

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING NOTES

December 3, 2018

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, December 3, 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](http://spartanburg4.org/do/agenda).

Chairman Milton Smith called the meeting to order. Minutes of the November 5 meeting were approved.

Accounting firm Cherry, Bekaert presented audit information. District Four once again received a clean audit and qualified as a low risk auditee.

The following reports were given:

## Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for December 2018 is attached.
2. MAP testing began on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, for our first and second graders.
3. "Visit with Santa" is on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The students can make gifts for family members, write letters to Santa, enjoy goodies, and have their picture made with Santa.
4. Our staff graciously donated over \$1110.00 to United Way.
5. An Everyday Mathematics representative visited WPS on November 13<sup>th</sup>. She demonstrated lessons in kindergarten, first grade, and second grade. The teachers had an opportunity to meet with Ms. Livotti after the observations.
6. Family Engagement Days will be December 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>. Parents will be invited to visit classrooms for special events planned by the teachers and students. According to a parent survey, 89% of the parents prefer the structure of Family Engagement Days as opposed to Success Days.

### **Enrollment as of 11/29/18**

Grade Level	# on Roll	# in PS	Difference	Why
Early Head Start	15	0	15	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
1/2 day 3K	4	0	4	Included in 3K Grade Level Count
Full day 3K	59	81	-22	1 McT, 1 -Sheffield & 1 - Moon
4k	158	162	-4	1 -Sheffield & 3 - Moon
5K	204	209	-5	1 - McT & 4 - Humerez
1st	208	216	-8	6 - Humerez & 2 - McT
2nd	204	206	-2	1 - Humerez & 1 - Roebuck Elem
Special Education	11	0	11	Included in Grade Level Count
Moon	4	0	4	Included in Grade Level Count
	867	874	-7	4 -McT, 2 - Sheffield & 1 - Roebuck

## **December**

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

**Character Value Emphasis: Caring**

**Career Focus: "Lend a Helping Hand" (Human Services)**

November 26-December 7 – MAP Testing (Reading & Math) – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades

6 – Visit with Santa (4:00 – 6:00)

17 – 20 – Family Engagement Days (1:00)

- 17 - 3K and 4K
- 18 – 5K
- 19 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- 20 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

21 – Polar Express Day; Class Christmas Parties

24–31 – Christmas Holidays – No School for Students

### **Woodruff Elementary School**

Mr. Yount gave the following report:

1. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> our 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks Terrific Kid Luncheon was held in the WES Media Center. Terrific Kid recipients were also recognized during our 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks Awards Program on October 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. On November 5<sup>th</sup> Mr. George Reitmier and his wife Faith visited WES to speak with our SOAR students about Veteran’s Day.
3. On November 9<sup>th</sup> WES recognized veterans with our Veteran’s Day Program that was held in the Activity Center.
4. Our PTO Thunderbash took place in the Activity Center on November 13<sup>th</sup>.
5. Donuts for Dads was held on November 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> in the WES Media Center. 558 parents and students attended this three-day event.
6. On November 20<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at WES held their Living History Museum. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students dressed a historical figures and shared information about these historical figures with other students and parent visitors.

### **Woodruff Middle School**

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures:

6<sup>th</sup> – 226

7<sup>th</sup> – 194

8<sup>th</sup> – 221

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks report cards will be sent home January 9.
3. A “spirited” canned food drive was held prior to Thanksgiving. The Carolina vs Clemson concept yielded a huge donation to the Woodruff Soup Kitchen. Additionally, student council helped serve a Thanksgiving meal at the Woodruff Soup Kitchen on November 20 and Maroon on a Mission volunteered on a Saturday.
4. Beta Club is sponsoring a Toys for Tots drive sponsored by the United States Marines.
5. 11 students were recognized with a special lunch on November 19 for receiving “maximum” SC READY test scores.
6. 42 students were recognized as November PROWL students of the month for “motivation”. Each student received a breakfast doughnut at school and a personalized post card was mailed home.
7. Writers showcase recognized 46 students in November. ELA classes were represented by 23 students and also 23 from social studies/science. This emphasizes the importance of literacy in all curriculums.

### **Calendar of Events:**

Dec. 5 Maroon on a Mission

Dec. 11 Choral Concert – 7:00 pm Activity Center

Dec. 11 ENGAGE

Dec. 17 Band Concert – 6:00 pm WMS gym

Dec. 18 Band/choral school concert 9am

Dec. 19	Writing/ENCORE exams
Dec. 19	Lego club
Dec. 20	Math and Social Studies Exams
Dec. 21	Reading and Science Exams

### **Woodruff High School**

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. The registration process for the 2019-2020 school year is already underway. Pre-registration packets are under development with pre-registration to begin in January.
2. Teachers continue to focus on curriculum standards in preparation for EOC, Ready to Work, and ACT testing.
3. On November 9, WHS held a Veteran's Day Program. The WHS concert band and the Girls' Ensemble performed patriotic songs. James Mulak, a combat veteran, encouraged students to love and serve their country.
4. Interim progress reports were distributed on November 14, 2018.
5. The National Art Honor Society sponsored an Empty Bowls lunch on Sunday, November 11. The benefit raised \$589 for the Woodruff Soup Kitchen.
6. The WHS Student Council sponsored a canned food drive to benefit Helping Hands in the week leading up to thanksgiving. Over 1200 items were collected and donated.
7. On November 16, WHS Freshmen had the opportunity to tour R.D. Anderson Technical Center in preparation for scheduling classes for the 2019-2020 school year.
8. The Chorus Winter Concert will be held on December 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the District Four Activity Center.
9. The Band Concert will be held on December 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Woodruff High School Gym. Additionally, the band will march in the Woodruff Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 9, and the Spartanburg Christmas parade on Tuesday, December 11.
10. The WHS Band, Chorus and Girl's Ensemble will all perform on December 13 at Woodruff High School for the school's Christmas Program.

