

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING NOTES

May 7, 2018

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, May 7, at 5:30 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 April 9 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:

- Derek Stinnett – WPS Grade 2 – “Mountain Madness”
- Caroline Lopez – WES Grade 4 – “Golden Frog”
- Hannah Burgess – WMS Grade 8 – “Daily Treat”
- Mary Connor Kitchens – WHS Grade 12 – “Impressionistic Textures”

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Hodge reported the following:

1. Calendar of Events for May 2018 was provided.
2. On April 19, 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, May 4. We expect to reach a total of over \$5000.
3. Alivia Prince was selected as the Terrific Kid of the Year. She is a second grader in Mrs. Starr Chastain’s class. Alivia attended the Terrific Kid luncheon sponsored by Kiwanis Club with her mom and grandparents at 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 20.
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. Second graders will tour WES on Monday, May 15.
7. Casey Dover and Kim Fowler attended an all-day training on April 24 on administering the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA). They will train new teachers at the beginning of the 2018-19 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.
8. Summer School will begin June 5 and end on July 2. WPS submitted an application in March to The Spartanburg Academic Movement in order to be eligible for \$4480 to provide incentives for rising second graders in poverty who are working below grade level. SAM accepted our proposal to participate in the “Summer Climb Reading Program”.

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Turner gave the following report:

1. April 13: Terrific Kid Luncheon- Fifty-one students were honored with a luncheon held in the media center to celebrate their 3rd Nine Weeks Terrific Kid award.
2. April 16-April 27: Pennies for Patients Fundraiser- Students at Woodruff Elementary School participated in a Leukemia and Lymphoma Society fundraiser entitled Pennies for Patients. During this two week campaign, students raised a total for \$5790.92.
3. April 19: SCREADY/SCPASS: Faculty and staff participated in a two hour training session in preparation for the upcoming 2018 SCREADY/SCPASS testing.
4. April 20: Stone Soup Storytelling: In honor of the annual Stone Soup Storytelling event, Woodruff Elementary School students enjoyed three grade level sessions with storytellers.
5. April 20: Gifted Art: Gifted Arts students designed and painted a water barrel for Watershed to auction off in honor of Earth Day.
6. April 23: 21st Annual Starseekers Program: Forty-eight students received the Stellar Award for exhibiting exemplary reading and writing skills. Sixty-two students received the Star Seeker Award for exhibiting exemplary reading and writing gains.
7. April 24: Woodruff Middle School Tour: 5th grade students toured Woodruff Middle School in anticipation of the 2018-2019 school year.
8. April 25-26: MOCK Writing: Students participated in a MOCK writing sample on the State Testing Portal in preparation of the SCReady that will begin on May 7.
9. April 29: 1st Place State Art Award: Georgia Amick, 4th grade student, at Woodruff Elementary, won 1st place in the elementary division at the state level. Georgia, along with other state winners, were honored at a reception at EdVenture in Columbia, SC on Sunday, April 29.

Woodruff Middle School

Mrs. Denise Brown gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures:
 - 6th – 201
 - 7th – 212
 - 8th – 205
2. End of year report cards will be mailed ome June 4, 2018.
3. Stone Soup Story Tellers visited WMS on April 20. All students were able to hear from one or more of the tellers.
4. Of the 55 seventh grade students identified as Duke TIP Scholars, 11 participated in either SAT or ACT testing as part of the talent identification program. Two have received state recognition for their scores.
5. Fifth graders toured Woodruff Middle School Friday, April 27. Student Council representatives and other current middle schoolers conducted tours and answered questions.
6. Approximately 241 students have participated in athletic teams this school year- 87 in the Fall, 54 in the Winter, and 100 in Spring.

