effort**

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

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

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

7 – Tornado Drill

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

16 – Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser

21 – Report Cards Issued – (PreK–2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) *\*Parents should be notified of need for retention by this date.*

23 – School Family Celebration

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

30– Make-up day for students

Spring Fund Raiser fun day

## Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Turner gave the following report:

1. February 6: School Improvement Council Meeting- Members of the School Improvement Council met and discussed current events within the school and generated ideas to improve events for students, parents, and the community.
2. February 13: Club of Dreamers Valentine Social- Club of Dreamer members enjoyed a Valentine's Social with their mentor.
3. February 14-16: Muffins for Moms- Students, moms, and special guests enjoyed muffins and coffee together. A total of 361 guests attended this event over a three day period.
4. February 15: Professional Development- Expanded ADEPT 4.0- Certified teachers participated in Day One of Expanded ADEPT 4.0 training in the Media Center. Training centered on understanding the Instructional Domain and best practice.
5. February 19: After-School Focus Program and Morning Computer Club- 91 students began a ten week after-school program to work on math and reading standards to prepare for the upcoming SCReady. In conjunction with the After-School Focus Program, students will also attend morning computer lab sessions to reinforce grade level standards using *Edmentum Study Island*.
6. February 22: Professional Development- Expanded ADEPT 4.0- Certified staff participated in Day Two training for Expanded ADEPT 4.0 where teachers continued to explore each domain and discuss best practices within the classroom.
7. February 23: Diversity Celebration Day- All students participated in "Oh the Places You Will Go... on Diversity Day" where students took part in hands-on sessions focused on cultures from around the world.
8. February 27: Science Fair Drop-In- Parents were invited to visit the 2018 Science Fair from 9 am-1pm. Students also visited the Science Fair with their science classes.
9. February 28: First Tee of Spartanburg- Coach Addis and four students participated in the annual First Tee of Spartanburg.

## Woodruff Middle School

Mrs. Denise Brown gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – 204
  - 7<sup>th</sup> – 212
  - 8<sup>th</sup> – 204
2. Report cards for 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks will be sent home March 21.
3. Youth Art Month will be celebrated at Chapman Cultural Center March 11- April 15. A reception honoring students with works in the show will be held Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm at the center. Woodruff Middle School congratulates Emily Brown, Emma Richards, Zoe Wampler, and Alexis Woody for having works selected for the show.
4. Congratulation to Hannah Burgess, Peyton Turner, Gabby Campos, and Haley Harkins for having artwork on display at the Animal Clinic of Woodruff.
5. The Boys Basketball team ended the season with a 6-4 record in division play. The Girls Basketball team finished 10-0 in division play and won the Foothills Conference Division I Championship as well as the Tournament Championship. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> Tournament Championship in a row for the Lady Cubs.
6. The Winter Sports Banquet was held February 19. 60 student athletes from basketball, wrestling, and Pom Squad were recognized. 89% of student athletes earned All-Academic honors. Students with the highest average on each winter sports team were recognized: Blake Kelley, wrestling; Dayuna Shelton, pom squad; Ben McKinney, boys basketball; and Emily Brown, girls basketball. Alli Burnette had the highest average of all the student athletes. In Boys Basketball, the *Hustle Award* was presented to Zach Hang; *Most Improved*, Mathias Dial; *Sportsmanship*, Ty Horton. In Girls Basketball, *Hustle Award*, Natalie Montjoy; *Most Improved*, Emily Brown; *Sportsmanship*, Emilee Thompson; and *Hustle Award*, Jenna Peace. *All Conference* players include Tae Goggins, Jailen Tribble, Gabby Campos, Haley West, and Kylie Hitchcock. In Pom Squad, *Best All Around*, Dayuna Shelton; *Showmanship*, Janiya Hunter; *Most Improved*, Jennifer Delgado. In Wrestling, the *Hustle Award*, Blake Kelley; *Most Improved*, Brad Scharmer; *Sportsmanship*, Alejandro Quezada; *Most Outstanding Wrestler*, Gabe Ellison; State Qualifiers, Gabe Ellison, Alejandro Quezada, and Noah Gaspar.

