

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING NOTES

February 4, 2019

The District 4 Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Monday, February 4, 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 January 14 meeting were approved.

The following reports were given:

## Woodruff Primary School

Mrs. Hodge gave the following report:

1. Calendar of Events for February 2019 is attached.
2. Preschool enrollment is scheduled for March 14, 2019. We will enroll students for 3K, 4K, and any new kindergartners for the 2018-2019 school year.
3. Healthy Smiles checked all the children's teeth on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. They send letters home to parents of children with any issues.
4. We have completed PALS testing for 4K. We will administer the online test again at the end of the year.
5. Casey Dover and Ann Hodge attended the Educator Recruitment fairs at Anderson University and USC Upstate. The Anderson Fair was on January 15<sup>th</sup> and the USC Upstate Fair was on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.
6. Sarah Little, Starr Chastain, Carrie Winesett, and Ebony Robinson heard Dr. Katie Kelly speak at the Furman Consortium on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Katie Kelly is a former elementary teacher and literacy coach and currently serves as an Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Literacy Graduate Program at Furman University. She has co-authored two books: *Smuggling Writing: Strategies that Get Students to Write Every Day, in Every Content Area* and *From Pencils to Podcasts: Digital Tools to Transform K-12 Literacy Practices*.
7. The second grade teachers were very excited to find out they will be getting additional Ipads to use in their classrooms.

## Enrollment

January					
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	58		80	-22	1 McT, 1 -Sheffield & 1 - Moon
4k	159		164	-5	1 -Sheffield & 4 - Moon
5K	205		210	-5	1 - McT & 4 - Humerez
1st	211		219	-8	6 - Humerez & 2 - McT
2nd	202		205	-3	2 - Humerez & 1 - Roebuck Elem
Special Education	12		0	12	Included in Grade Level Count
Moon	9		0	9	Included in Grade Level Count
	871		878	-7	4 -McT, 2 - Sheffield & 1 - Roebuck

## February

**\*\*Look for information this month about the WPS Science Fair.**

**Community Project: Spartanburg Children's Shelter**

**Character Value Emphasis: Problem Solving**

**Career Focus: "Scientist at Work" (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)**

1–28<sup>th</sup> – Black History Month; National Children’s Dental Health Month

4-8 – National School Counseling Week *\*We love you, Mrs. Sheffield!*

6 – Interim Reports Issued for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

14 – Valentine’s Day Parties

18–22 – Custodian Appreciation Week *\*WPS Custodians are the very best! Thank them for keeping our school so clean for us every day.*

22 – School Family Celebration – Wear School T-Shirts

25–March 1 – Dr. Seuss Week

27—Spring picture day (all grades)

**Woodruff Elementary School**

Mr. Yount gave the following report:

Enrollment: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- 217, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- 229, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- 210, Total- 656

1. **January 9** – WES issues Report Cards for the second nine week grading period.
2. **January 11-** Students who earned the second nine weeks Homework Celebration and Spirit Day were treated to a movie and a treat.
3. **January 15-** WES hosted the Second Nine Weeks Awards Day. We had 157 All A Honor Students (3<sup>rd</sup>- 49, 4<sup>th</sup> -64 and 5<sup>th</sup> – 43), 226 B Honor Roll students (3<sup>rd</sup>- 74, 4<sup>th</sup> - 74, and 5<sup>th</sup> – 78), 191 students with Perfect Attendance (3<sup>rd</sup> – 54, 4<sup>th</sup> – 69 and 5<sup>th</sup> – 68).
4. **January 18** – Students earning Terrific Kid were treated to Chick-fil-A lunch.
5. **January 21-** WES students and teachers celebrated the Martin Luther King Holiday
6. **January 22&24-** WES students participated in a Mock Reading Test.
7. **January 29&30-** WES students participated in a Mock Math Test.

**Woodruff Middle School**

Mr. Lawson gave the following report:

1. Current enrollment figures: 6<sup>th</sup> -229 7<sup>th</sup> – 194 8<sup>th</sup>- 212
2. Interim reports for 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks will go home February 6.
3. WIDA testing begins February 21.
4. Justin Ridings is the school’s Geography Bee winner. Connor Thacker placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ben Burden placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Bee was held Jan 31.
5. Brayden Calhoun is the school’s Spelling Bee champion and will compete in the regional bee February 16 at USC-Upstate.
6. The county-wide ceremony honoring Junior Scholars is February 28 at Converse at 6 pm.
7. The CLAW time after school program began January 15 with ELA meeting on Tuesday and math on Wednesday.
8. Winter sport Athlete of the Week recognition for Woodruff Middle School athletes includes: Ben McKinney, Kylie Hitchcock, Nick McConnell, Jenna Guker.
9. Genaro De La Garza finished 2nd in the middle school state wrestling tournament.
10. The Foothills Conference Basketball Tournament began January 31. Woodruff Middle School’s boys and girls each hosted first round games.

**Calendar of Events:**

February 6 Interims issued

February 8 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to white water

February 11-15	Book Fair in Media Center
February 12	ENGAGE meeting until 4:30
February 18	student attendance day
February 23	Citizen Scholars meets
February 27	WMS winter awards program 6pm
February 28	Junior Scholar ceremony 6pm at Converse

### **Woodruff High School**

Dr. Aaron Fulmer reported the following:

1. WHS Guidance Counselors continue to meet with students and parents to make individual plans for the 2019-2020 school year that coordinate with the long term goals of the students.
2. Woodruff Middle School Eighth Graders toured WHS on January 11, 2019. Student Council members acted as guides and the students were given an overview of the school as well as encouraged to begin thinking about post-secondary goals.
3. Woodruff High School held the annual eighth grade parents' night on January 14, 2019. Parents were given an overview of the academic options at Woodruff High School and given an opportunity to ask questions of administrators and counselors.
4. Mr. Joe Federspiel, Career Development Facilitator, has been coordinating career encounters at lunch. He contacts and schedules representatives from various careers to answer questions and talk to students during the lunch period. A variety of careers have been represented including professional, technical, and the armed forces.
5. On January 26, 2019, Woodruff High School hosted the South Carolina Band Director Association Region Band Competition. This full day competition was used to select the best Middle and High School band musicians across our region. Approximately 1000 students from five counties participated in the competition. Four students from District Four were named to the All Region band.