### **Instructional Reports**

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. Induction, annual, and continuing contract teachers will have mid-year conferences with building administrators to review progress toward student learning objectives (SLOs) and results of classroom observations. Classroom observations are based on the SC Teaching Standards 4.0 rubric. Results will be entered into the SC LEAD data management system, which will be signed by teachers and administrators.
2. Continuing contract teachers who rate 3s (proficient) and 4s (exemplary) on their classroom observations will have second semester observations waived. Teachers who rate 1s (unsatisfactory) and 2s (needs improvement) will participate in a full evaluation cycle second semester. If they continue to rate 1s and 2s during the second semester, they will create a professional development goal to be implemented the next school year.
3. Induction teachers will meet on Monday, December 10 for their fourth class session. Mrs. Angie Gilbert, District Four ESOL teacher, will present ways to differentiate instruction in meeting the needs of English Learners.
4. Principals will present evidence/documentation they are meeting the required standards under PADEPP, the SC principal evaluation system. They will enter results and sign evaluation forms in SC LEAD. These conferences will be conducted prior to Christmas break.
5. Colleges and universities are beginning to schedule teacher recruitment fairs for December and May graduates. Representatives from District Four will attend fairs at Anderson University on Tuesday, January 15 (10:00 – 11:30am), USC Upstate on Saturday, January 26 (9am – 12pm), and North Greenville on Monday, February 11 (3 – 5pm).

6. District Four art students will display with Spartanburg County Districts One and Seven on November 29 – January 6. The reception for this show will be held on Tuesday, December 18.
7. All schools have provided “Stop the Bleed” training for staff members. Each school received kits to place in strategic locations in case of an emergency.
8. Schools distributed the letter to parents and guardians regarding the 6 cases of measles in Spartanburg County as requested by DHEC.

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 (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>), 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. Schools are formatively assessing students with MAP during December. MAP assists teachers in identifying student strengths and weaknesses as well as enables the targeting of instruction. MAP also provides a predictability model that gives the probability of a student meeting or exceeding state standards on SC Ready in May.
2. School report card release, which featured the new Accountability Model for South Carolina, was released on Thursday, November 29, 2018. The report card release was delayed due to errors in files concerning the School Quality category for all report cards. (See article regarding *South Carolina to Pursue Legal Action, Financial Action after State Report Card Release is Postponed*). Schools were rated using the following categories:
  - Elementary and Middle School: Academic Achievement, Preparing for Success, English Learners’ Progress, Student Progress, and School Quality.
  - High School: Academic Achievement, Preparing for Success, English Learners’ Progress, Graduation Rate, College & Career Readiness, and School Quality.
  - Report Card Ratings for Woodruff Elementary School, Woodruff Middle School, and Woodruff High School are attached. (Woodruff Primary School will not receive a report card.)

Mrs. Mary Johnson provided the following report:

### Exceptional South Carolina Tax Credit

These are the details of the funds available for Special Education students that I mentioned in our November Board Meeting. The state is providing an Educational Credit or Exceptional Needs Children's Fund, which provides scholarship grants of up to \$11,000 or the cost of tuition, whichever is less, for each qualifying student. Only \$2 million available, and it's given on a first-come, first-serve basis. It's a refundable credit, which means that if it exceeds what a taxpayer owes in state income tax, the taxpayer gets a check for the difference. There have been 122 schools approved by the Education Oversight Committee to participate in this program. Six of those schools are in Spartanburg County; they are the Brilliant Minds Academy, HOPE Academy, Montessori Academy, Oakbrook Preparatory School, Spartanburg Christian Academy, and Spartanburg Day School. The fee for one school in the area for educating an autistic student is \$25,350 per student. I have attached the itemized list of the charges below.

- Academics-\$12,000
- Tuition-\$10,000
- Registration-\$200,
- \$130 supplies,
- Field Trip-\$50-\$100,
- Field Trip T-shirt-\$50-\$100,
- Transportation-within the district-\$705,
- Late Stay-\$2115

### Facilities

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

### Superintendent

1. SCSBA Delegate Assembly in Charleston December 7-9
2. Provided Poinsettia for each board member as a small token of appreciation
3. Provided copies of 19-20 personnel timeline, certified letter of intent, non-certified letter of intent
4. Provided copies of revised policy ADF School Wellness for board member manuals
5. Provided technology use information from each school and district office staff on technology needs

### BOARD ACTION

1. Approved purchase of Meraki Access Points for WES, WMS, WHS.
2. January Board meeting will be held Monday January 14.