

Dyersburg City Schools
School Board Meeting
May 4, 2026
Location: Dyersburg High School
5:30

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

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

Consent Items

- Tonight's Agenda
- Last Month's Minutes
- DHS Cheer, 6/13-6/16/26, Jonesboro, Arkansas
- DHS Volleyball 6/12-6/13, 2026, Cape Girardeau
- DHS Volleyball, 7/9-7/10, 2026, Cape Girardeau
- DMS Dance, 6/14-6/17, 2026, St Louis Mo
- DHS Dance, 6/17-6/20, 2026, Arkansas State University

New Business

- Mrs. Worley presented the selections for the CTE, PE, and Wellness textbook adoption cycle and explained that the cycle operates on an eight year rotation. Upon a motion by Scott Self and a second by Courtney Patrick, the Board unanimously approved the textbook adoption.
- Mrs. Worley presented the proposed 2026-2027 budget, which includes a 3% raise for all staff. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the proposed 2026-2027 budget upon a motion by Carlos Doss and a second by Courtney Patrick.
- Mrs. Worley presented the 2026-2027 Transportation Contract, outlining busing costs totaling \$1,237,785.79. Upon a motion by Glynn Twilla and a second by Carlos Doss, the Board unanimously approved the contract.

STUDENT SUCCESSES:

DHS:

Congratulations to all the students who were recognized for their academic achievement this school year! DHS recognized students who earned Honor Roll and Golden Honor Roll status at our annual Honors Banquet (11th and 12th grade) and Award Program (9th and 10th grade). In addition to Honor Roll and Golden Honor Roll, the ACT 30+ Club, National Merit Finalist, Class of 2026 Trojan Scholars and Valedictorian were recognized as well.

National Merit Finalist- Bailey Nolen

Class of 2026 Valedictorian- Bailey Nolen

Trojan Scholars-

Chloe Baker

Shelby Gullett

Judi-Kaye Justice

Elizabeth Lemons

Ann Thomas Lowery

Bailey Nolen

Congratulations to our most recent ACT 30+ member, Clara Serquina. We are proud of all 21 students in the ACT 30+ Club this school year.

Congratulations to Lady Trojans Basketball Senior Chelby Jordan and Dyersburg Basketball Junior Jace Ward on being named to the Jackson Sun's All-West Tennessee Basketball First Teams. In addition, Lady Trojan Basketball Head Coach Tim Strayhorn was named Coach of the Year by the Jackson Sun!

Chelby Jordan was named Class 3A Payer of the year by the Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee (BCAT).

Congratulations to Senior Seth Pounders who is continuing his soccer career at Dyersburg State Community College!

Congratulations to Seniors Alex Page for signing with Dyersburg State Community College to further his baseball career!

Congratulations to Senior Adallani Lopez who is continuing her cross country career at Dyersburg State Community College!

Congratulations to Aerie Quinn for signing to continue her basketball career at Dyersburg State Community College!

Congratulations to Brynlee Seay and D'Quarte Rivers for qualifying for the TN All-State Choir!

This incredible achievement is the result of months of dedication, preparation, and perseverance through a rigorous selection process. Brynlee and D'Quarte truly exemplify what it means to commit to excellence in music. They are outstanding representatives of our school and community, and we couldn't be more proud of them. They performed at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville!

DHS is proud that the students in the Dyersburg High School Choir earned the Silver Award for their performance in the SeaWorld Music Festival in Orlando, FL.

Congratulations to our Seniors who are making big steps to further their careers after graduation! Senior who attended Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Northwest Signing Day:

- Kamaria Crews - Welding
- Jarrett Franklin - Computer Information Technology
- Thomas Luna - Welding
- Calyn Kimble - Welding
- Joshua Jefferies - Welding
- Trevin Nunn - Computer Information Technology
- Alex Howell - Industrial Maintenance

DMS:
Plant America for the Next 100 Years

Our students used their creative writing skills to shine in the National Garden Clubs' Youth Poetry Contest and we couldn't be more proud!

