

SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING

May 2, 2016

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Agenda notices were distributed to Spartanburg Herald Journal and listed on the District website at spartanburg4.org.

Minutes of the April 11 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:

- Patiance Vaughn – WPS Grade 2 for “Rainbow Bird”
- Bethany Stankus – WES Grade 4 for “Spring Sparrow in the Woods”
- Silas Newton – WMS Grade 8 for “Girl in Jacket”
- Cayla Crowder – WHS Grade 12 for “Rusty Memories”

The following reports were given:

Woodruff Primary School

1. Calendar of Events for May 2016 is attached.
2. On April 21, 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, April 29.
3. Maggie Smoak was selected as the Terrific Kid of the Year. She is a second grader in Mrs. Erin Gambrell’s class. Maggie’s parents, Jonathan and Julie Smoak, attended the Terrific Kid luncheon sponsored by Kiwanis Club at the First Baptist Church in Spartanburg.
4. The students loved the Stone Soup storytellers.
5. Gifted Art and Music screening was conducted in April. Students chosen to participate in those programs at WES will be notified before the end of school.
6. In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, we provided some type of treat for the staff every day to express gratitude for what they do for the students.
7. JoAnn Brasington graciously agreed to do our SIC Report to Parents brochure. The brochure contains a variety of information about the 2015-16 school year and goals for the upcoming school year.
8. Second graders will tour WES on Monday, May 16.
9. Summer School will begin June 6th and end on June 24.

Early Head Start – 7

Family Literacy - 3 (minus 1 MC)

½ day pm 3k – 7

Full day 3k – 61 (minus 2 preregistered for 2016-2017)

4k – 153 (minus Kennedy’s 7)

K – 206 (minus Harvey’s 2)

1st – 211 (minus Harvey’s 1)

2nd – 205 (minus 2 MC and Harvey’s 5)

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

Total = 866

May

Character Value Emphasis: Perseverance

Career Focus: "What's Up Doc?" (Health Services)

2 – 6 – Teacher Appreciation Week, MAP Testing

4 – School Nurses' Day

12 – "Night of the Stars"

16 – 18 – Humane Society program for K – 2nd

17 – WIDA visit

17 - 19 – 1st Grade to Hatcher Gardens

19 – Volunteer Brunch

20 – 3K Program - 9:00am all classes

24th – 4K Program

8:30 am – Mrs. Carden, Ms. Coones, Mrs. Harmon & Ms. Waters

9:30 am – Mrs. Childers, Ms. Edwards, Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. Taylor & Ms. Osteen

24th - Last Full Day of School

25, 26, 27 – Half Days for Students

25 – Kindergarten Graduation

8:30 am – Mrs. Dover, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Lunsford, & Ms. Neely

9:30 am – Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Brown, Ms. Scherbarth, Ms. Sexton & Ms. Harvey

26 - First Grade Awards Day – 8:30 am all classes

27 – Second Grade Awards Day – 8:30 am all classes

27 - Last Day for Students

Woodruff Elementary School

Mrs. Brewton gave the following report:

Current Enrollment	3 rd Grade – 207
	4 th Grade – 192
	5 th Grade – 200
	Total 599

1. April 14: Mock Testing (Science): Fourth and fifth grade students participated in the final mock science PASS test. The practice session provide students with an opportunity to experience a simulated testing environment prior to actual testing in May. Third grade students do not take state science assessments.
2. April 15: Stone Soup Storytellers: Members of the Stone Soup Storyteller group visited the campus of WES. Third grade students were entertained by the storytellers in the media center.
3. April 15: Mock Testing (Social Studies): Fourth and fifth grade students participated in the final mock social studies PASS test. The practice provides students with an opportunity to experience a simulated state testing format. Third grade students do not take state social studies assessments.
4. April 18: Terrific Kids Banquet: Ty'Shana Rogers, a fifth grade student in Mrs. Eden Young's class represented WES at the annual Terrific Kids Banquet at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. She attended this event with her mother, her teacher, Dr. Liston, and Mrs. Brewton. Other students from other Spartanburg County Primary and Elementary schools were also recognized.
5. April 19: Woodruff County Library Visit: A representative from the Woodruff County Library visited WES students during lunch for the purpose of distributing summer reading information.
6. April 20: Club of Dreamers Field Trip to SMC: Members of the Club of Dreamers and their mentors visited the campus of Spartanburg Methodist College. Students were led on a campus

tour by members of the college staff. The trip exposed students to college life in order to encourage them to set academic and personal goals for the future.

