

Dyersburg City Schools
School Board Meeting
October 13, 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, Mike Hickman, Dr. Scott Self, and Whitney Allmon

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
- FFA, High School Rodeo, Oak Grove, KY, 10/24-10/26/25
- FFA, Rodeo, Perry, GA, 11/5-11/10/25

New Business

- TISA Accountability Report–Mrs. Lenita Click presented the TISA Accountability Report to the Board. She noted that the report is available on the district website for public review and comment. The report details the district's four primary goals along with benchmark metrics for measuring progress toward each goal. Upon a motion by Dr. Scott Self and a second by Mrs. Whitney Allmon, the Board approved the report as presented.

- Lisa Slayback–Rough Country Mini-Grant
Overview–Mrs. Lisa Slayback, accompanied by two student representatives from Dyersburg Middle School, presented information about the JAC Club and its current project, Flags for Veterans. Mrs. Slayback and the students shared details about ongoing club activities and fundraising efforts that support the club’s initiatives. She also highlighted her Rough Country Grant, through which she and her partner teacher will implement several historical projects and simulations designed to bring history to life for middle school students.
- Safety updates - Josh Rogers–Mr. Josh Rogers, Director of Operations, provided the Board with a safety update. He highlighted the installation of new fencing at Dyersburg Primary School, replacement and upgrades of radios at Dyersburg Intermediate School and the Central Office, and window tinting projects at DMS, DPS, and the College Street Campus. Mr. Rogers also noted the installation of camera battery backups across the district and ongoing camera updates where needed.
- LEA Compliance Report–Mrs. Kim Yeiter presented the 2025 Local Education Compliance Report, noting that Dyersburg City Schools has been certified as “In Compliance” with all applicable federal and state education laws and State Board of Education Rules. Upon a motion by Mr. Carlos Doss and a second by Mr. Glenn Twilla, the Board approved the report as presented.

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

Policies

- Review policies - Section 4
- 4.206 - Homebound Instruction
- 5.403– Drug and Alcohol Testing for Employees

STUDENT SUCCESSES:

DHS:

Congratulations to Bailey Nolen for being named a National Merit Semifinalist!

Congratulations to John David Morris for tying for 8th in individuals for the TSSAA Class A State Golf Tournament!

In addition, the DHS Boys Golf Team finished runner up in the District 15A tournament and runner up in the Region 8A Tournament

Congratulations to the Class of 2026 for their amazing efforts raising money for their prom this spring! They raised \$5,389 in popcorn sales.

Congratulations to Brooklyn Fite for being selected as this year's recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award!

Congratulations to our ERMCO Electrifying Players of the Week for September- Kendrick Gourley, Quincy Terry, Jaden Harris, Elian Gonzalez / And for 1st week of October- Peyton Hill

Congratulations to our senior volleyball players for their outstanding final season and the DHS staff that they recognized for "My Jersey, Your Impact" Izzie Odom- Brandon Estes

Taniyah Brooks- Molly Escue and Hillary Jackson

DHS hosted the annual fall TACRAO College Fair on September 24th. We had 23 institutions represented, along with our military branches, to meet our juniors and seniors, and inform them of their many programs offered, scholarship opportunities and more!

2025 Football Homecoming competitions results:

Powder Puff- Juniors

Volleyball- Juniors

Hallway decorating- Freshmen

Overall points:

1st- Juniors

2nd- Freshmen

3rd- Seniors

4th- Sophomores

Congratulations to our 2025 Football Homecoming Royalty and Court Representatives:

Freshmen- Ally Hinson, Edie Allmon

Sophomores- Stella Madden, Caroline Pugh

Juniors- Alaya Stokes, Giana Edwards

Seniors- Brooklyn Fite and Amaya Johnson

Queen- Amaya Johnson

Maids- Brooklyn Fite, Stella Madden, Edie Allmon

DMS:

6th Grade

Team 6A is pumped to announce their TOW! This student is academically driven and works with a quiet diligence each day to excel in all of their classes. As 6A teachers have gotten to know this student better, we have seen a kind, sweet spirit and a witty sense of humor emerge. This student

is involved in the DMS Choir, Junior American Citizen Club, and is a student in Plus One. We expect to see BIG things from our TOW. Go be great, CHARLI! You make 6A proud!

7th Grade

Our TOW always does the right thing even when no one is watching. This says a lot about his character. He greets us with a smile every morning, gives us his best effort, and asks questions when needed. We love his positive attitude. He is on the DMS football and track teams as well as a member of DMS choir. We are so lucky to have Devanti as our 7A TOW!