Calendar of Events:

May 2	EOC Writing testing
May 3	Band Rotary, 7 pm, Activity Center Gym
May 4	8 th gr ELA Day 1 SC Ready
May 7	7 th gr ELA Day 1 SC Ready
May 8	6 th gr ELA Day 1 SC Ready
May 9	8 th gr ELA Day 2 SC Ready
May 10	EOC Algebra I

	7 th gr ELA Day 2 SC Ready
May 11	EOC English I
	6 th gr ELA Day 2 SC Ready
May 14	6 th gr MATH SC Ready
May 15	7 th gr MATH SC Ready
May 16	8 th gr MATH SC Ready
May 17	6 th gr SCI SC PASS
May 18	7 th gr SOC ST SC PASS
May 21	8 th gr SCI SC PASS
May 22	Yearbook Day after lunch
May 25	Encore exams
May 28	Memorial Day Holiday
May 29	School Concert 8:30 am
May 30	6 th Awards Day
	7, 8, Exams
May 31	7 th Awards Day
	6, 8 Exams
	Teacher Luncheon, 12:30 pm
June 1	8 th Awards Day
	6, 7, Exams
June 4	Last day of school

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. Interim reports were issued to students on April 18, 2018.
2. The 2018 Prom was held on April 21 and was attended by 275 people. Madison Littlefield was crowned Prom Queen and Austin Parks 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. Scarlet Hinton has been awarded the Archibald Rutledge Award for the 2017-2018 school year.
4. Seniors have received graduation supplies and information on commencement has been distributed to seniors.
5. In accordance with state regulations, third year high school students took the WIN test on April 17, 2018. The WIN test is the state sponsored career readiness assessment that replaced Work Keys.
6. The Rotary Club sponsored Choral and Band Nights of Music on May 1 and May 3 respectively. Mary Connor Kitchens was awarded the Rotary Scholarship on May 3.
7. R.D. Anderson Applied Vocational Center hosted a community wide job fair on April 26 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Woodruff High seniors as well as community members were encouraged to attend.
8. WHS is quickly approaching Advance Placement and End of Course Tests. AP testing will take place between Monday May 7 and Thursday May 17. EOC testing will take place between Wednesday, May 2 and Tuesday, May 15. Students and teachers have been working together all year to prepare all year for these tests.

Instructional Reports

Ms. Neal provided the following information:

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 20. State testing is being provided to applicable students at Fresh Start and HELP. Currently, One Express student has completed diploma requirements, and three more are projected to complete diploma requirements.
2. SCReady and SC PASS are being administered to grades 3-8 currently. End-of-course exams are being 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, and Scholars Academy. 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 28 at the District 4 Activity Center from 8-10AM.
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 18-19 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 which include formal ADEPT evaluation for all teachers whose certificates expire June 30, 2019.
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 grade in an effort to enable them to read on grade level.
9. The Federal and State Accountability Committee met on May 3 to review all federal and state programs.
10. An SDE representative audited the Title II plan on May 4.
11. School textbook coordinators have submitted all textbook pre-orders during ordering cycles, but we await decisions on funding.
12. The Woodruff City Council has approved an MOU to provide an additional school resource officer in Spartanburg 4.

Dr. Kim McAbee provided the following report:

1. District Four operations and all schools received accreditation through the SC Department of Education for 2017-18. There were no deficiencies at any of the schools.
2. The annual update to the five-year District Strategic Plan was submitted by April 30. For the first time, the District Gifted and Talented Plan and the District Proficiency Plan were required on the same schedule. All schools submitted updates regarding progress toward goals outlined in the School Renewal Plans.
3. As part of the Read to Succeed legislation, each school is required to complete an annual Exemplary Literacy Reflection Tool that addresses a variety of literacy practices. From ratings on this instrument, schools created up to three goals to address literacy needs. Based on the schools' findings, the district developed district-wide goals for the upcoming year.
4. The Diana Olencki Secondary Art Show, sponsored by Friends of the Woodruff Library, will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday, May 24.

5. Music and art teachers at Woodruff Primary, Woodruff Elementary, and Woodruff Middle are in the process of conducting screenings for artistically gifted and talented programs. Final selections will be completed by mid-May. Students, parents, teachers, and administrators may nominate students for these screenings. An outside artist is required to serve on the final selection committee.
6. The district will offer teachers the opportunity to take the two gifted and talented courses required to add endorsement to their certificates. All teachers who teach advanced students at the middle and high school levels are required to have this endorsement.
7. Adult Education is currently serving 73 students in the GED program. The morning session serves 38 students, and the evening session serves 35 students. Forty students have obtained WorkKeys certificates (4 platinum, 6 gold, 23 silver, and 7 bronze). Seventeen students have passed the examination for the GED. Eight additional students are scheduled to take the final test in the four-part series on May 11. Students may continue to work on their goals for GED and WorkKeys by transferring to the summer program at Z.L. Madden Learning Center in Spartanburg. Summer classes for GED will begin May 29.
8. The orientation for teachers who are new to the district will be held on Thursday, July 12. This will be a time for them to complete payroll paperwork and select insurance and retirement options.
9. Summer is a busy time for school leadership teams. The following is a list of events for June, July, and August.