7. April 20: 3rd Grade Field Trip: Students traveled to the Chapman Cultural Center to see the play, *Peter and the Wolf*.
8. April 25: Star Seekers Program: 135 students were recognized for outstanding reading and writing accomplishments for the school year. This formal event was held in the District 4 Activity Center.
9. April 26: SC Ready Testing – Session 1 (Writing): WES students participated in state standardized testing for Session 1. During this writing assessment students read a piece of text or passage and used text to compose their written extended responses while citing evidence from the text.
10. April 27: SC Ready Testing – Session 2 (Reading): During this testing session students read a piece of text or passage and chose the best answer from the answer choices, supported their responses with evidence from the text, selected multiple evidence statements, placed multiple steps in correct sequence, and placed multiple punctuation marks correctly.
11. April 28: SC Ready State Testing – Mathematics: Students selected their responses from a list of possible answer options.

Woodruff Middle School

Mrs. Denise Brown gave the following report:

1. Enrollment figures: 6th- 191
7th- 194
8th- 194
2. Final report cards will be mailed home May 28.
3. The Woodruff Middle School Chorus earned an “Excellent” rating at the Carowinds Choral Festival April 16.
4. 34 sixth graders received TDap immunizations at the DHEC Clinic held at the school on April 14. Additional reminders will be provided to rising 7th graders who still lack this immunization.
5. The ENGAGE Banquet is scheduled for May 19. Girls and their guests will enjoy fellowship and a catered meal and comments from Teen Miss South Carolina Sarah Hamrick.
6. All IGP’s (individual graduation plans) for current 8th graders have been completed and recorded in the PowerSchool database. Guidance counselor Tracy Lawson offered conference appointments to all 8th grade parents and conducted 78 parent meetings.
7. SCPASS testing in-service will be provided to teachers Monday, May 2.
8. Congratulations to spring Athlete of the Week recipients Trey Howard, golf; Lillie Rhodes, JV Girls Soccer; Omarion McKelvin, Track; and BJ Bailey, JV Baseball. These student-athletes receive a t-shirt and a certificate from the Edward Jones Investment Company.
9. 18 of the 81 students identified as Duke TIP Scholars participated in either SAT or ACT testing as part of the talent identification program.

Calendar of Events:

May 2-6	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 3	Rotary Choral Program, 7 pm, Activity Center
May 5	Rotary Band Program, 7 pm, Activity Center
May 11	PASS Science
May 12	PASS Social Studies
May 12	Gifted Art Show at the Woodruff Public Library, 6-7 pm
May 13	5 th gr Tour of WMS
May 13	Yearbook Day
May 17	End-of-Course Algebra I

May 17	7 th grade field trip to Biltmore House
May 18	End-of-Course English I
May 18-20	Book Fair in Media Center
May 17-19	Mini Cheer Camp at WMS
May 19	ENGAGE Banquet
May 20	School concerts, 1:30pm
May 23-24	Encore Exams
May 25	Half Day 6 th Grade Awards Day, 9:30 am Exams for 7 th and 8 th graders
May 26	Half Day 7 th Grade Awards Day, 9:30 am Exams for 6 th and 8 th graders
May 27	Half Day 8 th Grade Awards Day, 9:30 am Exams for 6 th and 7 th graders

Woodruff High School

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. On April 16 the NAHS and the WHS Wellness Committee hosted the second annual Howell Scholarship Color Run. Over 170 participated in the walk/run and there were 23 business sponsors. The event raised \$1,500 dollars for the Howell Scholarship.
2. Third year high school students took the ACT on April 19. This is a state mandated test and allows our students to take the test one time for free.
3. The 2015 Prom was held on April 23. The Prom theme was “Great Gatsby” and was attended by 295 people. Makayla Brown was crowned Prom Queen and Hunter Barnett was crowned Prom King.
4. The Archibald Rutledge Award is given to the top visual arts senior student in South Carolina planning on attending a college in the state. Lizzie McCallion has been awarded the Archibald Rutledge Award for the 2015-2016 school year. Additionally, Alexis Lyda has been named the first alternate.

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 15. State testing is being provided to applicable students at Fresh Start and HELP. Currently, 4 Express students have completed diploma requirements, and one more is projected to complete diploma requirements.
2. ACT was administered to Woodruff High School juniors on April 19. SCReady was administered to grades 3-8 on April 26—April 28. SCPass will be administered in May. End-of-course exams will be 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, Scholars Academy, and Adult Ed diploma students as applicable. In addition, Advanced Placement exams will be administered to appropriate students at WHS from May 2 —May 12.
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 30 at the District 4 Activity Center. Vouchers will be given to students during school registration which will entitle them to receive free school supplies and services donated by local churches and community organizations.
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 16-17 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 30 to address all required components.
8. Plans for summer school at all four schools have been finalized. All extended year programs will begin on June 6. In addition, WES and WPS will provide Summer Reading Camps for selected students through third grader in an effort to enable them to read on grade level.
9. The Federal and State Accountability Committee will meet on May 5 to review all federal and state programs.
10. School textbook coordinators have submitted all textbook pre-orders during the three ordering cycles.
11. The seven districts in Spartanburg County are partnering with USC Upstate in offering G/T and R2S courses for teachers during the summer.
12. All district administrators attended a special meeting to discuss the implications of the newly adopted 10-point grading scale. A plan to communicate to students and parents is being developed.