### **Instructional Reports**

Dr. Kim McAbee reported the following:

1. Administrators attended the Anderson University Spring Education Networking Event on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> and USC Upstate Career Fair on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. They plan to attend the North Greenville Educator Fair on February 11<sup>th</sup>.
2. District Four utilizes the SC Online Educator Employment System through the CERRA website. CERRA is the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, & Advancement. In addition to recruitment, CERRA offers other programs, such as the Teaching Fellows program and the Mentoring and Induction program.
3. First year teachers have been participating in monthly induction classes. These classes review the SC Teaching Standards and prepare them to be successful during the team evaluations in the annual contract year (year 2). They have two remaining classes on February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup> to complete their requirements.
4. Eleven educators with certificates expiring June 30, 2019 are completing coursework for certificate renewal.
5. Procedures for renewing teaching licenses will be reviewed with faculties through presentations in February. As the SCDE has implemented new requirements, the process for adding certificate renewal points, class upgrades, and endorsements has changed.

6. Literacy Coaches from Woodruff Primary and Woodruff Elementary Schools are beginning to plan the Read to Succeed Summer Reading Camps. They will be attending a R2S Summer Reading Camp Symposium on February 7<sup>th</sup> to learn about requirements of the program.
7. Youth Art Month at the Chapman Cultural Center is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>. Artwork from all Spartanburg County schools will be on display during this exhibit.
8. Registration for the 2019-20 school year will be held on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at all schools.

Mrs. Britt McKinney provided the following report:

1. The Learning Center is currently serving thirteen students. Three students for the FY19 school year have completed courses for graduation.
2. Spartanburg County will recognize Junior Scholars in February at Converse College. Those recognized have qualified by scoring 550 or above on Reading / Writing and/or 530 or above on Math of the PSAT. This test was given to 8<sup>th</sup> graders at WMS in October. Woodruff Middle School will be recognizing 16 Junior Scholars this year.
3. Spartanburg District Four will have a Title III monitoring visit at the end of the month. A representative from the state will review records and visit schools to make sure all federal and state rules and regulations are being followed.
4. Representatives from four companies will present software presentations to a district-wide technology team to determine which program will be purchased for the FY20 school year. Teachers and administrators will have input in this selection process.
5. Federal grants are in the process of being amended to update current spending and allotments for Spartanburg District 4 schools.
6. An after-school program will begin in January at each of the schools. Transportation and snacks will be provided for those students who are staying.
7. MAP scores are being imported into ExactPath for individualized computer instruction for the students at WES and WMS. This program recognizes areas of strengths and weaknesses and provides activities for students based on their needs.
8. Adult Education at Woodruff Primary School is currently serving six-teen students.

Mrs. Jennifer Turner provided the following information:

1. Technology Update- The 220 iPads that were approved at the January 2019 Board Meeting have been received. Imaging has begun on these and Woodruff Primary School has received their requested number. The 300 Lenovo laptops that were also approved arrived will arrive in the district this week.
2. Staff members from each school attended a workshop to prepare Power School for 2019-2020 school year. All Power School data bases are ready to begin the scheduling process for the 2019-2020 school year.
3. IT, district, and school staff have conducted individual school meetings to review the testing plan to troubleshoot potential issues with online testing in the spring. Mock testing sessions have simulated actual sessions and have been beneficial in the process. (See attachment of master schedule.)
4. The ACCESS WIDA test required for English Language Learners will begin on February 4 and conclude on March 22.
5. The Performance Task Assessment begins for qualifying students on February 19 and concludes on March 15.

Mrs. Mary Johnson provided the following report:

I have attached the State Board of Education Regulations document (R 43-205) which lists the guidelines for Special Education student-teacher ratio by age, setting, and disability. The list shows that the addition of one student of a different disability can change the student-

teacher ratio. I have provided the information for our district on the right side of each page separated by school, setting, and teacher.

The teachers of the self-contained classes work with their students all day. The teachers of the Resource classes work with students one, two, or three periods per day based on the ability levels of the students. The Speech Language Therapists are limited to a maximum of six students per session. Three teachers, Kendrick, Schaedel, and Turbeville work at more than one school.

This is information so that you can see, based on the student teacher ratio mandated by the State, which students are seen as requiring more direct instruction by teachers trained to work with these students.

### **Facilities**

Board members received a printed update of facilities projects.

### **Superintendent**

1. Provided information about State Ethics filing.
2. Provided copies of the 2019-2020 personnel timeline.
3. Provided Board Conference information
4. Provided Jr. Scholar invitation

### **Board Action**

1. Approved the purchase of a new security camera system.
2. Approved returning teacher contracts for the 2019-2020 school year for all schools.
3. Approved Samantha Godfrey and Emma Mullinax as WPS teachers for the 2019-2020 school year.
4. Approved Rachel Traynham as Director of Special Services for the 2019-2020 school year.
5. Approved Justin Roper as Information Technology Specialist for the 2019-2020 school year.