

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

November 7, 2016

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Agenda notices were distributed to Spartanburg Herald Journal and was listed on the District website at spartanburg4.org/do/agenda.

Chairman Milton Smith called the meeting to order. Minutes of the October 3 meeting were approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

School Resource Officer (SRO) Mitchell Taylor gave an overview of the district's safety plan/procedures, and how the SRO's work with area law enforcement and emergency personnel as well as faculty and staff members in District Four. He provided board members with copies of emergency packets that are given to employees and discussed training that is held for employees, local law enforcement agencies, and emergency personnel.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for November 2016 was provided.
2. CogAt testing was the week of October 18. Iowa testing was November 2 and 3.
3. 4K students visited Stewart Farms Pumpkin Patch October 24 – October 27.
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, enjoyed a karate show, and enjoyed pizza and homemade baked goods. We owe the success of that event to parents, volunteers, the WPS staff, and the entire varsity football team. We made a little over \$2700 on the event.
5. Free dental cleanings for the students are being conducted onsite over the next couple of weeks.
6. The students enjoyed the activities we planned for Red Ribbon Week. We ordered red silicone bracelets for the students to wear all week.
7. We had a great turn out for the Children's Book Week Storybook Character parade. That is always one of the big highlights of the year for the children and adults.
8. Mrs. Rhodes sold \$6563.56 at the book fair during Storybook Character Week.
9. Congratulations to Kim Fowler and Betsy Alexander for successfully renewing their National Board Certification.
10. We welcome Jane Shetley and Brooks Kennedy to our staff. They will be working as first grade assistants, replacing Yuelanda Leduc and Brooke Tucker. Mrs. Leduc accepted a full-time position at a different workplace and Mrs. Tucker is planning to stay home with her newborn.
11. Cornerstone Baptist Church is planning to provide all the students at WPS a new pair of Adidas tennis shoes during the month of December. Some of the shoes will be donated by the church and some will be donated by Adidas.
12. Our donation of \$6700 to St. Jude Children's Hospital last year places us at number 53 in the country and 3 in the state.
13. New playground equipment was installed October 24 – October 26. Money raised through PTO fundraisers allowed us to purchase the structure for the preschool playground.

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

October				
Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	8	8	0	
Family Literacy	3	3	0	
1/2 day 3K	3	3	0	
Full day 3K	65	69	-4	1 McT and 3 Moon
4k	157	158	-1	1McT
5K	199	200	-1	Harvey 1
1st	204	208	-4	Harvey 4
2nd	209	210	-1	Harvey 1
Special Education	6	6	0	
	854	856	-2	2McT

Sp Ed – 8 (total for all grades not broken down or added in counts above)
 Total = 876

November

Community Project: Woodruff Soup Kitchen Food Drive

Character Value Emphasis: Initiative

Career Focus: “Teaching is What I Love” (Education)

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

8 – Election Day – No School

11 – Veterans’ Day

14–18 – American Education Week *Let your teacher and assistant know they are appreciated.

15 – School Improvement Council Meeting (3:30–4:00 – Media Center)

16 – Interim Reports for 1st & 2nd Graders

18 – School Family Celebration – Wear School T-Shirts

22 – Career Dress-Up Day

23–25 – Thanksgiving Holidays – No School

28–Dec. 16 – MAP Testing (Reading & Math) – 1st & 2nd Grades

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Brewton gave the following report:

1. October 14: Adult mentors and student mentees from the Club of Dreamers leadership program convened in the cafeteria as part of the initial meeting for the new school year. During breakfast both groups discussed personal goals and academic progress. The purpose of the mentoring program is for students to develop personal relationships with adults who will support and encourage them throughout the school year.

Grade Level	“A” Honor Roll	“B” Honor Roll	Perfect Attendance	Terrific Kids	Top Five
3	48	76	88	Marializ Coello, Brady Dimsdale, Aubree Davis, Taylor Martin, Ismerelda Zaraut-Alfaro, Knox	Matthew Weathers, Taylor Martin,

				Smith, Jackson McCarley, Abigale Watkins, Eric Perez, Lily Owens, Adam Lawton, Jaci Hudson, Jacob Grimm, Corey Fortner, Miller Patton, Lindsey Gregory	Abigail Watkins, Allie Burden, Payton Burke, Maggie Smoak
4	61	75	85	Melody Early, Hannah Moorman, Samuel Garcia, Andrew Taylor, Cassidy Schiele, Destini Ray, Cassidy Green, Jentzen Fortenberry, Callie Hutchings, Kieleigh Benson, Aidan Barrett, Melvin Del Valle, Rylie Sloan, Leah Brown, Brayden Brown, Jayceon Manning	Bennett Brockman, Leah Brown, Connor Kelley, Courtney Guyton, Ivy Kate Rhodes
5	32	70	81	Kaydee Stites, Seth Lambert, Carter Easler, Leah Hughes, Kaylen Dawkins, Walt Caldwell, Michael Brisco, Juliana Campos, Emma Richards, Drew Vaughn, Konner Grubbs, Lily Martin, Ema Ingle, Dylan Honeman, Austin Lawton, Alicia Vasquez, Jayvion Greer	Emma Richards, Jacob Craig, Brayden Calhoun, Dylan Honeman, Nick McConnell