Congratulations to our winners:

Elijah Thompson - 6th grade - 1st Place State, 3rd Place Deep South Region

Omari Kershaw - 7th Grade - 1st Place State, 3rd Place Deep South Region

Leah Myint - 8th Grade - 1st Place State, 1st Place Deep South Region

This past Saturday, the DMS choir participated in the Music in the Parks Festival at Six Flags in St. Louis. The choir had 3 groups participate in 3 different divisions earning 2 1st place awards and 1 2nd place award. But most importantly they earned the Esprit de Corps award which is the top award given at the competition. It is given to the school that not only performs at a high level musically but also demonstrates a high level of social etiquette and is the best representative of their school and community thru the way they act. Proud to say that out of 34 school that participated that award came home to DMS. Very proud of my students.

We are proud to celebrate one of our students, Bailee Bird, for her outstanding work and dedication to her 4-H project this year. Through growing sweet potatoes and flowers for local sale, Bailee has gained valuable knowledge and shown tremendous personal growth along the way.

Her hard work was recently recognized at the UT Extension Western Region Project Showcase, where she earned the honor of Premier Exhibitor in her project category. This achievement reflects her commitment, creativity, and perseverance.

We are excited to see all that Bailee and her project, The Blooming Bird, will accomplish in the future!

Trojans of the Week (4/10/26)

6th Grade

Team 6A is ready to announce our TOW! Our TOW leads by example. They have a quiet spirit and a humble confidence. This student is a "stand out" among her classmates and encourages them to work hard. Recently inducted into the Beta Club and an Honor Roll Student, this TOW has everything they need for academic success. This student is a help to her teachers and an encouragement to her classmates by being kind and helpful. We are so proud of you, Caylee! Keep it up! We see you!

7th Grade

Maya Angelou once said, "Try to be the rainbow in someone else's cloud," and 7B's Trojan of the Week certainly shines brightly each day. Yoana is a joy to have in class and to teach. She is never without a smile and carries herself with grace and integrity as she does her very best in all she does. She has consistently shown progress and consistent growth all year on her benchmarks in not just one, but in all three subjects!

Yoana is a kind friend, exceptional student, and a joy to be around. Congratulations, Yoana! We are so proud of you!

8th Grade

8A is proud to nominate a student as Trojan of the Week that is a positive force in our team. He is reserved and soft-spoken, but is mighty in academics and demonstrates strong citizenship. He is consistently on task and does all things with great effort. A member of the DMS Soccer Team, Beta Club, Plus One, and participation in the University of Tennessee at Martin Math Competition, 8A is proud to select Neyland as this week's Trojan of the Week!

Trojans of the Week

6th Grade

“Success in golf depends less on strength of body than upon strength of mind and character.” — Arnold Palmer

6B's Trojan of the Week is the kind of student who is always on par! Whether he's on the golf course, the football field, or in the classroom, he consistently gives his best and represents our school with pride.

As a member of both the golf and football teams and a new member of Jr. Beta Club, he shows that he can balance it all—athletics, academics, and leadership. In the classroom, he works hard, stays focused, and is always willing to help others. Teachers know they can count on him to step up, lend a hand, and keep things running smoothly.

What really sets our Trojan of the Week apart is his attitude. He comes to school happy, encourages those around him, and is always cheering others on. He's the kind of student who makes the day better for everyone—no bogeys in his attitude!

Zac is truly a hole-in-one kind of student, and we are proud to recognize him as our Trojan of the Week!

7th Grade

We are excited to nominate Elisa as Trojan of the Week! She is truly loved by both teachers and students—honestly, she's a bit of a celebrity around here. 😊

Her kindness, positive attitude, and ability to connect with everyone she meets make her stand out in the very best way. She brings energy and joy wherever she goes, and people are naturally drawn to her.

We are so lucky to have her in our school, and she is more than deserving of this recognition!

8th Grade

I would like to recognize this student for her humble nature and quiet confidence. She consistently puts others before herself, showing genuine care and sensitivity to the feelings of those around her. Her teachers say she has a grateful heart and gentle spirit that creates a positive and welcoming presence in the classroom. She leads by example through her kindness, thoughtfulness, and hard work that doesn't go unnoticed. It has been an honor to watch her grow as an athlete and student while at DMS. I would like to nominate Lilly as my Trojan of the Week.

