

Dyersburg City Schools
School Board Meeting
JANUARY 5, 2026
Location: Central Office
5:30

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: Courtney Patrick, Gleya Twilla, Carlos Doss, Dr. Scott Self, and Whitney Allmon Absent: Mike Hickman

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

New Business

- Mrs. Julie Norville presented the Annual Audit Report, noting that there was one finding related to Dyersburg Middle School (DMS).
- Mrs. Joanna Lamb provided an update on the College Street campus, highlighting new grant opportunities in partnership with Rough Country, including the addition of Culinary, Greenhouse, and ARISE curriculum programs. She also shared a student success story, noting a recent graduate who has successfully entered the workforce, she accredited this success to her staff.

Policies:

- The following policies were review with no changes: Policy Review 5.100-5.118

- Policy 1.901 – Charter School Applications (Attached) was presented for update. With a motion by Carlos Doss and a second by Whitney Allmon, the Board approved the policy on first and second reading.

STUDENT SUCCESSES:

DHS:

Congratulations to our 2025 Mr. and Miss DHS: Kendrick Gourley and Izzie Odom

Class representatives:

Mr. DHS- Kendrick Gourley and Preston Sollis

Miss DHS- Kathleen Harrell and Izzie Odom

Juniors-

Sophomores-

Freshmen-

Congratulations to our DHS HOSA students who placed in the Regional Competition:

Brayden Davis- 2nd place Medical Law and Ethics

Payton Tyler- 1st place Dental Terminology

Sofi Roy, Gabbi Goodman, Avery Hinson and Sarah Martinez- 5th place HOSA Bowl

Armani Carter and D'Quarte Rivers- 5th place Emergency Medical Technician

Katie Strayhorn- 4th place Patient Care Technician

Tyler Borden- 5th place Medical Math

Emily Tucker- 2nd place Behavioral Health

Kilayna Roberts- 5th place Dental Science

LaKya Williams- 5th place Clinical Nursing

Raiden Muzzall- 3rd place Home Health Aid

Congratulations to seniors D'Quarte Rivers and Katie Strayhorn for passing their Patient Care Technician exam!

Congratulations to junior Brynlee Seay and senior D'Quarte Rivers for qualifying for TMEA All-State Choir!

Congratulations to freshman Scarlett Hollingsworth for her participation in the Mike and Sherry Lynn's Vegas Tuffest Jr. World Championship in Las Vegas for barrels and breakaway roping!

Congratulations to senior Morgan Peckenpaugh for winning this year's annual Art Club Gingerbread House Competition!

Congratulations to over 130 members of the Class of 2026 for earning their CPR certification!

Congratulations to senior Peyton Hill for making the 2025 Sports Plus West Tennessee All-Star game

Congratulations to freshman Jill Meadows for winning Supreme Champion TN Bred Cross Barrow at the Jingle Bell Rockout Classic Swine Show. The winter show team consisted of Jill, Kate Meadows and Ann Thomas Lowery

Congratulations to the Class of 2026 for their outstanding ACT score increases!
Increased 6

▣ points: Ethan Austin

Increased ▣ 5 points: Kendrick Gourley

Increased ▣ 4 points: Peyton Hill, Judi-Kaye Justice, and Jayden Moses

Increased ▣ 3 points: Kamaria Crews, Brooklyn Fite, Lucas Glass, Marleigh Grant, Reed Hulen, Joshua Jefferies, Kay Johnson, Skyler Mansfield, Issac Smith, Natreanah Wallace, Madeline Wells, and Wesley Parr

Increased 2

points: James Carson, Carma Green, Mercedes Hall, Cameron Hatchell, Logan Haynie, Aubriana Hicks, Maria Hurst, Damion Jelks, Chelby Jordan, Adallani Lopez, Izzie Odom, Seth Pounders, Keegan Rogers, Mya Shelton, Isaiah Thomas, and Ava Winegardner