### **Calendar of Events:**

March 12	Testing for EF students begins at WMS
March 15	Parent Night at WMS for rising 6 <sup>th</sup> graders, 6 pm
March 19	Youth Art Month Drop-In Reception at Chapman Cultural Center, 5-7 pm
March 21	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks Report Cards issued
March 26	Gifted Art field trip to Chapman Cultural Center, 4 pm
March 29	8 <sup>th</sup> gr Class Photo, 1:15 pm
April 2-6	Spring Break
April 14	Carowinds Choral Festival
April 18	4 <sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks Interims
April 24	7 <sup>th</sup> gr Field Trip to Clemson University
May 1	Choral Rotary Program, 7 pm, Activity Gym
May 2	EOC Writing testing
May 3	Band Rotary, 7 pm, Activity Center Gym
May 4	8 <sup>th</sup> gr ELA Day 1 SC Ready
May 7	7 <sup>th</sup> gr ELA Day 1 SC Ready
May 8	6 <sup>th</sup> gr ELA Day 1 SC Ready
May 9	8 <sup>th</sup> gr ELA Day 2 SC Ready
May 10	EOC Algebra I
	7 <sup>th</sup> gr ELA Day 2 SC Ready
May 11	EOC English I
	6 <sup>th</sup> gr ELA Day 2 SC Ready

May 14	6 <sup>th</sup> gr MATH SC Ready
May 15	7 <sup>th</sup> gr MATH SC Ready
May 16	8 <sup>th</sup> gr MATH SC Ready
May 17	6 <sup>th</sup> gr SCI SC PASS
May 18	7 <sup>th</sup> gr SOC ST SC PASS
May 21	8 <sup>th</sup> gr SCI SC PASS
May 28	Memorial Day Holiday
May 29	Encore Exams
May 30	6 <sup>th</sup> Awards Day
	7, 8, Exams
May 31	7 <sup>th</sup> Awards Day
	6, 8 Exams
June 1	8 <sup>th</sup> Awards Day
	6, 7, Exams
June 4	Last day of school

### **Woodruff High School**

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Registration for 2017-2018 continues: selection of courses, entering requests, feedback to departments, coordination between WMS/WHS, and course tallies. These are the initial phases of building our Master Schedule. This process will continue according to our timeline.
2. The Miss Woodruff High Pageant was held on February 24, 2018. Sara Grace Westmoreland was named Miss Woodruff High 2018 and Eryn Beeler was first runner-up. Other finalists included Rhea Wilson, Harrison Easler and Marina Jones.
3. On February 27, third year high school students participated in state wide ACT testing. By state regulation, students could choose to participate in the ACT, SAT or neither. The SAT will be given on March 7, 2018.
4. Eight WHS students garner fourteen All Southern State Regional at Large Scholastic Awards. WHS is proud of their accomplishments and appreciates all the hard work of Ms. Brown and all the art students.

Ryleigh Henderson	Silver Key
Scarlett Hinton	3 Honorable Mentions
Sam Kelley	Honorable Mention
Ruth Librado	Silver Key
Jacob Mossbrook	Honorable Mention
Silas Newton	Silver Key
	Honorable Mention
May Schiele	Honorable Mention
Sierra Thoreson	Honorable Mention

### **Instructional Reports**

Ms. Neal provided the following information:

1. Registration dates for the 18-19 school year have been set. All schools will register on July 26. Our first planning meeting with community leaders regarding Great Start will be held on Monday, March 12.
2. Fresh Start and Project H.E.L.P. are fully functioning at the Workman Center. Current enrollment at HELP is 14, and Fresh Start has a current enrollment of 13. Students in these programs will participate in appropriate state tests.
3. District administration continues to observe all programs in all schools on a rotational basis. In addition, formal teacher evaluations for second semester have resumed.

4. Woodruff Middle School had 15 eighth graders to be named as Junior Scholars who were recognized at Converse on March 1.
5. Pre-School enrollment for 3, 4, and 5-year-olds has been scheduled for March 15 at the District 4 Activity Center. A plan to communicate with area residents has been developed and distributed to all administrators for implementation.
6. School and district staffs continue to review revised testing procedures and guidelines. See attached testing timeline. Several webinars and workshops have been attended by School Test Coordinators and District Test Coordinators regarding SCReady, SCPASS, WIDA, ACT, SAT, and WIN, the new career readiness assessment.
7. Spartanburg 4 participated in An Educator Career Fair held at Upstate on February 24 and at Anderson University on February 26.
8. Schools are in the process of selecting new textbooks for 18-19 and have submitted pre-orders as appropriate.
9. Spring MAP testing is proceeding on schedule.
10. A committee of administrators and resource officers are reviewing all safety procedures, crisis plans, and considering various recommendations to make all venues as safe as possible.

