

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING NOTES

November 6, 2017

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, November 6, 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 2 meeting were approved.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for November 2017 was provided.
2. CogAt testing was the week of October 23. Iowa testing was November 2 and 3.
3. 4K students visited Stewart Farms Pumpkin Patch October 23 – October 26.
4. Parents, teachers, and community businesses donated a tremendous amount of candy and drinks for our Fall Festival. The students played games for prizes, played on inflatables, and enjoyed pizza. We owe the success of that event to parents, volunteers, and the WPS staff. We made a little over \$1600.00 on the event.
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. Members of the WHS band led us as we walked this year.
7. Congratulations to Nicole Sheffield for successfully renewing her National Board Certification.
8. We welcome Kelcey Mason to our staff. She will be working as a preschool assistant, replacing Brea Wilson.
9. Mrs. Parker is working with new paraprofessionals to help them understand our discipline philosophy and to better understand the Conscious Discipline strategies.

Estimated Enrollment for WPS as of 10/25/15:

October				
Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	6	0	6	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
Family Literacy	1	0	1	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	0	0	0	
Full day 3K	60	73	-13	2 -Moon, 7 - Childcare & 4 - Sheffield
4k	159	163	-4	1- McT and 3 - Moon
5K	217	221	-4	1 - McT, 2 - Moon & 1 - Humerez
1 st	201	204	-3	3 - Humerez
2 nd	210	216	-6	6 - Humerez
Special Education	10	0	10	Included in Grade Level Count
Moon	7	0	7	Included in Grade Level Count

November

Community Project: Helping Hands of Woodruff (canned goods and nonperishable items) and Woodruff Soup Kitchen Food Drive

Character Value Emphasis: Initiative

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

October 30 – Drop-in at DO

CogAt make-ups

October 31 – Chick-Fil-A for fundraiser winners

CogAt make-ups

2 - 3 – IOWA Testing – 2nd Grade

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

6 – Fun Day (Fundraiser Celebration)

IOWA make-ups

7 – Election Day – No School for students

8 – IOWA make-ups

11 – Veterans' Day

13–17 – American Education Week *Let your teacher and assistant know they are appreciated.

15 – Interim Reports for 1st & 2nd Graders

17 – School Family Celebration – Wear School T-Shirts

21 – Career Dress Up Day

22–24 – Thanksgiving Holidays – No School

27–Dec. 15 – MAP Testing (Reading & Math) – 1st & 2nd Grades

29 – High Scope/CD meeting

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Turner gave the following report:

1. October 2-4: MOCK Testing #1- All WES students participated in the first round of MOCK writing. This simulated test was used to begin preparation for state testing and allowed teachers to model effective writing strategies.
2. October 2: 69 students in grades 4-6 qualified for the Duke TIP program based on 2017 SCReady and SCPass test scores.
3. October 3: Ms. Katie Godchaux, school counselor, initiated a "Penny War" for students affected by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. With the \$2394.24 raised, students adopted an ESL Pre-K classroom at Park Lakes Elementary in Houston through the Texas Teachers: Adopt a Classroom Initiative where Ms. Karen Maciejewski, classroom teacher, was able to replenish student supplies lost during Hurricane Harvey. Students of Woodruff Elementary School also adopted families with the help of Dr. Denise Carlin, Director of Strategic Planning and Community Engagement for the School District of Lee County, Florida who were most severely affected by Hurricane Irma.
4. October 19-20: Parent and Teacher Conferences were conducted from 3:00-7:00 on Thursday, October 19 and were also held on October 20 from 9:00-12:00. Additional efforts were made to conference with ELL parents and students identified as needing academic assistance based on fall MAP testing results. All WES parents could request conferences if they desired to do so.
5. October 23: Operation Get Smart- 5th grade students took part in an assembly in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week. Guest speakers encouraged students to make wise decisions regarding drugs and alcohol.
6. October 25: Report Cards Issued- WES students received report cards marking the end of the 1st nine weeks grading period.