Increased ▣ 1 point: Mekenzi Anderson, Victoria Armstrong, Mackenzie Benson, Destinee Brown, Braylen Davis, Danny Ellis, Adrianna Finch, Miguel Florencio, La'mya Gause, La'trell Glass, Lucas Houchens, Lilli Kate Jones, Calyn Kimble, Elizabeth Lemons, Alyssa McClure, Aden Morgan, Trevin Nunn, Jaxen Perkins, Camariah Quinn, Jaedon Randall, and Iliana Richard

DMS:

Dyersburg Middle School Beta Winners

JT Nunley, Jack Chitwood, Jonathan Dudley, Thomas Nolen, Porter Bohanon, Tanner Riney, Ben Davis, Emilio Martin, and Nolan Baker: Robotics State Champion
Robotics Sponsor: Trina Roy

Lilly Sanders: Fourth Place in Mixed Media

Leah Myint: Fourth Place in Creative Writing

Jack Chitwood: Fifth Place in Eighth Grade Spelling

JT Nunley: Fifth Place in Eighth Grade Science

Reese and Bella Seratt: Golden Tickets

Dyersburg Middle School: 5th Place in Large Group Talent

All of the above earned invitations to participate at the 2026 Beta National Convention in Nashville!

Trojans of the Week

6th Grade

6B's Trojan of the week is a shining example of hard work, responsibility, and kindness. She approaches each class with determination and gives her best effort in everything she does. She sets high expectations for herself, completes tasks without procrastination, and consistently strives for excellence. She is also a wonderful teammate—encouraging, inclusive, and always willing to collaborate. Her positive attitude and willingness to help others make her an asset to our classroom community. Aristotle once said, "Excellence is not an act, but a habit." Our Trojan of the Week truly lives this out each day through her dedication and strong work ethic. We are proud to have Joycelyn in 6B and as our Trojan of the Week!

7th Grade

In keeping with this festive season, there is a quote that says "In a world full of Grinches, be a Cindy Lou Who." And 7B's Trojan of the Week is definitely giving Cindy Lou Who vibes! She is always positive, radiating a smile and kind word to both her peers and her teachers. This Trojan of the Week sees the best in everyone and gives it her all in everything that she does whether it is in maintaining golden honor roll, staying active in Beta Club, or cheering her Trojans on. Laney is a ray of sunshine in 7B and we are proud to have her on our team. Her hard work, integrity, and gentle spirit will no doubt lead her toward continued success. Congratulations, Laney Lou Who! We are so proud of you!

8th Grade

As Vince Lombardi famously said, 'It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up.'

This Trojan of the Week demonstrates this spirit every day. He is a kind and respectful student-athlete whose growth over his middle school years has been remarkable. He approaches each day with a strong work ethic that teachers admire and coaches depend on. His dedication to improving both academically and athletically reflects a level of maturity beyond his years. He consistently leads by example, showing responsibility, perseverance, and a positive attitude that make him a valued member of every classroom and team he is part of. I am thankful to have spent time teaching this student throughout his time at DMS- a front row seat to see what an excellent young man he is becoming! I'm very proud of you, Maksim!

DIS:

DIS Beta had 38 4th and 5th grade students that competed in the state competitions this year. The following students placed in their areas:

5th Grade Spanish- Giselle Olvera

4th Grade Spanish- Miguel Garnica Garcia

4th Grade Physical Education- Xanni Suan

Premier Duo Performance (Dance)- Cora Houston and Caroline Harrington

Robotics Team- 2nd place London Ruff, Carter Sakarelos, Harrison Noel, Jacob Gadlage, and Cruz Edwards

Trojans of the Week:

Week of Dec. 1-5: Deysi Castellanos, Sebastian Ramirez, and Dawson Wirges

Week of Dec. 8-12: Harrison Noel, Houston Ford, Henry Coats

Dec. 15-19: Elaina Blanton, William Keiser, and Khalia Kuykendall

2025-2026 School Board Meeting

Mar 2, 2026 - CO

Dates:

April 6, 2026 - CO

Feb. 2, 2026 - CO

May 4, 2026 - DHS - TOY and

Feb. 20, 2026 - School Board Retreat

Retirement Dinner to follow

Begin at 1 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Director of Schools

School Board Chairman

