

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING NOTES

November 5, 2018

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, November 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 October 1 meeting were approved.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for November 2018 is attached.
2. CogAt testing was the week of October 22. Iowa testing was October 29 and 30.
3. 4K students visited Stewart Farms Pumpkin Patch during the month of October.
4. Community members have adopted approximately 126 employees at WPS and provide encouragement
5. The students enjoyed the activities we planned for Red Ribbon Week. We ordered red silicone bracelets for the students to wear all week.
6. We were excited about the turnout for the Storybook Character parade. Pictures from the parade can be seen on the district webpage.
7. Congratulations to Nicole Sheffield for successfully renewing her National Board Certification.
8. We welcome Casey Nicholson to our staff. She is working as a preschool assistant with Lorrie Harmon.
9. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Little attended PALS training on October 25.
10. On October 9, Joy Mitchell from WES and Karleigh Eccles and Meredith Stephenson from WPS, visited each other's classrooms. They had the opportunity to discuss the transition for students from 2nd to 3rd grade.

Estimated Enrollment for WPS as of 10/31/18:

October				
Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	16	0	16	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	4	0	4	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
Full day 3K	58	81	-23	1 McT, 1 -Sheffield & 1 - Moon
4k	158	162	-4	1 -Sheffield & 3 - Moon
5K	204	209	-5	1 - McT & 4 - Humerez
1st	211	218	-7	5 - Humerez & 2 - McT
2nd	204	206	-2	1 - Humerez & 1 - Roebuck Elem
Special Education	10	0	10	Included in Grade Level Count
Moon	4	0	4	Included in Grade Level Count
	869	876	-7	4 -McT, 2 - Sheffield & 1 - Roebuck

November

Community Project: Helping Hands of Woodruff (paper products) and Woodruff Soup Kitchen Food Drive

Character Value Emphasis: Initiative

Career Focus: "Teaching is What I Love" (Education)

4 – Daylight Saving Time Ends (Set Clocks Back 1 Hour)

6 – Election Day – No School

12 – Veterans' Day

12-16 – American Education Week **Let your teacher and assistant know they are appreciated.*

14 – Interim Reports for 1st & 2nd Graders

20 – Career Dress Up Day

21-23 – Thanksgiving Holidays – No School

26 - December 14 – MAP Testing (Reading & Math) – 1st & 2nd Grades

Woodruff Elementary School

Mr. Yount gave the following report:

1. October 9- Fall MAP Testing Concluded.
2. October 12- Top Sellers from the PTA fall fundraiser attended Sky Zone.
3. October 18 was Make Up Picture Day.
4. October 19- Students celebrated First Nine Weeks Spirit Day and Homework Celebration
5. October 22 & 23- We had our First Mock Writing Test.
6. October 22- Fifth Grade Students participated in the Operation Get Smart Assembly.
7. October 22-31 – Students celebrated Say No to Drugs with different days.
8. October 24- First Nine Weeks Report Cards were sent home.
9. October 25 & 26- Teachers held parent conferences.
10. October 29- Teachers were treated to a National Chocolate Feast sponsored by the Student Counsel.
11. October 30- WES held its First Nine Weeks Awards Day
 - a. 188 All A Honor Roll students (3rd Grade 66, 4th Grade 69 and 5th grade 53)
 - b. 221 B Honor Roll students (3rd grade 81, 4th grade 72, and 5th grade 68)
 - c. 237 Perfect Attendance students (3rd grade 63, 4th grade 84, and 5th grade 90)
 - d. 20 Top Five students (3rd grade 9, 4th grade 6, and 5th grade 5)
 - e. 52 Terrific Kids (2 per homeroom class)
12. October 31- WES held its annual Halloween Parade
13. November 2- The Terrific Kid Luncheon was held for 52 students.

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures:
 - 6th – 230
 - 7th – 195
 - 8th – 212
2. 2nd Nine Weeks interim reports will be sent home Nov 14.
3. The 8th grade trip to Washington, DC is November 10-13. 77 students and 9 chaperones are traveling on 2 motor coaches.
4. Woodruff Middle School has a third cohort of students participating in the Spartanburg County Foundation's Citizen Scholars program. Currently thirteen 6th graders a, twelve 7th graders and fourteen 8th graders are involved. Monthly Saturday Seminars will provide mentoring, enrichment activities, and acadmic opportunities to first generation, potential college-bound students.

