

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING NOTES

October 1, 2018

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, October 1, 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 September 10 meeting were approved.

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for October 2018 was provided.
2. Children's Book Week will be celebrated October 8 – 12. The storybook character parade will be at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 12. We will emphasize the importance of reading throughout the week and welcome many volunteer readers.
3. The teachers will hold conferences with the parents of every student in their classroom during October.
4. Woodruff Primary accepted a George Washington portrait from the Masons of South Carolina. They donate funds from the sale of these portraits to the Juvenile Diabetes Research.
5. Mrs. Little is working with a group of students to publish a school newspaper. They have just completed their first edition which will go home with every student.

Estimated Enrollment for WPS as of 9/25/18

September					
Grade Level	# on Roll	To be placed/Tested	# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	8		0	8	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	2		0	2	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
Full day 3K	52		65	-13	1 McT, 1 -Sheffield & 1 - Moon
4k	157		161	-4	1 -Sheffield & 3 - Moon
5K	201		206	-5	1 - McT & 4 - Humerez
1st	210		216	-6	4 - Humerez & 2 - McT
2nd	201		203	-2	1 - Humerez & 1 - Roebuck Elem
Special Education	9		0	9	Included in Grade Level Count
Moon	4		0	4	Included in Grade Level Count
	844		851	-7	4 -McT, 2 - Sheffield & 1 - Roebuck

October

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

Character Value Emphasis: Cooperation

Career Focus: "On the Move! All Aboard!" (Transportation)

8–12 – Fire Prevention Week

8 – Columbus Day

8–12 – WPS Children’s Book Week; Scholastic Book Fair in Library; National School Lunch Week **Remember to thank our excellent cafeteria staff for all they do!!!*

12 – Storybook Character Parade (9:30 a.m.)

19 – School Family Celebration – Wear School T- Shirts

24 – Make-up Day for School Pictures

25 – Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

26 – Parent/Teacher Conferences (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) – No School for Students

22 – 26 – Red Ribbon Week (Drug Free America)

25 and 26 – Report Cards Issued at conferences (PreK–2nd Grade)

Woodruff Elementary School

Mr. Yount gave the following report:

1. September 3- All students and staff enjoyed the Labor Day Holiday.
2. September 4-11- WES held a Follett Book Fair. The school was able to purchase 77 books and gifted 83 books from the sale
3. September 5-7 was Grandparents Breakfast. We had approximately 400 grandparents over the three days.
4. The following clubs began meeting in September:
 - a) WE Singers began rehearsals on Mondays
 - b) WES Gifted Art Club meets each Tuesday
 - c) Girls Basketball Club meets each Wednesday until October 24
 - d) Science Club every second Thursday of the month
 - e) Boys basketball Club meets every Thursday until October 18
 - f) The Good News Club meets each Tuesday
5. September 14- We had our first MAP PEP RALLY
6. September 17-October 5- Students participated in fall MAP testing.
7. September 17 - Our students celebrated Constitution Day.
8. Special lunches are held each Wednesday.
9. September 19 - Interim Reports were sent home.
10. September 20 - Fall Pictures were taken
11. September 24 - Teachers were treated to homemade milkshakes to celebrate National Milkshake Day.
12. September 26- SEE YOU AT THE POLE was held in the car circle by the flag pole. Students, parents and faculty members participated in a program and a time of prayer for our school. Mr. Adam Knighten facilitated this program.
13. September 28 -The Mason’s did a presentation on the Revolutionary War and presented our school with a portrait of George Washington.
14. September 28- Club of Dreamers. A mentoring program between students and faculty members was kicked off.