7. October 26: 1st Nine Weeks Spirit Day and Homework Celebration- Students took part in an autographing session with WHS football players and were greeted by the WHS cheerleaders from 7:15-7:45. Qualifying students also enjoyed cupcakes during lunch to celebrate the completion of homework.
8. October 23-27: Red Ribbon Week activities were observed with students, faculty, and staff members. Events included Wear Red Day (RED-y to be drug free), Camo Day (We will stay away and hide from drugs), Future Career Day (Follow your dreams- Don't Do Drugs!), Dress for Success Day (Your choices are KEY to achieving dreams!), and Halloween Costume Day (Drugs are Scary)! The annual Halloween Parade was held in the bus circle for community members and WPS. WES student council members, with the help of Ms. Katie Godchaux, club sponsor, led the parade.
9. October 31: 1st Nine Weeks Awards Program- All students were recognized for their recent efforts during fall MAP testing with the MAP Testing Achievement Award. Please find the total number of distributed awards listed below in addition to student recognitions:

Grade Level	"A" Honor Roll	"B" Honor Roll	Perfect Attendance	Terrific Kids		Top Five
3	60	82	84	Alexis Baldwin Ethan Ballard Beya Bogan Ella Daniels Everette Goggins Dawson Hawkins Ernie Hinojos Logan James Hope Mansfield McKenzie Willis Ryder Wood	Hayden Means Elizabeth Murphy Maddie Nix Dylan Penland Loralie Sanford Nodine Nathan Scott Georgiy Suanov Elizabeth Trigueros	Jolin Pettay Connor Davis Madison Durham Savannah LeDuc Gabe Sutphin Khalil Robinson Ezra Jacobs
4	57	78	72	Demaris Baxley Marializ Coello Lagos Gabe Glass Harris Hicks Adam Lawton Paris Mallory Gavin Moore	Eric Perez Ava Pittman Caleb Polson Marialy Rangel Emily Skinner Emma Smith Maggie Smoak Brianna Strickland Landon West	John Miles Bowling Adalyn Smith Maggie Smoak Georgia Amick Taylor Martin Allie Burden
5	44	71	102	Karli Bellamy CJ Bennett Adin Brown Carrigan Caldwell Akia Crowe Connor Daugherty Melvin Del Valle Moradel Sammy Espita-Garcia	Jahiara Gomez Aiden Hurd Olivia Lee Cohen Lyda Arlene Mondragon Haley Kate Queen Ivy Kate Rhodes David Yarborough	Leah Brown Carrigan Caldwell Olivia Lee Ivy Kate Rhodes Eithan Richards

Woodruff Middle School

Mrs. Brown gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures:
 - 6th – 207
 - 7th – 213
 - 8th – 203
2. 2nd Nine Weeks interim reports will be sent home Nov 15.
3. The 8th grade trip to Washington, DC is November 11-14. 86 students and 9 chaperons are traveling on 2 motor coaches.
4. Fifty-five 7th grade students have been identified to participate in the Duke TIP Talent Identification Program. To qualify, a student must score at or above the 95th percentile on a standardized assessment instrument (MAP, PASS, ACT Aspire, SCReady) as a 5th or 6th grader. Students who elect to participate in the program take the Scholastic Aptitude or the American College Testing assessment and also begin receiving information regarding academic development opportunities from area institutions of higher learning.
5. Woodruff Middle School has a second cohort of students participating in the Spartanburg County Foundatin's Citizen Scholars program. Fifteen 7th graders as well as the 15 new 6th graders met October 30 in the Media Center with Foundation representatives. Monthly Saturday Seminars will provide mentoring, enrichment activities, and acadmic opportunities to first generation, potential college-bound students.
6. Congratulations to Abigail Owings, Jennifer Salas and Isabella Stephenson for have artwork selected for display at Animal Clinic of Woodruff.
7. Congratulations for Zoe Wampler and Landon Tucker for having artwork receive recognition in the Piedmont Fair. Zoe earned two 1st place honors in the three-dimensional and the printing making categories. Landon earned a 1st place ribbon in the drawing category as well as Best in Show!
8. The National Junior Beta Club inducted 78 new members November 2. The club stresses academic achievement and service to the community.
9. 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.
10. The school celebrated the "50th Day of School" as part of our continuing recognition of the 50th Year in this building. Students participated in a Trivia Contest and winners were recognized at each lunch. The Trivia Sheet is attached. How would you do?!
11. Football finished the season in 3rd place with an overall record of 5-3. Volleyball also finished in 3rd place overall and compiled a 6-4 record.
12. Basketball Season opens with the traditional *Cub Classic* on November 20 and 21. Regular season play begins on the road at Hickory Tavern November 28.
13. Edward Jones sponsors Athlete of the Week recognition for Woodruff Middle School athletes. October athletes recognized include Gabby Campos for volleyball and Tae Goggins for football.