Dr. Kim McAbee provided the following report:

1. The District Literacy Leadership Team collected required data and created seven goals as part of the District Literacy Plan. The plan was submitted to the SC Department of Education on April 22. Each school will form a School Literacy Leadership Team to complete data collection and create school-level goals. School Literacy Plans are due September 1.
2. The annual update to the five-year District Strategic Plan was submitted on April 29.
3. The Title III/ESOL monitoring visit has been rescheduled for May 17. The State Director of Title III/ESOL programs will examine documents, visit schools, and interview teachers to ensure the district is in compliance with federal guidelines related to these programs.
4. The Spartanburg Academic Movement released SAM Chapter 2 “Collective Impact” in April, as it continues to report on academic progress in Spartanburg County. This year, the Kindergarten Success Collaborative Action Network has concentrated on school readiness. The next collaborative action network will be “College/Career Ready High School Graduation.”
5. The Adult Education Program is currently serving 85 students. The morning session serves 44 students in the GED program and 18 students in the diploma program. The evening session serves 23 students in the GED program. Eight students are enrolled in GED Academy, an online learning program, which started March 7. To date, the following “Career Ready Credentials” have been awarded in WorkKeys: 1 gold, 14 silver, and 10 bronze. The last WorkKeys assessments are scheduled on May 4 and May 9.
6. Induction teachers have completed all requirements of the Induction Class, including the long-range plan and unit work sample.
7. Screenings for gifted and talented music and art have been conducted over the last month and will be completed by May 6.

8. Woodruff Friends of the Library Gifted Art Show and Reception is scheduled for May 12 (6:00 – 7:00pm). The show will highlight artwork from Woodruff Middle School and Woodruff High School.
9. Woodruff Middle School and Woodruff High School teachers have the opportunity to take the two courses required for gifted and talented endorsement through Converse College. These courses are online and funded through the SC Department of Education.
10. Six virtual English Language Arts professional learning sessions will be available to middle level and secondary teachers this summer (June 14 – June 22). These sessions will support the implementation of the SC College and Career Ready Standards for English Language Arts. Teachers may receive recertification credits for participation in these online sessions.

Ms. Mary Johnson reported the following:

1. Transition Alliance
The Transition Alliance held its monthly meeting on April 14, 2016. Information was presented on two Transition Programs: Achieve and Charles Lea Center's Independent Living Training Program.
2. Achieve
Achieve is an organization with the goal of putting people to work through paid work experiences. This organization provides life skill training. Achieve provide's transportation to and from home and offers free Driver's Education training, so students can eventually transport themselves to work. They offer GED training Monday through Thursday, followed by work experience training after GED hours and during the summer.
3. Charles Lea Center's Independent Living Training
The goal of Charles Lea Center's Independent Living Training is to help students transition to living independently in their own apartment. Currently there are about 70 people in Spartanburg in the program. The Charles Lea Center uses technology, including cameras, and door and window monitors to monitor apartments, in order to provide more independent living opportunities. In order to become a part of this program students are placed on a waiting list when they are in elementary school.
4. Parent Resource Night
The Transition Alliance will host Parent and Student Resource Night on May 19, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 at the Vocational Rehabilitation Center on 353 South Church Street. This event is being held to provide an opportunity for parents and students to explore the resources available to help youth transition from school to college and/or independent adult living.

Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

Superintendent

Dr. Liston reported the following:

1. The end-of-year teacher luncheons will be held in May.
2. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6. Muffins and bagels will be provided at all schools on
 - a. Wednesday morning.
2. Retirees will be recognized at the June meeting.
3. Budget Public Hearing and Board Meeting will be held June 27.
4. No board meeting in July.
5. Copies were provided of an article from newspaper regarding the State Retirement Systems.

BOARD ACTION

1. Approved reroofing bid for WHS.
2. Approved LED lighting at WPS, WES, District Office and Learning Center.
3. Approved the following personnel for 2016-2017:
 - a. Aerial Wheeler – WES Teacher/Coach
 - b. Sharon West – WMS Teacher
 - c. Britt McKinney – WMS/WHs Literacy Specialist
 - d. John Harper – WHS Teacher/Coach
 - e. Joseph Babcock – School Psychologist