

Dyersburg City Schools
School Board Meeting
April 14, 2025
Dyersburg Intermediate School

The Dyersburg City School Board met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. at Dyersburg Intermediate School. Chairperson, Jim Coy Houston, opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. The School Board members present for the meeting were: Courtney Patrick, Scott Self, Gleya Twilla, and Carlos Doss. and Jim Coy Houston. Absent: Whitney Allmon, Mike Hickman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DMS student, Laney Gardner.

The following consent items were approved by the Board with a motion from Dr. Scott Self, and a second from Courtney Patrick:

Consent Items

- Tonight's Agenda
- Last Month's Minutes
- DMS Band, 5/23-5/24/25, Hot Springs, AR
- DHS Cheer, 6/17-6/20/25, Jonesboro, AR
- DHS DECA Internationals, 4/24-4/30/25, Orlando, FL
- DHS FFA, Lucky Dog Barrel Race, 4/11-4/13/25, Starkville, MS
- DMS Baseball, 4/21/25, Game, Mayfield, KY

New Business

- Mrs. Julie Norville presented a list of teachers recommended for tenure (see attached). Upon recommendation from Gleya Twilla and a second from Courtney Patrick, the Board approved the tenure of the listed educators. Mr. Jim Coy Houston recognized each teacher in attendance and presented them with a certificate of achievement.
 - Alex Epley
 - Brandi Clark
 - Emily Demoss
 - Holland Owsley
 - Kelly Duggan
 - Mylissa Clark
 - Kaci Lewis
 - Anna Claire Lane
 - Georganna Stanley

- Trevor Yarbrough

Reinstating Tenure

- Tina Williams
- Becky Milam
- Vicki Hamilton
- Mrs. Kim Worley presented the Board with an overview of the science textbook adoption process. She explained that a committee of nominated teachers had thoroughly reviewed instructional materials and recommended the following for adoption: *McGraw Hill Tennessee Science* for grades K–5 and 9–12, and *SAVVAS Learning* for grades 6–8. Upon a motion by Carlos Doss and a second by Gleya Twilla, the Board approved the adoption as recommended.
- STEM and Plus ONE students from Dyersburg Middle School presented an overview of the Kellan Project, where they are applying the engineering design process to develop a mechanism that will allow Kellan to participate in dodgeball with his classmates. The students shared their design approach, progress to date, and next steps for the project. They also reflected on their recent visit to the State Capitol, where they had the opportunity to share their work with legislators and learn more about state government.
- Students from Dyersburg Intermediate School and Dyersburg Middle School shared highlights from their recent participation in the SkillsUSA Competition. They spoke about their experiences, including the challenges they overcame and the victories they achieved during the event. The students expressed pride in representing their schools and emphasized the skills and confidence they gained through the competition.
- Coach Jerome Agnew shared an update on his class's second book publishing project. He expressed great pride in his students' accomplishments, noting that they have now written, illustrated, and published two books. Coach Agnew highlighted the high expectations set in his classroom and emphasized how each student consistently rises to meet those expectations, demonstrating creativity, dedication, and growth through the process.
- Mrs. Kim Worley presented the Board with a resolution related to the \$2,000 staff bonus. She explained that in order to receive funding from the state, the Board must formally pass the resolution. With a motion by Dr. Scott Self and a second by Carlos Doss, the resolution was approved on first reading. The second reading is scheduled for the May board meeting. It was expressed that every staff member would receive a bonus and that local funds would be used to supplement the amount funded from the State to ensure that all staff members receive the bonus.

- Mr. Jim Coy noted the student successes (see below). And with a Motion from Dr. Scott Self and a second from Carlos Doss the meeting was adjourned.

Student Successes:

DIS–

DIS Trojans of the Week

Week of Feb 3: Bentley Knight, Rashad Lanier, Sariyha Palmer

Week of Feb. 10: Ayden Bonds, Saleigha Palmer, Charlotte Gatlin

Week of Feb. 17: Charlie Caldwell, Avery Peckenpaugh, Khymani Nance

Week of Feb. 24: Maddox Franklin, William Thomas Townson, Olivia Henderson

Week of Mar. 3: Kylan Morgan, Hudson Wirges, Caylee Ferris

Week of Mar. 10: Romelo Dennis, Saizzha Zacarius, Sophia Zacarius

Week of Mar. 24: Liam McCoy, Jayla Hunter, Aven Sherrod

Week of Mar. 31: Jace Dowell, Giselle Olvera, Alleama Porter

Dynamic Handshake Round 1 Winners

5th Grade: Hank Hudspeth, Cassidy Boyd, Paisley Kimbrell, Izzy Patterson, Alleama Porter, Liza Kate Brock, Paris Thompson, Loranzo Thompson, Ka'Renia Keeling, Jaivon Jones, Lexie Gullett, Ki'Andre Newman, Camille Payne, Camryn Quinn, Will Watson, Noah Barnes, Bailee Bird, Khloe Hall, Jayceon Johnson, Aven Sherrod, Olivia Henderson, Grettel Aleman, Raheim Honkomp, Alaina McClure, Chance Palmer, Joe Ramirez, Lyric Stevens, Addison Gause, Leighanna Scott, Kyra Nunn, Alayna-Lynn Wilcox, Peyton Thompson, Charli Carroll, Morgan Cox, Maleena Jones, Sierra Mackey, Braxton Anderson, Ayden Bonds, Malichi Higgins, Ezra Tyus, Silas Mathis

4th Grade: Cruz Crysler, Chris Green, Caroline Harrington, Cora Houston, Amauri Hutchins, Ross Coats, Paislee Fite, Sofiya Jackson, Harrison Noel, Kevin Vazquez, Carley Burton, Alidia Gourley, Cora Jackson, Curtis Johnson, Hudson Wirges, Flint Cohen, Kaia Cooper, Arden Owens-Welch, Preston Smith, Retal Suleiman, Zaiden Ward, Valaylah Dukes, Paislee Kimble, Rashad Lanier, Gabriel Tidwell, Rhiannon Brodie, Jacob Campbell, Braxton Canales, Torius Cooper, Trent Knott, Marlik Blackwell, Tony Everett, Everett Patterson, Saleigha Palmer, Cleven Westbrook, Khamren Dobbins, Braxton Edwards, Wilkes Roberts, Alleia Russell, Caleb Warlick, Sawyer Patterson, Mar'Kelvis Jackson, Elaina Blanton, Ayden Watson, Aaralynn Sharp, Zaiden Cooper, Waylon Cross, Victor Hunt, Jiselle Taborn, Aaliyah Taylor

3rd Grade: Kalleigh Edwards, Ja'meria Fisk, Jose Farrell, Katheryn Holder, Asar McClendon, Kelley Dickerson, Mitchell Dishman, Miguel Garnica Garcia, Madisyn Simmons, Jamariah Thomas, Tamiyah Mabon, Ava Parr, Ma'Kiyah Shannon, Latrell Taylor, Samir Weddle, Brantlee Canales, Walter Dance, Khymani Dance, Nova Reece, Jamyla Spain, King Partee, Brooklyn Warren, Adilynn Emery, Kenslee Butler, Breyanna Jordan, Brystol Jones, Jaxie Williams, Logan Presley, Amariah Porter-Smith, Skylar Banks
Miller Baker, Emiya Strayhorn, Piper Bohannon, Willa Shelton, Ellie Holt, Jacob Smith, Casazria Holmes, Carson Stevens, Majestt'i Johnson, Hope Summers, Jake

Connell, D'Mari Dowell, Ah'Keirria Mahome, Ty Newsom, Tevin Reditt, Harper Holt, Natalya Hggins, Olivia Thompson, Oliva Baker, Olivia Caldwell, Sami Lyons, Meshva Patel, Malachi Patterson, Kaysen Pugh, Alijah Swift, Bennett Brooks, Joy-Ana Ditto, Houston Ford, Mary Burks Garner, Charlotte Gatlin

Dynamic Handshake Round Two Winners:

3rd Grade: Piper Bohannon, Bennett Brooks, Houston Ford, Mary Burks Garner, Charlotte Gatlin, Sami Lyons, Ty Newsom, Kaysen Pugh, Willa Shelton, Jamyla Spain

4th Grade: Torius Cooper, Cora Houston, Amauri Hutchins, Cora Jackson, Harrison Noel, Saleigha Palmer, Everett Patterson, Alleia Russell, Preston Smith, Jiselle Taborn

5th Grade: Liza Kate Brock, Morgan Cox, Olivia Henderson, Hank Hudspeth, Maleena Jones, Ka'Renia Keeling, KiAndre Newman, Aven Sherrod, Paris Thompson, Peyton Thompson

Dynamic Handshake Champions:

Houston Ford, Cora Houston, Maleena Jones, Ka'Renia Keeling, Harrison Noel

Middle School SkillsUSA State Champion Chapter Display Competition:

Darby Ayers, Liza Kate Brock, Maleena Jones

DMS-

DMS Trojans of the Week for the week of February 3-7, 2025

Trojans of the Week

6th

As Kobe Bryant said, "Great things come from hard work and perseverance. No excuses." Great things are in this Trojan of the week's future, not because it is easy, but because he gives 100% in everything he does. He represents Dyersburg Middle School on the Football, Basketball, and Baseball teams. He gives his all both in and out of the classroom, and he keeps a positive attitude through it all! I am proud to nominate Cason for 6th grade Trojan of the week!