Dr. Kim McAbee provided the following report:

1. Teachers, literacy coaches, and administrators are in the process of completing the Read to Succeed Exemplary Literacy Reflection Tool (survey) required by the SC Department of Education. School Literacy Teams will utilize this information in revising or creating school goals. These results will be submitted to the SCDE along with the annual updates to the School Renewal Plans. All District Strategic Plans and School Renewal Plans must be submitted by April 30.
2. Youth Art Month (YAM) at the Chapman Cultural Center is scheduled for March 11 – April 15. A reception will be held on Monday, March 19 from 5:00 – 7:00pm. Spartanburg Four is hosting the reception for all Spartanburg County schools. Students from the WHS National Art Honor Society will be serving refreshments.
3. Selections for the William L. Howell Art Purchase Awards will be available to judge on March 27, 28, and 29 (Tuesday – Thursday). School Board members are invited to come by the District Office on these dates to judge the students' artwork on display.
4. English Learners (ELs) at Woodruff Primary School and Woodruff High School have completed WIDA ACCESS assessments. Students are being tested at Woodruff Elementary School this week. Woodruff Middle School students will test next week. Students who are enrolled in the ESOL program take the WIDA ACCESS assessment. It is administered by the ESOL teacher.
5. The Performance Task Assessments (PTA) are being administered by Ms. Dana Grant at Woodruff Elementary School and Mrs. Casey Dover at Woodruff Primary School. These assessments will provide another opportunity for students to qualify for the gifted and talented program. Results of this assessment will be available in May.
6. Youth suicide prevention training for helping professionals (psychologists, guidance counselors, mental health counselors, nurses, and SROs) was held on February 27. Additional trainings are planned for administrators, teachers, and church leaders.
7. The planning session for "Great Start Woodruff" will be held on Monday, March 12 at the District Office. Churches and community organizations will meet to assign roles and responsibilities. Schools have submitted the 2018-19 supply lists to assist with planning.
8. Preschool Enrollment for the upcoming school year will be held on Thursday, March 15 at the District Four Activity Center (8:30am – 2:00pm).
9. Adult Education is currently serving 64 students in the GED program. The morning session serves 35 students, and the evening session serves 29 students. Twenty-five students have obtained WorkKeys certificates (2 platinum, 2 gold, 16 silver, and 5 bronze). The next opportunity to test is mid-March.

Ms. Mary Johnson reported the following:

1. Employability Training Meetings - In order to prepare for the implementation of the Employability Credential that will start in August, I attended a meeting on February 26 in Columbia. I have another meeting scheduled here at the District Office on March 8 with Rhonda Mumsford, Post-Secondary Transition Coordinator from the State Department. I also have a meeting scheduled on March 12 in Greenville with all of the Upstate Districts. These meetings provide an opportunity for districts, who already have an Employability Program in place, to share information about their programs with other districts that are at different stages of readiness. This collaboration will help all districts get ready for the August rollout.
2. Indicator 14 - The Indicator 14 Exit Report, was submitted to the State Department on February 26. This report provides the State Department of Special Education with the names, addresses, names of parents, and the reason Special Education Students left school during or at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. The State Department uses this information to contact these families, in order to find out what the students, who exited school, are doing now. This information is one of the factors used to assess the effectiveness of the school district's Special Education Program.
3. Transition Training by State Department - Special Education teachers in our district, who teach transition age students, students age 13 and above, will receive training from State Department personnel here at the District Office on March 17. This training is to prepare teachers to write post-secondary goals that are compliant with standards developed by the State Department of Education.
4. Medicaid - The Annual District Medicaid Audit will be held on March 22 at 10:00 here at the District Office. Public Consulting Group (PCG) our Medicaid billing agency will call on March 15 to be sure that we have all of the documents that we need from them for the audit. They will also send a representative to assist us in answering questions during the post audit conference. The Medicaid Spring Collaboration call is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27 from 2:30pm – 3:30pm via WebEx and conference line. This quarterly meeting is designed to provide Medicaid updates and answer questions for all districts throughout the state.

### **Facilities**

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

### **Superintendent**

Dr. Liston reported the following:

1. Teachers of the Year will be honored at the April board dinner.
2. Art pieces will be available for judging for the art purchase awards later this month. Winners will be recognized at the April board meeting.
3. Copies of non-certified intent forms were provided as information.
4. Retirees will be recognized in June.
5. Reviewed the budget information and hand-out.
6. Provided copies of maps outlining growth in northwest part of district.
7. Discussed information from state meeting with SLED Director Mark Keele regarding safety.
8. Reviewed information from district safety meetings and discussed future meeting plans.

### **BOARD ACTION**

1. Approved General Obligation Bond Resolution.
2. Approved Bond Anticipation Note Resolution.
3. Approved low bid from Melloul-Blamey Construction for WHS locker room renovations.

4. Approved low bid from Clayton Construction to replace cabinets, counter tops, and sinks at WES.
5. Excused two student make-up days (missed due to inclement weather).
6. Approved the following hires:
  - a. Ms. Kelsey Bledsoe as WPS Art Teacher.
  - b. Mr. Russell Mahaffey as Assistant Principal at WMS.
  - c. Mr. Robert "Ed" Yount as Principal at WES.
  - d. Mrs. Laura Matz as Chemistry Teacher at WHS