Summer Trainings & Meetings

- June 5 – 7 – Compassionate Schools Training (10-member team confirmed: Ann Hodge, Casey Dover, Meredith Welch, Nicole Sheffield, Camille Robinson, Katie Godchaux, Mary Johnson, Jackie Babcock, Joe Babcock, Kim McAbee)
- June 11 – 13 – Expanded ADEPT Training for Team Evaluators; Location: WES Media Center
- June 14 – “Activating Leadership” Presentation for Administrators (8:30 – 10:30am)
- June 18 & 19 (Monday & Tuesday) – Mentor Training
- July 12 – New Teacher Orientation (8am – 12pm)
- July 23 – Back-to-School Principals’ Meeting

Back-to-School Registration & Great Start Woodruff

- July 25 – Set-up for Great Start
- July 26 (Thursday) – Registration at All Schools (8:00am – 5:00pm)
- July 28 – Great Start (8:00 – 10:00am)
- July 31 (Tuesday) – Additional Registration Day at WHS (8:00am – 5:00pm)
- August 4 – Sales Tax Weekend

Back-to School Inservice

- August 10 – Nurses’ DHEC Training at Spartanburg Regional
- August 14 - Suicide Prevention Training for Teachers (WPS – 8:00am; WES – 10:00am)
- August 14 – Suicide Prevention Training for Faith-Based Community at Woodruff Church of God (1:30pm)
- August 16 - Suicide Prevention Training for Teachers (WMS – 8:00am; WHS – 10:00am)
- August 16 – County-wide PE Inservice – PEAK Training in Spartanburg

Ms. Mary Johnson reported the following:

1. Private School/Home School Consultation

All school districts in South Carolina are required to serve students with special needs, who live within their district, even if the students are homeschooled or attend private schools. The seven districts of Spartanburg County hold an Annual Consultation Meeting to inform the parents of the services available to these students. Each district is responsible for inviting the organizations

within their district. The invitation to this meeting was published in the Spartanburg Herald Journal on April 29, 2018. This Annual meeting was held on May 4th at McCarthy Teszler.

2. **The Autism Certificate Sequence Celebration**

There will be a celebration of the completion of Autism Consultant Training by Spartanburg County Educators from Districts 1-7 on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 11:00 am. This ceremony will be held at Converse College. 35 teachers in the county completed this program; 1 from District 1, 2 from Districts 2, 3, and 4, 6 from District 5, 4 from District 6, and 18 from District 7. The two teachers from Spartanburg District 4 are Jessica Humerez, a Self-Contained Teacher at Woodruff Primary School, and Amy Hiott, a Resource Teacher at Woodruff Middle School. These teachers are now Certified Autism Consultants. This means that they are qualified to attend meetings for students, who are classified as autistic and recommend strategies and accommodations required to help these students succeed in different settings within the school district.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

Superintendent

Dr. Liston reported the following:

1. Thanked board for once again providing End-of-Year Luncheons for schools. Luncheons will be held May 30 at WES and May 31 at WPS, WMS, and WHS.
2. This is Teacher Appreciation Week. We will honor teachers on May 9 with label pins and tie tacks.
3. Retirees will be recognized at the June board meeting. The Budget public hearing and meeting will be held June 25 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD ACTION

The board approved the following:

1. Concrete rebuild of upper car-rider drive and sidewalk at WMS.
2. New phone system for district.
3. Purchase of activity bus.
4. The following personnel:
 - a. Jennifer Rogers – WPS Teacher
 - b. Lane Farmer – WMS Teacher
 - c. Aaron Linder – WMS Teacher
 - d. Tamara Branch – WMS Teacher
 - e. Brian Mahan – WHS Teacher/Coach
 - f. Erika Ritchey – WHS Teacher/Coach
 - g. Sara Beth Snyder – WHS Teacher
 - h. Michael Bailey – WHS Teacher/Coach
 - i. Jon Jansen – WMS Teacher/Coach