7th

Someone once said "In a world where you can be anything, be kind." The 7th Grade Trojan of the Week exhibits kindness to everyone she meets and balances class work, Plus 1, maintaining Honor Roll, and winning the Dyersburg Middle School Spelling Bee! I am so proud to announce Grace as our Trojan of the Week. Not only does she work hard in the classroom and is willing to help out her teachers and classmates, but I never see her without a smile on her face. I know she will continue to shine her kindness to those around her as she sets her mind to accomplish the goals she has for herself.

Grace, I am so proud of you and cannot wait to see how you continue to succeed in your future endeavors.

8th

Multi-talented American author, poet, civil rights activist Maya Angelou once said , "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." In the 6th grade Omari was approached to play basketball and to join the track team. She had never participated in a sport before. She now has participated in both sports all 3 years here at DMS and excels in the hurdles on the track team and as a shot blocker for the girls basketball team. In the classroom Omari makes excellent grades and is a part of Plus 1. Her leadership on and off the court is why I am choosing Omari as Trojan of the week.

Trojans of the Week

6th

Ray Kroc, the founder of McDonald's, said "The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves." 6B's Trojan of the Week is the embodiment of hard work. Whether in individual projects or group settings, they consistently put forth their best effort, demonstrating a level of dedication that sets them apart. They approach every task, no matter how challenging, with a positive attitude and an unwavering determination to succeed. One way that 6B's Trojan of the Week stands out is their pursuit of perfection. They never settle for mediocrity and constantly seek to improve, whether that means refining their own skills or encouraging others to do the same. Our Trojan of the Week is involved in Chess Club, Plus One, and Beta Club. They're an avid reader and always seek to learn more. We have no doubt that they will continue to achieve great things and inspire those around them in all future endeavors. 6B is proud to have Tanner on our team and as our Trojan of the Week.

7th

In 7B, the "B means Best!" and we strive to put forth our best effort, best attitude, and foot forward each day. 7B 's Trojan of the Week does that. She is a quiet leader on our team. She comes in each day ready and willing to give her best efforts in all she does, as evident in her Golden Honor Roll achievement and meeting her AR goals. 7B is so thrilled to announce Guadalupe as our Trojan of the Week! Not only does she work hard in the classroom to perform at her best, but Guadalupe also carries herself with integrity and does what is asked of her and is such a role model to other students without her realizing it. She moved in to our team later in the school year, but she has not missed a beat. We are so proud of you, Guadalupe, and cannot wait to see what all you continue to accomplish! Congratulations!

8th

8B has three young ladies who definitely make our team better. Each day, they display a stellar work ethic daily, make the right choices, have a quiet, loving demeanor, and have a desire to learn and better themselves. They all are a joy to teach and continue to climb our benchmark test scoring at the top in all subject areas. These three young ladies are:

Ana - is a member of the Beta Club, Golden Honor Roll, and has received the Citizenship award. She is also a member of the Junior American Citizens Club.

Tera - is a member of the Beta Club, Golden Honor Roll, and she is also a member of the Junior American Citizens Club.

Lyrice - is a Golden Honor Roll recipient and outside the classroom she enjoys participating in choir.

Congratulations ladies and thanks for making 8B a better place where your loving actions speak volumes.

DHS- DHS Basketball Homecoming Court 2025

Queen: Kalli Maclin

Maids: Abrianna Bolden, Chelby Jordan, Kathleen Harrell

Trojan Ticket Winners Quarter 3:

Isaiah Williams

Serena Wilson

Monique Martinez

Artavis Anderson

Chloe Bruce

DHS Criminal Justice students for the first time participated in the SkillsUSA Crime Scene Competition in Memphis. Kayla Whitfield, Preston Sollis, and Cheyenne Schrum competed in fingerprint collection, crime scene sketch, crime scene photography, evidence collection techniques and packaging. They were given twenty five minutes to process a crime scene. They were also tested on general crime scene knowledge. They placed third place overall.

congratulations to Ann Thomas Lowery for winning the West TN FFA public speaking contest and advancing to the state competition in March.

Congratulations to Dyersburg High School Lady Trojan Basketball Senior Joya Crawford, who has been named a Class AAA Miss Basketball Finalist by the TSSAA! Joya is one of 36 TSSAA student athletes across all classifications to be named as Finalists!