2. October 18: Make-up pictures were taken for students who were absent for fall pictures.
3. October 19: Students and parents were issued Report Cards for the first nine weeks grading period.
4. October 19: All students participated in Spirit Day events at WES. Accompanied by WHS football coach Trey Elder, senior football players visited the WES campus and signed autographs. Qualifying students also enjoyed cupcakes during lunch in conjunction with the Homework Celebration.
5. October 20: Parent and Teacher Conferences were conducted from 3:00-7:00. 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.
6. October 21: Parent and Teacher Conferences were concluded on the WES campus from 9:00-12:00.
7. October 24-28: Red Ribbon Week activities were observed with students, faculty, and staff members. Events included Wear Red Day (RED-y to be drug free), Superhero Day (SWAT drugs away), Sports Attire Day (Be on a drug free team), Backwards Day (Turn our backs on drugs), and Twin Day (Friends don't let friends do drugs). WES guidance teacher, Ms. Katie Godchaux, led the Red Ribbon Week Activities.
8. October 25: WES held the first nine weeks Awards Day Ceremonies. 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:

9. October 31: The annual Halloween Parade was held on the bus circle for community members and WPS. WES student council members led the parade.

Woodruff Middle School

Mrs. Brown gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures:
 - 6th – 207
 - 7th – 195
 - 8th – 199
2. Interim Reports will be sent home with students Wed., Nov. 16.
3. The 8th grade trip to Washington, DC is November 12-15. 80 students and 9 chaperons are traveling on 2 motor coaches.
4. Sixty-sever 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. Beta Club Induction will be held November 10 at 6:30 in the Gym. 109 new 7th and 8th grade students will be inducted. Student who earn all A's and B's are eligible to join this service organization. The club stresses academic achievement and service to the community.
6. Desirae Sellars, Shane Smith, Westin Ellis, and Lottie Donaldson have been selected to participate in Limestone College's Middle School Honor Band Clinic November 18-19. 43 schools nominated 450 students, and only 160 students were selected.
7. Congratulations to 5 art students who won recognition at the 2016 Piedmont State Fair: Aubrey Carroll (1st, 3rd), Hannah Burgess (2nd), Jena Daniels (3rd), and Grace Cooper and Alexis Woody (honorable mention).
8. Middle school members of the varsity cross country team Maggie Rhodes, Chloe Chandler, Rachel Patterson helped the team qualify for state competition by finishing 6th in upper state completion October 29 at Woodmont High School. Individually, Maggie Rhodes placed 1st overall in 3A upper state girls with a PR of 19:06.
9. The Lady Cubs Volleyball team finished the season as Foothills Conference Division 1 Champions for the third year in a row. The team also captured the Tournament Championship title, ending their season with a 12-1 overall record.
10. Edward Jones sponsors Athlete of the Week recognition for Woodruff Middle School athletes. Fall athletes recognized include Chloe Chandler, cross country; Maddie Grace Runyans, volleyball; Ollie Rhodes, competitive cheer; and Xavier Petty and Andrew Parks, football.

Calendar of Events:

November 8	Election Day- school holiday
November 11	Veteran's Day Program, 9:30 am, gym
November 12-15	Washington, DC Trip for 8 th grade
November 15	Fall Sports banquet, 6:30 pm
November 16	Interim Reports go home
Nov 20-Dec 15	Winter MAP testing for all students
November 21-22	Cubs Classic Basketball Tournament
December 5	Choral Christmas Program, 7 pm, Activity Center
December 8	Band Christmas Program, 7 pm, Activity Center
December 13	Encore exams
December 14	Reading/writing and science exams