Woodruff Middle School

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures:
 - 6th – 230
 - 7th – 193
 - 8th – 210

2. Interims were distributed September 19. First Nine Weeks Report Cards will be sent home with students on October 24, 2018.
3. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 3-7 pm and Friday, October 26, 9-Noon.
4. The PSAT, a practice opportunity for the *Scholastic Aptitude Test*, will be administered at Woodruff Middle School October 10. Results from the PSAT help guide students and parents in course selection for the 9th grade as well as serve as qualifying criteria for Junior Scholar recognition. Currently, 110 are registered to participate in testing.
5. WMS maroon on a Mission co-sponsored a relief drive to assist with the aftermath of Hurricane Florence and raised \$738.63.
6. 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 t-shirt.
7. Arts students Zoe Wampler, Katlyn Donnelly, Cody Martin and Jasmine Pineda have works on display at the Animal Clinic of Woodruff during September and October. These students had works selected to represent our school at the Woodruff Community Center: Lauryn Beeler, Caitlyn Thacker and Daniel Gregory.
8. Smash Ink sponsors Athlete of the Week recognition for Woodruff Middle School athletes. Fall athletes recognized thus far include: Jenna Grace Guker, Adaline Rudder and Nehemiah Cochran.
9. A dance was held Friday, September 21 to help kick-off spirit week from September 24- 28. Dress-up days included: decade day, twin day, pajama day, school colors and frat Friday. A pep rally was held on Thursday, September 27.
10. A "new to WMS" student breakfast was held Tuesday, September 25.
11. Fall MAP testing is underway and should be completed by October 5.

Calendar of Events:

October 10	PSAT test administration
October 23	Parent Conferences, 3pm-7pm
October 24	1 st Nine Weeks report cards
October 26	Parent Conferences (teacher workday) 9am-noon
November 6	Election Day- school holiday
November 10-13	Washington, DC Trip for 8 th grade
<i>November 14</i>	<i>2nd Nine Weeks Interims</i>
<i>November 19-20</i>	<i>Cubs Classic Basketball Tournament at WMS (boys' and girls' teams)</i>
December 11	Choral Program, Activity Center, 7 pm
December 17	Band Program, WMS gym, 630 pm
Dec 22-Jan 6	Christmas Holidays

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. We are targeting areas in Math, English, Science, and Social Studies for WIN, ACT, and EOC testing in the spring. Teachers are examining curriculum to insure all state standards are addressed.
2. Teachers have been calling the parents of students that have a failing grade. We are making every effort to ensure that parents are informed and that each student graduates with a post-graduation plan.
3. On September 19, Woodruff High School hosted over 60 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.

4. The Woodruff High School Teens for Christ club participated and sponsored the annual See You at the Pole (SYATP) rally on September 26 before school. Approximately 60 people attended the event that featured encouragement and prayer.
5. Several WHS Clubs/Organizations combined their efforts to raise money for people impacted by the recent hurricanes. Over \$1000 was raised and a donation will be made to the SC Baptist Disaster Relief Fund.

Instructional Reports

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. All districts and schools in South Carolina must verify that they meet State Board of Education Regulations, SC Code of Laws, and Accreditation Standards on a yearly basis. Since District Four holds AdvancED Accreditation and is in “good standing” with this accrediting agency, the SCDE will accept documentation for this purpose. All schools must submit this documentation by October 15.
2. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled at the end of the first 9-week reporting period. In order to accommodate parents’ work schedules, morning and evening appointments are available. Woodruff Middle School and Woodruff High School will have conferences from 3:00 – 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 23. Woodruff Primary School and Woodruff Elementary School will have conferences from 3:00 – 7:00pm on Thursday, October 25. All schools will have times available on Friday, October 26 from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Report cards, SC Ready results, and SC PASS results will be given to parents at these meetings.
3. District Literacy Team members and administrators will be visiting ELA classrooms in October. The purpose is to increase collaboration and create a more cohesive literacy alignment between the exit and entry grades at the various schools. Visits will occur between 2nd and 3rd grades, 5th and 6th grades, and 8th and 9th grades.
4. The High School 3D Display will be held at the Chapman Cultural Center on October 21 – November 15. This exhibit will include 3D artwork from all high schools in Spartanburg County.
5. Compassionate Schools and Resiliency trainings are available to employees in District Four. Ten employees participated in the 3-day training during the summer. Three employees have registered for a 1-day training in October. Plans are for all first year teachers to participate in a 1-day training during their induction year.
6. Employee Health Screenings and Flu Clinic are available to employees on Friday, October 26, which is a Parent-Teacher Conference Day.