Calendar of Events:

November 7	Election Day- teacher in-service day
November 8-10	ELA benchmarks for all grades
November 10	Veteran's Day Program, 9 am
November 11-14	Washington, DC Trip for 8 th grade
November 14	Fall Sports Banquet, 7 pm
November 15	2 nd Nine Weeks Interims <i>ENGAGE, 3-4:30 pm</i>

November 20-21	<i>Cubs Classic Basketball Tournament at WMS (Gray Court-Owings, Campobello-Gramling, Southside-Christian, Woodruff)</i>
November 22-24	<i>Thanksgiving Holidays</i>
November 28	<i>Lego Club, 3-4:40 pm</i>
December 5	Choral Program, Activity Center, 7 pm
December 7	Band Program, Activity Center, 7 pm
Dec 22-Jan 7	Christmas Holidays

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. On October 3, Woodruff High School hosted over 55 colleges and universities from around the country in an event called Education-Opportunity Day (Ed-Op). Juniors and Seniors had an opportunity to speak to representatives and obtain information from prospective colleges.
2. Maroon on a Mission, a service club at Woodruff High School, worked at the Woodruff Soup Kitchen during the on October 7 and they spearheaded the collection of items for 84 Christmas Boxes for Operation Christmas child.
3. The SAT (October 7), the PSAT (October 11) and the ASVAB (October 11) were administered at Woodruff High School.
4. First nine weeks report cards were issued on October 25, 2018.
5. WHS held parent teacher conferences on October 24 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM and on October 20 from 9:00 AM to Noon.
6. The WHS Cadets finished sixth in the 2016 AA Upper State Band Competition. Additionally, the WHS Cadets finished twelfth in 2017 AA State Band Competition held on October 28 at Spring Valley High School.
7. The WHS Guidance department held a financial aid workshop for parents and students on October 24th 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 2018 and will be on campus to take orders in the coming weeks.

Instructional Reports

Ms. Karen Neal reported the following:

1. The PowerSchool Parent Portal continues to be an asset for parents to monitor student academic progress. Parents are able to access student information at their convenience. Currently, 62% of our students have a parent portal account set up, and 81% of all students in grades 3-12 have a parent portal account established.
2. Fresh Start is fully functioning at the District Four Learning Center with Plato software as the curriculum for high school students and iReady and USA Test Prep for middle school students. Current enrollment in Fresh Start is 5. Project HELP also meets at the Learning Center. Ten students have received services through HELP with seven being enrolled in Wolverine Express.
3. District administration continues to observe all programs in all schools on a rotational basis. Student Learning Objectives (SLO) for all students have been approved by the District Adept Committee.
4. Referrals to Truancy Court continue to be made. In addition, some cases have been forwarded to Family Court.
5. Teachers and administration continue to utilize the recently purchased software to facilitate learning. Staff continues to monitor changes in assessment and standards in order to adequately prepare students for state assessments which will be completed online this year even though a blended format of printed reading passages is available.

6. Data from the spring administration of SC Ready has been analyzed for each grade level and subject area by strand and special population to identify any gaps in our curriculum.
7. The SDE continues to require the submission of data for quarterly reports. District staff continues to process data to the SDE for reporting and accountability purposes.
8. District 4 has administered a survey to all parents of kindergarteners, compiled the information, and shared with the Spartanburg Academic Movement to help identify areas of strength or weakness.
9. The school districts of Spartanburg, Union, and Cherokee counties will sponsor a Teacher Recruitment/Career Fair at USC Upstate on February 24, 2018.
10. The State will be offering the SAT or ACT to all 11th grade students at no cost to the student. Students can choose to take the SAT, the ACT, or opt out.

Dr. Kim McAbee provided the following report:

1. Principals verified and submitted documentation to the SC Department of Education (SCDE) that schools met the 2017-18 Accreditation Standards for their particular levels.
2. The SC AdvancED Conference was held on November 3. Sessions focused on the continuous improvement system, stakeholder surveys, Effective Learning Environment Observation Tool (eleot), ESSA accountability model, interventions, new SC Teaching Standards rubric, and personalized learning.
3. Principals and literacy coaches from Woodruff Primary and Woodruff Elementary participated in a professional learning session with SCDE regional literacy specialists on October 26. They reviewed responsibilities under Act 284, the Read to Succeed Act (R2S), and assessed progress toward literacy goals outlined in their school plans.
4. According to the Read to Succeed Act, current third graders are to be retained if they fail to demonstrate reading proficiency at the end of third grade as indicated by scoring at the lowest achievement level on SC READY. The R2S Act requires that parents of third graders be notified in writing by the end of the second grading period if a student is being considered for retention. Teachers are maintaining documentation of parent meetings and student work samples/assessments in literacy portfolios to support "good cause" exemptions to the law.
5. Literacy coaches from Woodruff Primary and Woodruff Elementary will be participating in dyslexia training on November 13. Following this training, they will present the information to teachers at both schools.
6. An early childhood team participated in professional development on the new SC Early Learning Standards conducted by the SCDE Office of Early Learning and Literacy and the Office of Standards and Learning. These standards span from birth to 5 years of age and are divided into 6 domains of learning: Approaches to Play, Emotional and Social Development, Health and Physical Development, Language Development and Communication, Mathematical Thinking and Expression, and Cognitive Development.
7. CDEP preschools must utilize a state approved preschool curriculum beginning in 2018-19. Five curricula are available for review on December 11. High Scope, the current preschool framework used at Woodruff Primary, is on the approved list of options.
8. The Comprehensive Health Education Advisory Committee will meet in November to consider the Second Steps curriculum for students at Woodruff Primary and Woodruff Elementary. They will consider the NuCulture curriculum for Woodruff Middle School.
9. Adult Education is currently serving 35 students in the GED program. The morning session serves 18 students, and the evening session serves 17 students. Six students are in the enrollment process. Thirteen students have obtained WorkKeys certificates (11 silver and 2 bronze).

