Dyersburg City Schools

School Board Meeting

January 8, 2024

Central Office

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

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

1. Tonight’s Agenda
2. Last Month’s Minutes
3. DHS Softball to Kennett, MO 4/17/24
4. DMS Choir Murray, KY 2/27/24

**New Business**

Mrs. Seela Newbill discussed the report card and testing data released by the TN Department of Education.  She shared each school letter grade and informed the Board on how the score was calculated. Mrs. Newbill explained that a 1 is significantly below expectations, and a 5 is significantly above expectations. She asked everyone to think of a 3 as meeting expectations or average. DIS received a 3 in Achievement and Growth and a 4 in Growth of Highest Need Students. Their overall score is a C. Mrs. Newbill expressed that they have worked hard on growth, which shows when you look at the growth of the Highest Need Students. She then praised DMS for their A. They received a 4 in Achievement and a 5 in Growth and Growth of Highest Need students. The high school’s overall score is a C. Mrs. Newbill asked everyone to remember that a C is at expectations. This is an average grade.

DHS received a 4 in Achievement and College and Career Readiness. They received 1’s for Growth and Growth of Highest Need Students. The Achievement and Growth indicators account for 90% of the grade. This comes from EOC assessments. Mrs. Newbill explained that 13 teachers at DHS teach EOC versus the middle school with the majority of teachers teaching core academics. EOC is primarily made up of freshmen and sophomores. The total number of teachers at DHS is 53. Mrs. Newbill stated, “We are very mindful of a need to improve, but let’s keep this in perspective. The most important thing we do is prepare students for college and career. I do not agree with how this score was calculated. College and Career Readiness only counts as 10% of the score, whereas tests taken at the beginning of high school account for 90%.”

Mr. Jim Coy Houston reiterated that as a community, our goal is to have kids ready to go to college or enter the workforce, and it is only counted as 10% of the score.

Mrs. Worley stated that we will continue to do what is best for our kids.

Mrs. Newbill then shared that DHS has 33 postsecondary opportunities for our students. She also shared that our average score with these opportunities is above the state and global average.

Mrs. Worley discussed the Audit Review. She explained that this is a collective effort and she is very proud of the fact that there were no findings in last year’s audit. Many people work hard to make sure we are following all of the guidelines.

**Policies:**

With Board approval and a second from Mike Hickman, Carlos Doss made a motion to accept policies 5.1-5.310 during the first and second reading.

**Successes**

Jim Coy Houston brought attention to the following successes:

**DMS**

Trojans of the Week:

Congratulations to the following Trojans of the Week: Matthew Nash, Leyton Meeks, Stetson Swift, Bradley Price, Ronnie Williams, and Lachlan Brown.

Congratulations to the Trojan and Lady Trojan basketball teams. They both defeated

Gibson County.

Congratulations to the DMS Lady Trojan Basketball team for being the middle school tournament champions.

FFA-Congratulations to the DMS FFA ceremonies team. They placed 3rd in West TN

and a special shoutout to Scarlett Hollingsworth for being named outstanding Secretary!

Congratulations to the following students for getting gold tickets:6th Grader-Miranda Hinton and 7th Grader-I’aunna McElrath

**DHS**

Congratulations to MacKenzie Benson and Niia Shamoil for being a Trojan Ticket drawing winner.

Congratulations to the Lady Trojans named to the All-Tournament Team at the 2023 Lady Trojan Basketball Christmas Tournament at DHS: Kalli Maclin, Chelby Jordan, Netala Dixon, and Joya Crawford Tournament Most Valuable Player.

Two DHS Lady Trojans have been recognized as First Team members of the 2023 Jackson Sun’s All-West Tennessee High School Girls Soccer Team! In addition to the First Team recognitions of Seniors, Zainab Manneh and Anna Fisher, Zainab has a feature interview as the Sun’s 2023 Player of the Year.

**Future Meetings**

February 5, 2024 DIS

February 23-24 School Board Retreat

March 4, 2024 CO

April 1, 2024 CO

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