5. Congratulations to Chapman Newsome, Elizabeth Weaver and Tatiyana Rodriguez for having artwork selected for display at Animal Clinic of Woodruff for October and November.
6. Congratulations to student artists Leah Brown, Chapman Newsome, Tatiyana Rodriguez, Cassidy Schiele, Bethany Stankus, Mercedes Gambrell, Ireland Morin, Daniel Gregory, Adrienne Newton, Lacey Prokopp, Elizabeth Weaver, Caitlyn Thacker, Lauryn Beeler, and Zoe Wampler for having works entered in the Piedmont Interstate Fair October 8-14. Cassidy was third in the Mixed Media Category. Bethany was second in the Drawing Category. Zoe was second in the Printing Category and Lauryn was second in the Three-Dimensional Category. Leah was Honorable Mention in the Drawing Category.
7. The National Junior Beta Club inducted 69 new members October 25. The club stresses academic achievement and service to the community.
8. WMS is participating in a reading incentive program sponsored by the Education Oversight Committee called "The Big Game." Students who read 6 books and complete required documentation are entered into a drawing to win two tickets and sideline passes to the Clemson-Carolina game in November. WMS will also draw names locally for winners who will receive a Clemson or Carolina tee shirt.
9. Fall MAP administration was completed October 9.
10. Volleyball finished with a 10-2 record and first place in their division. They reached the semi-finals of the conference tournament.
11. Football finished 5-2 and in second place in their division.
12. Basketball Season opens with the traditional *Cub Classic* on November 19 and 20. Regular season play begins on the at home vs. Cowpens November 29.
13. Edward Jones sponsors Athlete of the Week recognition for Woodruff Middle School athletes. October athletes recognized include: Alivia Watts, Carson Tucker, Kylie Hitchcock, Anthony Graybill, Luke Runyans

Calendar of Events:

November 6	Election Day- holiday
November 8	Fall Sports Banquet, 7 pm
November 10-13	Washington, DC Trip for 8 th grade
November 15	2 nd Nine Weeks Interim
November 19-20	Cubs Classic Basketball Tournament at WMS
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 11	Choral Program, Activity Center, 7 pm
December 17	Band Program, WMS gym, 6 pm
Dec 22-Jan 6	Christmas Holidays

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. On October 4, Woodruff High School participated in College Application Day. Seniors were assisted by college representatives and WHS guidance staff in filling out college applications.
2. Brigadier General Beagle, WHS Alumni and Commanding Officer at Fort Jackson, addressed the WHS student body on October 23. He challenged students to set high goals and work hard to achieve them.
3. The PSAT (October 10) and the ASVAB (October 10) were administered at Woodruff High School.
4. First nine weeks report cards were issued on October 24, 2018.
5. WHS held parent teacher conferences on October 23 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM and on October 26 from 9:00 AM to Noon.
6. The WHS Cadets finished eighth in the 2018 AA Upper State Band Competition. Additionally, the WHS Cadets finished twelfth in 2018 AA State Band Competition held on October 27 at Spring Valley High School.

7. The WHS Guidance department held a financial aid workshop for parents and students on October 23 at 6:00 PM.
8. Seniors met with an area representative from Jostens to commence ordering their cap & gown, along with other graduation supplies. Jostens detailed the ordering process and procedures for the Class of 2019 and will be on campus to take orders in the coming weeks.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. Principals verified and submitted documentation to the SC Department of Education (SCDE) that schools met the 2018-19 Accreditation Standards for their particular levels. They also reviewed the defined program regulations and monitoring instruments. District Four is scheduled for a SCDE accreditation monitoring audit next year.
2. The SC AdvancED Conference was held on November 2. Sessions focused on the continuous improvement system, preparing for the engagement review, student engagement, and school and system quality factors.
3. Induction teachers (first year teachers) continue to meet monthly to learn the requirements of the SC Teaching Standards 4.0 Rubric and Expanded ADEPT, the SC teacher evaluation system. They have studied and assessed themselves on the four standards in the Environment Domain. They are beginning to work with the twelve standards in the Instruction Domain, which will be the focus for the next few months. The next induction class will be November 26.
4. The new SC Leadership, Effectiveness, Advancement, and Development (SC LEAD) data management system houses all teacher and principal evaluation data. The system contains a video library related to the SC Teacher Standards 4.0 Rubric. If teacher is having challenges with a particular standard, he or she may view a video related to that area. This professional development is provided at no cost to the district. A similar resource is provided for principals and assistant principals.
5. Read to Succeed recertification courses are provided at a minimal cost through Virtual SC and the SC Department of Education. These courses will meet the Read to Succeed legislative requirements and provide teachers with renewal points for their next recertification cycle. The next course offerings will run from January 21 – March 10. Registration will be open from December 3 – January 7.
6. The State Board of Education recently approved updated guidelines and requirements for adding certification fields and endorsements. These updates will allow teachers holding a professional license to add certain areas of certification by passing the Praxis subject area exam. There are some exceptions, but this should support certification compliance during the teacher shortage.
7. The High School 3D Display will be held at the Chapman Cultural Center through November 15. This exhibit will include 3D artwork from all high schools in Spartanburg County. District Four art students will display with Spartanburg County Districts One and Seven on November 29 – January 6.