Mrs. Mary Johnson provided the following report:

1. Vocational Rehabilitation - Vocational Rehabilitation held two annual events in October. The 12th Annual Mayor's Walk and Roll for Special Education students and Transition personnel was held by Mayor Junie White on Main Street in Spartanburg on October 12. The parade was followed by a Pizza Party and dance at the Spartanburg County Vocational Rehabilitation Center. The Annual Vocational Rehabilitation Open House and Luncheon for Special Education students and their parents, Transition personnel, and Special Education Administrators was held on October 26 at the Spartanburg County Vocational Rehabilitation Center.
2. Special Olympics - Jessica Harvey's self-contained class from Woodruff Primary School represented the district at the Annual Special Olympics Bowling Competition. This competition was between Spartanburg County School Districts 1-4. It was held on October 25 at the Star Lanes in Spartanburg, SC.
3. Fall Administrative Training - On November 3 Fall Leadership Training was held at the Embassy Suites in Columbia. This training was designed by State Level Special Education Personnel to provide guidance to District Level Special Education Personnel in the areas of finance and policy and procedures.
4. State Department Training - The State Department of Education now offers training in all areas of Special Education. If personnel in any district has areas in which they would like to receive training, a representatives from the State Department will be come to the district and provide that training. They will schedule the training on an Inservice Day or after school from 3:00-6:00.
5. Transition - A Transition Planning Meeting is scheduled for November 9 at 9:45. I will meet with the Woodruff High School Assistant Principal; Tim Scipio, Transition Representative; James McBeth, Vocational Rehabilitation Representative; John O'Brien, a Greenville County Volunteer Coordinator for Hospice; Susan Shupe, and the Post Secondary Transition Coordinator for the State; Rhonda Mumsford. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Resources available for 4 projects that could lead to employment opportunities for Special Education students in the district. These projects are:
 - 1.) starting a recycling project for the school district run by Woodruff High School students,
 - 2.) working with Hospice in our local nursing home, Woodruff Manor,
 - 3.) setting up shadowing experiences with local businesses, and
 - 4.) applying for jobs posted in the community.
6. Mental Health First Aid Training - Lauren Hultstrand of the agency SC Thrive provided the Spartanburg County Special Education Directors with information on a one year grant, that Spartanburg County received` to provide Mental Health Training. The focus of this training is to provide an overview of the signs and symptoms related to mental health issue and present evidence based programs, offered through the National Council of Behavioral Health, to assist with those issues. This grant provides full day training to an average of 25 participants. The trainers come to each individual district and provide 8 hours of training, which can be split into 2 sessions. They will also provide lunch for the participants. The first training session was offered on October 23 and 24 at the Denny's Building in Spartanburg. It was recommended for Psychologists and our psychologists attended. The training will be offered again on November 15 at the Emerge Family Counseling and Therapy Center from 9 am until 5 pm. This training session is recommended for counselors, teachers, CDF, MTSS teams, and administrators.

7. Preliminary Child Count - The overall Special Education enrollment in Spartanburg District 4 on October 24, the date of the Preliminary Child Count was 395. This number is an increase of 19 students from last year's Preliminary Child Count. The Final Child Count is scheduled for November 10, 2017.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

Superintendent

1. Reminded members to call if they have any questions regarding the accountability and testing information provided at the October board meeting.
2. The County-wide Oversight Committee (consisting of the 7 Spartanburg board chairs) will meet Thursday, November 9 to approve distribution of 13 mils.
3. The Delegate Assembly will be held in December. Gordon Godfrey will be representing District Four as the voting delegate.
4. Fall Visions newsletter will be mailed out Wednesday, November 8.
5. A drop-in was held for all District Four employees on Monday, October 30. Dr. Liston thanked all involved.
6. Dr. Liston gave an update on the SC High School League (SCHSL) Realignment process.