Trojans of the Week

6th Grade

6C's Trojan of the Week is an outstanding student who consistently demonstrates dedication, strong character, and a commitment to excellence.

Academically, he has maintained high standards throughout the year, earning placement on the Honor Roll or Golden Honor Roll each grading period. He is actively involved in choir, the golf team, and Beta Club, showing his willingness to participate and contribute to our school community.

Outside of school, he travels across the state with his church's Bible quizzing team, demonstrating perseverance and a genuine passion for learning.

This student is quiet, yet diligent in his work. He treats others with kindness and respect, while also bringing a sense of humor to those around him. His positive attitude and strong work ethic make him a valued member of our school and an excellent role model for his peers.

Congratulations, Eli, on being named 6C's Trojan of the Week! We are proud of you and grateful to have you as part of our 6C Trojan family!

7th Grade

This week's Trojan of the Week is a student who truly represents what it means to work hard and stay dedicated. Their strong work ethic, positive attitude, and commitment to doing their best every day set them apart both inside and outside the classroom. She is a part of the soccer team, dance team, and a new member of the Beta club.

She consistently comes to class prepared, stays focused on their goals, and puts in the effort needed to succeed. Whether it's completing assignments on time, pushing through challenges, or helping out her teachers and peers- We can always count on this student!

Congratulations to Lucy for being this week's 7C Trojan of the Week! We are so thankful to have you on our team this year!

8th Grade

Our Trojan of the Week is a quiet, thoughtful, and responsible student who leads by example each day. His love for reading is evident in the multiple novels he brings with him daily, always eager to learn and explore new ideas. He consistently shows kindness to classmates and teachers alike, creating a positive and respectful environment for everyone around him. No matter the task, he approaches every class with determination and gives 100% effort. His presence is steady, and his proactive attitude makes a meaningful impact each day. We are proud to recognize him as our Trojan of the Week: Christian!

DIS:

The following students were inducted in the DIS chapter of the National Beta Club on April 12, 2026: Knox Blalock, Kendall Brooks, Ambria Boles, Gabby Bowdery, Brayleigh Canada, Silas Carroll, Adrian Carter, Henry Coats, Grayson Collins, Khimitria Cunningham, Ayinaj Dillard, Brooke Eno, Ira Fields, Penelope Gonzalez, Ky'lie Graves, Ca'myra Harris, Will Harrison, Maddie Hendren, Heath Henderson, John Henderson, Tykeria Hill, Hugh Hudspeth, Dani Hulme, Raelynn Hunter, Tucker Jackson, Iker Jimenez, Camilla Landeros, Lou Lefebvre, Diego Martinez, Marciana McClendon, McKenna McCord, Rowe Penland, Marlee Pierce, Oliver Plascencia, Karmen Reddick, Rayah Simmons, Brysen White, Camden Wilbanks, Braylie Williams, Jaxie Williams, Dawson Wirges, Saizzha Zacarias

The following students were elected as officer for Beta Club for the 2026-27 School Year:

President - Mary Burks Garner
Vice President - Charlotte Gatlin
Secretary - Xanni Suan
Historian - Willa Shelton
Chaplin - Olivia Baker
Treasurer - Mitchell Dishman

DIS

DIS Trojans of the Week for April 13-17: Joe Cravens, Jaxie Williams, & Ira Fields
DIS Trojan of the Week for April 20-24: Harmoni Burton, Jose Molina-Farrell, Caroline Harrington

DIS Trojans of the Week for April 27-May 1: Johanna Hall, Jayden McCrite, Ulyana Landeros

DIS Trojans of the Week for May 4-8: Jikeem Rinkins, Austin Burse, and Emoni Subbery

DIS Word Millionaires: Elizabeth Childrey, Gentry Wilson, Hudson Wirges, Cooper Matheson

DIS Double Word Millionaire: Arden Owens-Welch

DIS Word Millionaire: Aiden Parr-McCraven

2025-2026 School Board Meeting Dates:

Jun 1, 2026 - CO

Adjournment

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

Director of Schools

School Board Chairman