

Dyersburg City Schools
School Board Meeting
September 8, 2025
Central Office

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

The following consent items were approved by the board with a motion from Dr. Scott Self, and a second from Carlos Doss:

Consent Items

- Tonight's Agenda
- Last Month's Minutes
- DECA, Fall Leadership Trip, November 19-25, 2025, Arlington, VA
- DHS Dance, Dance Competition, 1/24/26, Henderson, KY
- DHS Dance, 2/13-2/18, 2026, NDA Nationals, Orlando FL
- DMS BETA, 9/24/25-9/25/25, Cape Girardeau, Mo
- DHS FFA, 10/25/25-11/2/25, National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana
- DHS FFA, NAILE Lamb Show, 11/12/25-11/16/25, Louisville, KY
- DMS Choir, Music in the Parks, 4/25/26, Eureka, Mo

New Business

- **Election of Officers** – Mrs. Worley opened the floor for nominations. Dr. Scott Self nominated Jim Coy Houston for Board Chair, with a second by Carlos Doss. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Worley then turned the floor over to Jim Coy Houston, who opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Mike Hickman nominated Dr. Scott Self, with a second by Courtney Patrick. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Beta Clubs – Schools of Merit Recognition** – Mrs. Worley recognized DIS, DMS, and DHS for receiving the School of Merit Distinction from the National Beta Club. Representatives from each school were in attendance and provided updates on their respective chapters and upcoming Beta Club events. Mrs. Worley expressed appreciation to the sponsors and school administrations for their efforts in supporting students and providing these opportunities.

- **New Teacher Introductions** – Mrs. Julie Norville introduced the new teachers to the district. Each teacher addressed the Board, sharing their teaching assignment and educational background. The Board welcomed them to Dyersburg City Schools and extended best wishes for a successful year.
- **Collection of Money by Electronic Methods** – Mrs. Worley presented the opportunity to begin collecting electronic payments at sporting events, including gate admissions and concessions. She explained that the district would need to purchase eight point-of-sale devices for use at events. Upon a motion by Dr. Scott Self and a second by Gleya Twilla, the Board approved the Collection of Money by Electronic Methods.

Policy – The following policies (attached) contain changes. They were approved on first and second reading after a motion from Carlos Doss and a second from Courtney Patrick.

- 3.2001 - Energy Management Conservation
- 3.4021 - Vehicle Use

Student Successes:

DHS:

Scarlett Hollingsworth, a freshman at DHS, is excelling in rodeo. She competed at the Middle School National Finals Rodeo in Des Moines this past summer, representing Tennessee, and has now qualified to compete in Las Vegas this December.

Congratulations to all of our Trojan Ticket winners for the first 3 weeks of school: Jordan Holland, Ka'liyana Ward, Desmond Bufford, Ben Thomas and Antonio Gauldin

Congratulations to Ann Thomas Lowery for being named a Gold Level Proficiency finalist in swim production entrepreneurship, which places her in the top 8 in the NATION!

Student Council Officers

Student Body

President – Izzie Odom

Vice-President – Laine Robey

Corresponding Secretary – Brinkley Walker

Attendance Secretary – Mickey Thach

Reporter – Ella Hatch

Senior Class

President – Chloe Baker

Vice-President – Ava Anglin

Secretary – Theresa Stone

Class Representatives - Olivia Davis, Brooklyn Fite, Marleigh Grant, Shelby Gullett, Ann Thomas Lowery, Preston Sollis

Junior Class

President – Sofia Roy

Vice-President - Ann Kathryn Trevathan

Secretary – Alaya Stokes

Class Representatives – Anna Barker, Armani Carter, McKenna Ford, Gabi Goodman, Avery Hicks, Virginia Keiser, Murphy Mae Morgan, CJ Thurmond

Sophomore Class

President – Henley Cook

Vice-President – Essence Bonds

Secretary – Stella Madden

Class Representatives – Chloe Bruce, Avery Gatlin, Abbott Houston, Aaliyah Malamatos, Caroline Pugh, Alec Smith, Micah Tosh

Freshman Class

President – Ally Hinson

Vice-President – Jack Englehardt

Secretary – Edie Allmon

Class Representatives – Mattie Bonds, JulieAnne Cundiff, Hudson Ford, Olivia Gardner, Julia Hamilton, Jersey Kizziah, Zoe Paschall

DMS:

New DMS student led tech team (Elijah Roy, Jonathan Dudley, and Jackson Pierce).