Lady Trojan Basketball team - regular season District 13AAA Champions! The Lady Trojans will be the #1 seed District Tournament.

Congratulations to the following Teaching as a Profession students who placed yesterday at UT Martin's Education Day Competition on Thursday, February 13:

First Place -Overall Spirit Award - Dyersburg High School !!!

First Place for Job Interview-Keegan Rogers

Second Place-Job Interview-Cara Jones

Second Place- Lesson Plan- Ava Anglin and Theresa Stone

Second Place-Children's Book- Adrianna Richmond

Second Place -Interactive Bulletin Board-AL Harris and Alyssa McClure

Life Line Blood Drive at DHS was a huge success! We were able to collect 46 pints of blood!

DHS Celebrates students with Perfect Attendance for Quarter 3- 210 students!

ACT 30+ Club Member- Israel Larraga

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as Dyersburg High School's Girl's and Boy's State representatives. Girl's State Delegates are: Ava Anglin, Chloe Baker, Brooklyn Fite, Maddie Kate Wells. Boy's State Delegates are: Kendrick Gourley and Jysen Grant.

Trojan Ticket Winners

Mi'kyla Young

Eli Roser

Peyton Yarbrow

Shawn Lilly

Owen Bona placed 2nd in the UT Martin Solo Vocal Competition.

DHS Journalism students recognized by Tennessee High School Press Association

Tyler Byars- 3rd place for Best Editorial

Clare Bernheisel- 2nd Place for Best News Story

Bailey Nolen- 3rd place for Best News Story

Zayde Forrest- 3rd place for Best Inside Page Design

Max Peckenpugh- 1st place for Best Illustration/Cartoon

The following students qualified for DECA Internationals, which will be held April 24-30 in Orlando, FL!

Business Solutions Project: Kaelyn Conway, Meredith Meeks, and Lizbeth Sanchez

Franchise Business Plan: Preslee Quertermous

Innovation Plan: Thaxton Coppage, Ella Hatch, and Ann Kathryn Trevathan

Business Operations Research: Laine Robey and Adrian Serquina

Start Up Business Plan: Avery Hicks and Virginia Keiser

Ann Thomas Lowery is the State Winner and National Qualifier in the Swine Production Proficiency.

BETA: Maria Hurst won one of three Leadership Representative spots for the state of Tennessee. She has qualified to compete at the National Level for a chance to be a Beta Ambassador.

BETA Collaboration Connection Winners and qualified for Nationals:

Addison Shearon

Mallory McCaslin

Gracie Burkett

Chloe Bruce

Congratulations to the DHS Boys and Girls Basketball teams for winning the District and Region 7 AAA tournament. The Lady Trojans won the Sectional game to advance to the TSSAA state tournament. The Lady Trojan Basketball team made it to the Final Four in the state tournament.

Coach Tim Strayhorn was recognized by his peers as District 13AAA Head Coach of the Year.

District 13AAA All-Academic Team: Breyden Turnage , Will Short, and Marcus Whorton

All- District 13AAA Team: Jace Ward, Breyden Turnage, and Jeff Cobb

Region 7AAA All Tournament Team: Jeff Cobb and Breyden Turnage

Region 7AAA Tournament MVP: Jace Ward

District 13AAA All-Academic Team: Kalli Maclin

All- District 13AAA Team: Kalli Maclin, KayKay Strayhorn, Chelby Jordan

District 13 AAA MVP: Joya Crawford

All-District 13AAA Tournament Team: Chelby Jordan, Aerie Quinn,

District 13AAA Tournament MVP: Joya Crawford

Region 7AAA All Tournament Team: KayKay Strayhorn, Joya Crawford, Aerie Quinn

Region 7AAA Tournament MVP Chelby Jordan

TSSAA 2025 Class 3A Girls All-Tournament Team: Joya Crawford and Chelby Jordan

Joya Crawford was selected as a Miss Basketball Finalist.

Joya Crawford was recognized by the Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee as a Finalist for the Class 3A Player of the Year.

Joya Crawford and Brendyn Turnage were selected to participate in the BCAT All-Star Game, Saturday, March 29. Coach Tim Strayhorn and Assistant Coach Justin Spears were selected to coach in the BCAT All-Star game.

Chelby Jordan–BCAT Class AAA Player of the Year Finalist

- Future Meetings

May 5, 2025 @ DHS and Teacher Retirement/TOY Dinner

Jun 2, 2025

With no further business and Board approval, Dr. Scott Self made a motion to adjourn with a second from Carlos Doss.

Kim Worley, Director of Schools

Jim Coy Houston, Board Chairman