Mrs. Britt McKinney provided the following report:

1. The Spartanburg District Four Learning Center is currently serving nine students throughout the hours of 8:30-3:00. One student has completed all coursework and graduated, and two more are projected to be finished by Christmas holidays. Teachers at Woodruff Middle School and Woodruff High School have done an excellent job of creating new courses within the software to align with the courses and standards being taught in the schools.
2. Woodruff Elementary and Woodruff Middle Schools are using a new program entitled ExactPath that provides individual instruction based on standards and skills that students

need for review. The program will also provide advanced skills for those students who may be ready. Teachers at Woodruff Middle School are seeing that the curriculum directly aligns to their standards.

3. Every five years Federal Law requires a Needs Assessment to identify educational and industry gaps. The students (8th-12th), parents, and staff have been encouraged to complete this survey. Results will be provided once all surveys are completed.
4. Second graders at Woodruff Primary School, Woodruff Elementary, Woodruff Middle, and Woodruff High School will have the opportunity to be selected to participate in an after school enrichment program. We will target students in the areas of ELL, Special Education, Gifted/Advanced, and students who are within reach of meeting a higher proficiency level on SCReady and EOCTs.
5. Spartanburg School District Four will have a Title III Monitoring visit January 25, 2018. The auditor will be monitoring our ESOL program.
6. Spartanburg School District Four Facebook page is still receiving great feedback. The page has reached almost 13,000 people. Daily posts and information are readily available to students, parents, and community members.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following information:

1. Technology Update- Working in conjunction with the Spartanburg Four Technology Committee, assessments and surveys have revealed the need to upgrade both Access Points (AP) as well as student laptops. The Technology Department is currently in the process of securing needed quotes and it is our plan to bring forth bids for purchasing in the coming months.
2. ACT and SAT- Results from the 2017-2018 ACT and SAT have been released and are attached for review.
3. College Readiness- A countywide comparison has been compiled with results from College Readiness component that will be featured on the new report card. (See Attached)
4. State Report Card Release- The District Release of school report cards occurred on November 1st. Report cards will release to the public on November 15th, 2018. This report card will reflect the new ESSA Accountability Model.

Mrs. Mary Johnson provided the following report:

The Preliminary Special Education Child Count was due on October 23. At that time we had a total of 408 Special Education students enrolled in the district. A copy of the breakdown of the students by Special Education classifications is attached, included in that breakdown is a comparison of the '2018 numbers to the previous 3 years. This breakdown was provided to determine if the number of students in a particular school or in a certain category is growing more than others. The data analysis shows that there haven't been any significant changes in the number of students within any of the areas of disability within these years. It shows that our overall number of students decreased by 20 between '2015 and '2016, increased by 20 between '2016 and '2017, and increased by 17 from '2017 to '2018. There wasn't a significant increase or decrease in the number of students within the 4 year range. Our enrollment in each category and in overall enrollment is basically staying the same.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

BOARD ACTION

1. Approved revision to policy ADF – School Wellness.
2. Approved bid from Harrison Landscape Management for Athletic Turf Care and Landscaping Maintenance.
3. Approved bid from Harrison Landscape Management for school grass cutting.