6th Grade

6B's Trojan of the Week consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to learning by paying close attention to detail in all of his schoolwork. His careful effort and dedication shine through in everything he does. In the classroom, he is an active participant who doesn't hesitate to share ideas, ask thoughtful questions, or volunteer to help whenever needed. His kindness and respect toward others make him a role model for his classmates, and it's clear why he is so well-liked by his peers. He sets a strong example for others.

Beyond the classroom, he brings the same level of dedication and teamwork to the football field. Whether in academics or athletics, he shows what it means to work hard, support others, and always give his best.

6B is proud to have Ezra on our team and as our Trojan of the Week!

7th Grade

The beginning of the school year is always full of meeting new faces, finding a groove, and getting back in the swing of things after 2 months of summer. Coming off of a break has been procedures and expectations, new curriculum and schedules for all of us. While there have been some changes in our day to day, one thing has remained the same in 7B and that's our motto that "B means Best." Team 7B has hit the ground running and every student has started on a great note for a successful 7th grade year. It was hard to choose just one! Our first Trojan of the Week, however, goes to Evionna. Evionna has shown her best efforts since stepping foot in our team. She comes prepared each day with her best efforts and the best smile. She is also kind and respectful to her teachers and peers. In addition to working hard in the classroom and being a kind friend and teammate, Evionna also does Choir. 7B is proud to have you on our team and excited to see how you continue to work hard and grow this year, Evionna. Congratulations!

8th Grade

Mrs. Sara Jasso nominated our 8th grade Trojan of the Week. This student is a quiet yet confident Trojan who always does the right thing. She is a wonderful student and great friend...always. Her teachers say she is a joy to have in class. Innocence Taylor always does the right thing even when no one is looking. Mrs. Jasso is proud to nominate Innocence as 8th grade Trojan of the Week and give her the recognition that she deserves.

6th Grade

Coach Newsom, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Nash, and Mrs. Metzger are proud to recognize an outstanding student of the week. She is a dedicated member of DMS Cheer, the Yearbook staff, and the Jackson Cheer Competition team. She shines not only in school activities but also in the community, where she loves to help and ride horses at Healing Horses Stables. In addition, she enjoys playing tennis and never misses an episode of WWE Monday Night Raw.

Her teachers admire her positive spirit, her willingness to help others, and the energy she brings into every setting. Her involvement, hard work, and bright personality make her a joy to be around and a valued part of our school family. These are all the things that make her GREAT!

It is our honor to recognize Kate as this week's 6C Trojan of the Week!

7th Grade

This 7th grade student is a wonderful example of hard work and balance. Not only does he shine on the soccer field with teamwork and determination, but he also excels in the classroom with excellent grades and is a great asset to the JAC Club. His dedication, responsibility, and positive attitude make him a great role model for others. Just this week he was recognized on the A.R. leaderboard, and his teachers also notice how he is polite to everyone and takes pride in doing the right thing. We are so proud to announce Thomas as Team 7C's Trojan of the Week!

8th Grade

Our TOW is an outstanding student who exudes positivity and hard work ethic every day. He is involved in football, soccer, and fellowship of christian athletes. Cohen has consistently

demonstrated an exemplary work ethic, commitment to academic excellence, and outstanding personal integrity.

His dedication is not just visible in his consistently high academic performance, but also in his tireless preparation and proactive approach to learning. We have been particularly impressed by his achievement in organizing his academics, leadership, and school events even while taking Algebra 1.

Beyond his individual achievements, Cohen is a true role model for his peers. His positive attitude, kindness, and willingness to help others embody the values we cherish in our school community. Congratulations Cohen and we are so proud to have you on 8C!

DIS

Trojans of the Week:

Week of August 25: Osman Posadas, Liam McCoy, BrayLeigh Canada

2025-2026 School Board Meeting Dates:

Sept. 23, 2025 - TSBA meeting in Humboldt, Sports Plus
Rehab Center - 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13, 2025 - CO
Nov. 13 - Nov. 16, 2025 - TSBA Annual Convention in
Nashville
Dec. 1, 2025 - CO
January 5, 2026 - CO

Feb. 2, 2026 - CO
Feb. 20, 2026 - School Board Retreat Begin at 1 p.m.
Mar 2, 2026 - CO
April 6, 2026 - CO
May 4, 2026 - DHS - TOY and Retirement Dinner to follow
Jun 1, 2026 - CO
July 6, 2026 - CO

Adjournment

With Board approval, Dr. Scott Self made a motion to adjourn.



Director of Schools



School Board Chairman