Mrs. Britt McKinney and Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following joint report:

1. The Power School Parent Portal is fully operational. In an effort to reach more parents, each school will have a representative available during the Unity in the Community event on October 5.
2. The technology department is currently being restructured regarding job responsibilities as well as current systems and software in place. In the coming meetings, we will come forward with bids regarding technology recommendations.
3. All identified English Language Learners (ELL) and Gifted Students (GT) are receiving services and are properly coded in PowerSchool.
4. Fall MAP testing for Woodruff Elementary School and Woodruff Middle School will complete on Friday, October 5. These fall scores will be used within the new software, *Exact Path*, to provide an individualized learning experience.

5. The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has developed a systematic release of district test data. We still await the release of AP, SAT, and ACT scores. End of Course examinations (EOC) and Ready to Work (R2W) scores have been released and are attached for review.
6. State school report cards will release to the public on November 15. This report card will reflect the new ESSA Accountability Model.
7. State mandated preschool and kindergarten assessments are well underway. PALS (4k) and KRA (5k) will be completed on or before October 22.

Mrs. Mary Johnson provided the following report:

1. Table 8 - Each district is required to submit a report of their Coordinated Early Intervention Services (CEIS). This report is due October 12th. CEIS are services provided to students in kindergarten through grade 3 who need additional academic and behavioral supports to succeed in the general education environment, but are not currently identified as needing special education or related services. These services are funded by IDEA or Special Education funds. They include:
 - a. professional development for teachers and other school staff to enable such personnel to deliver scientifically based academic and behavioral interventions, including scientifically based literacy instruction, and, where appropriate, instruction on the use of adaptive and instructional software; and
 - b. providing educational and behavioral evaluations, services, and supports, including scientifically based literacy instruction.
2. Child Count - Funding to educate special education students is based on the number of students enrolled. So each district must submit an unduplicated count of students being served to the Office of Exceptional Children. A Preliminary Count is due on October 23 and a Final Count is due on November 9.
3. 13th Annual Mayor Awareness Walk and Roll - The Mayor's Annual Walk and Roll will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2018. The theme for this year is "Empowering All: Embrace Your Superhero!" The Walk will begin at the Downtown Clock Tower in Spartanburg at 9:30 a.m. The Program will be held at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium at 10:30 a.m.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

BOARD ACTION

1. Approved bid to install awning at WMS.
2. Approved revisions to the following policies: AC – Nondiscrimination, GBA – Open Hiring – Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action, GBC – Staff Compensation, GCB – Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation, GCC – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences, GCE – Professional Staff Recruitment, GCEC – Posting and Advertising of Professional Vacancies, GCF – Professional Staff Hiring, GCO – Evaluation of Professional Staff, GCO-R – Evaluation of Administrative Staff – Admin Rule, GCOA-R – Evaluation of Instructional Staff – Admin Rule, GCQE – Retirement of Professional Staff, GDC – Support Staff Leaves and Absences, GDF – Support Staff Hiring, GDQC – Retirement of Support Staff, IG – Curriculum Development, Adoption and Review, IHAM – Health Education, IHBA – Special Education – Programs for Disabled Students, IKA-R – Grading-Assessment Systems

– Admin Rule, IKADD – Credit Recovery, IKADD-R – Credit Recovery – Admin Rule, IKF – Graduation Requirements, IKF-R – Graduation Requirement – Admin Rule, IKFC – Employability Credential, IKFC-R – Employability Credential – Admin Rule, JFAB – Nonresident Students, JHCB – Released Time for Religious Instruction, JRA-R – Student