December 15
December 16

Math and social studies exams
School Christmas Program, 1:00 pm

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. The SAT (October 1), the PSAT (October 19) and the ASVAB (October 19) were administered at Woodruff High School.
2. First nine weeks report cards were issued on October 19, 2016.
3. WHS held parent teacher conferences on October 18 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM and on October 21 from 9:00 AM to Noon.
4. WHS had a great Spirit Week culminating with Homecoming on October 7, 2016. Students participated in daily dress up themes, special games at break, and the Homecoming Parade. Neely Lambert was crowned Maid of Honor and McClain Wood was crowned Homecoming Queen.
5. The WHS Cadets finished fourth in the 2016 AA Upper State Band Competition. Additionally, the WHS Cadets finished eighth in 2016 AA State Band Competition held on October 29 at Spring Valley High School.
6. The WHS Guidance department held a financial aid workshop for parents and students on October 18th at 6:00 PM.
7. 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 2017 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, 68% of our students have a parent portal account set up, and 83% 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 both middle and high school students. Current enrollment is 7. Project HELP also meets at the Learning Center. Twelve students have received services through HELP with five 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.
6. Data from the spring administration of SC Ready has been analyzed for each grade level and subject area.
7. The SDE has implemented a new method of submitting 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.

Dr. Kim McAbee provided the following report:

1. The SCDE has begun offering SC Teaching Standards 4.0 Rubric training for the new teacher evaluation system called Expanded ADEPT. Training is beginning during the 2016-17 school year to allow ample time to train all evaluators on the new system, which will be fully implemented during 2018-19. After attending a 3-day training, evaluators will be required to pass an online assessment for certification before serving on evaluation teams.
2. Literacy Leadership Teams at each school will review School Literacy Plans and identify three goals on which to focus during the 2017-18 school year. The goals from each school will be incorporated into the District Strategic Plan that will be submitted in April 2017.
3. District Four has been invited to share information regarding "Powerful Practices" at the SC AdvancED Conference in Columbia on November 11th. Seven practices were identified as exemplary by the AdvancED External Review Team during their visit in February 2016.
4. Six administrators and instructional coaches will attend the NWEA Assessment Summit in Columbia on November 14th. NWEA creates the online adaptive assessments called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) that students take in 1st – 10th grades.
5. Miss Patience Schumpert served as certified interpreter to Spanish-speaking parents during the recent parent-teacher conference day. The use of a certified interpreter meets federal guidelines outlined in the Title III program.
6. The Woodruff Baptist Association is interested in supporting schools through the "Heart 4 Schools" initiative, which focuses on three areas: reading mentors, teacher support, and backpack buddies. Representatives will be meeting with principals to determine the areas of need at each school.
7. The Adult Education Program is currently serving 41 students. The morning session serves 18 students in the GED program and 6 students in the diploma program. The evening session serves 17 students in the GED program. One student completed his GED test. Seven students completed the GED preparation classes and are scheduled to take the GED test in November. Twelve WorkKeys certificates have been earned: 1 bronze, 9 silver, 1 gold, and 1 platinum.

Mrs. Mary Johnson provided the following report:

1. Special Education Annual Determination System - South Carolina's Annual Determinations System for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) will add an IDEA Part B Results Driven Accountability (RDA) Component this school year. The existing determinations system includes only IDEA compliance factors. The new determinations system will include five compliance factors and seven performance factors relating to students with disabilities:
2. Compliance Factors (Current)
 1. Timely and Accurate Data Submissions
 2. Fiscal Risk (IDEA Grantee)
 3. Post-secondary Transition Planning and Services
 4. Timely Correction of Noncompliance
 5. Adherence to IDEA Timelines for Initial Evaluations and Part C to B Transition
3. Performance Factors (New)
 1. Graduation Rate
 2. ELA Assessment Performance (grades 3-8)
 3. Math Assessment Performance (grades 3-8)
 4. School Age Least Restrictive Environment
 5. Early Childhood Placement Settings
 6. Suspension Rate
 7. Career Preparation Assessment Performance
4. Child Count - The preliminary Child Count was completed on October 25th. There were 371 Special Education students enrolled in the district. Last year we had 391 student enrolled on the preliminary Child Count date. This is a decrease of 20 students. The attached chart shows

the changes in the areas served between the two years.

5. Vocational Rehabilitation - Vocational Rehabilitation will host a Family Night on November 17th at the Vocational Rehabilitation Office in Spartanburg. They will serve dinner to the students, who attend the Vocational Rehabilitation Center each day, and their parents.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

Superintendent

1. Copies of policies revised at the October meeting were provided for board members to update manuals.
2. The Spartanburg County Oversight Committee (comprised of board chairs from the seven Spartanburg districts) will meet Thursday, Nov. 10 to approve the Minimum Foundation.
3. Joni Phillips and Gordon Godfrey will be representing District Four at the Board Delegate Assembly in December.

BOARD ACTION

1. Approved recommended revisions to board policies GCB – Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation, GCQF-R – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff – Administrative Rule, and GDBC-R – Support Staff Supplementary Pay-Overtime – Administrative Rule
2. Revisions to policy GCC – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences was presented for first reading.