8th Grade

This week, we're proud to recognize Jaslynn Thompson, a student who leads with quiet confidence and steady dedication. While she may be soft-spoken, Jaslynn's intelligence, kindness, and strong work ethic stand out in everything she does. As a member of the basketball team, she brings the same teamwork and commitment into the classroom, always ready to support others during group work. She is very responsible and ready to jump in and help whenever she sees the need.

Jaslynn is not only a great student but also a thoughtful friend and a positive presence in our school community. With her calm and mature demeanor, she sets a great example of how to handle any situation that may arise throughout the day. Her teachers truly enjoy having her on our team, and her classmates know they can count on her. We're lucky to have Jaslynn on team 8C, and we're excited to celebrate all that she brings to our school.

6th Grade

6C's Trojan of the Week shows a strong work ethic in his studies as well as his extracurricular activities. He doesn't seek after the spotlight but prefers to let his work speak for itself, always striving for excellence. He's well-mannered, a friend to everyone, and never has an unkind word for anyone. It has been said to "Run when you can, walk if you have to, crawl if you must; just never give up." Whether in the classroom or running at a cross

country meet, this young man keeps pushing though. That's why we're proud to announce Rhett as our 6C Trojan of the Week.

7th Grade

Congratulations to Team 7C's Trojan of the Week! She is a model student and an extraordinary individual who excels both academically and athletically. As a straight-A student and a dedicated member of Beta Club, she consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to her education. Beyond the classroom, she is a talented athlete in both basketball and volleyball, and her drive and teamwork are truly inspiring. This 7th grader is also an asset in the school choir, 4-H Club, FFA, and Energy Club and is known for her kindness, responsibility, and positive citizenship, being a friend to all and always being seen doing the right thing. We are so proud to have Katherine as part of our school community!

8th

Our Trojan of the week is involved in tennis, trojan dance team, and FCA. She is a leader in the classroom by always staying on task, helping others stay on task, and going the extra mile. She is always willing to participate in class discussions and lead the discussions at times when no one else is willing to. She is kind and respectful to her fellow classmates and teachers. We are proud to announce Brooklyn as 8C's Trojan of the Week.

6th Grade

My Trojan of the Week is a young student that has impressed me (which is hard to do for me as most of you know) with his work ethic as a 6th grader this far. He has gotten better as a player on the grid iron as well as done his diligence in the classroom. I have observed his efforts in my classroom as well as his hub area. His teachers have praised him for his effort and persistence for working to excel with his school work. On the field, as this is his first year of football, he has grown leaps and bounds with his play and understanding of the game. I look at him as being a leader among his peers. His character is what has stood out. To me, he has represented our school with pride. Coach Al's Trojan of the Week is Silas.

7th Grade

This week's Trojan of the Week is a student who leads by example in every way. He works hard in class and always strives to do his very best. He isn't afraid to ask questions, volunteers answers confidently, and serves as a positive role model to those around him.

His creativity and determination especially stood out during a recent 3D design project, where he custom-designed and printed his own creation to help him on the golf course with impressive skill and persistence. He is dependable, shows strong leadership qualities, and is the kind of student others can look up to.

Mrs. Roy is incredibly proud of your effort, attitude, and excellence!
Congratulations, Bentley! You truly embody what it means to be a Trojan!

DIS:

Trojans of the Week:

Week of Sept 29: Mary Clayton Estes, Wyatt Hanks, and Knox Blalock

Week of Sept 22: Jacob Gadlage, Willa Shelton, and Dani Hulme

Week of Sept 15: Thomlin LeFebvre, Sawyer Dudley, and Diego Martinez

Week of Sept. 8: Cruz Edwards, Meshva Patel, and Lou LeFebvre

Week of Sept. 1: Zoe Hickerson, Kathia Plascencia-Ponce, and Kendall Brooks

DPS

Our Terrific Team Members for the month of September:

September 5th - Sped Department

September 12th - Angie Hamilton and Denise Hammett for all their hard work on picture day!

September 19th - Manisha Lazure, Lauren Evans, Jennifer Davis and Rebecca Tippitt for always being terrific and filling in and always going above and beyond!

September 26th - Weekday Custodial Staff! What an amazing job Mr. Marcus, Mr. John and Ms. Evelyn do everyday!

We celebrated International Dot Day with other schools across the nation on Sept 15th! Mrs. Chelsea Ricks, DPS art teacher, invested quality time with her students teaching them to make their mark and see where it takes them!

DPS also began ice cream Fridays this month! We would like to thank our first sponsor:

DEA - Dyersburg Educational Association

2025-2026 School Board Meeting
Dates:

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

Adjournment

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

Director of Schools
Chairman

School Board

