

Dyersburg City Schools
School Board Meeting
May 5, 2025
Dyersburg High School

The Dyersburg City School Board met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. at Dyersburg High School. Chairperson, Jim Coy Houston, opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. The School Board members present for the meeting were: Courtney Patrick, Scott Self, Gleya Twilla, Whitney Allmon, and Carlos Doss. and Jim Coy Houston. 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
- DHS Boys Basketball, 6/4/2025, Paragould, Arkansas
- DHS Boys Basketball, 12/4-12/6, 2025 Paragould, Arkansas
- DHS Boys Basketball, 12/29-12/30, 2025, Glen MS

New Business

- The Bonus Resolution was presented for a second reading. This resolution provides a one-time bonus of \$2,000 to staff members. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Whitney Allmon and seconded by Courtney Patrick. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Worley presented proposed handbook changes for all schools, and Kamela Rogers reviewed proposed updates to the student dress code (see attachment for proposed changes). Following discussion, the Board approved the handbook changes on both first and second readings. The motion to approve was made by Scott Self and seconded by Carlos Doss.
- Mrs. Worley presented the proposed 2025–2026 budget, outlining one-time staff bonuses, projected expenditures and revenues, and a \$2,250 increase in each step of the salary schedule—raising the starting teacher salary to \$52,064.82. She also noted a 3% raise for classified staff, additional funding for anticipated insurance cost increases, and allocations for safety and building improvements. With a motion by Scott Self and a second by Gleya Twilla, the Board approved the budget on both first and second readings.

Student Successes: DHS-

Congratulations to our DHS DECA students that attended the ICDC International Competition in Orlando FL: Laine Robey, Kaelyn Conway, Lizbeth Sanchez, Meredith Meeks, Thaxton Coppage, Preslee Quertermous, Ann Kathryn Trevathan, Avery Hicks and Virginia Keiser! Preslee Quertermous placed in the top 15 out of 150.

Congratulations to those that received Honor Roll and Golden Honor Roll recognitions at our annual Honors Banquet and the 9th 10th Honors Program. In addition to Honor Roll and Golden Honor Roll, the ACT 30+ Club, National Merit Finalist, Class of 2025 Trojan Scholars and Valedictorian were recognized as well. Class of 2025 Valedictorian- Clare Bernheisel

Trojan Scholars-
Clare Bernheisel
Tuesday Gann
Zoey Gates
Daniel Kidd
Israel Larraga
Alexa MacArthur
Nina Paschall
Ava Seratt
Addyson Sherrod
Will Short

The Class of 2025 held the annual Senior Program this past Saturday April 26th at the Lannom Center. The night was a lot of fun, full of dancing, great music, food and lots of photos and videos from the many booths.

Prom King- Trenton Jones
Prom Queen- Anayah Hopkins

Players of the Week for April for Trojan Baseball and Lady Trojan Softball, sponsored by Ermco:

Baseball- Logan Cohen, Ryan Wesson, Alex Page
Softball- Addi Gatlin, Murphy Mae Morgan, Kyleigh Littles, Lilly Kate Jones

New Members of the DHS ACT 30+ Club : Braxton Reynolds and Shelby Gullett

Tennessee Sports Writers Association 3A All State Team: Joya Crawford and Chelby Jordan

ALL of Mrs. Jamie Reynolds Teaching As a Profession students completed the TECTA 30 hour orientation training (Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance) through partnership with Dyersburg State Community College.

DMS:

6th

6A is excited to announce Ben as their Trojan of the week. Ben is a good kid who always does what is expected. He is respectful to his peers and teachers, responsible for himself and his property, always reliable, and is eager to learn. He has been on the golden honor roll for the entire school year, so is an excellent academic example for his peers. He enjoys being a part of Plus 1, the chess club, and the stem club. Ben's silent gestures and comedic personality is fun to have in class! We look forward to watching Ben's continued successes!

7th

We are proud to announce 7A's Trojan of the week, Hunter! This student comes in each day with a smile and a great attitude. He is funny with friends and quick-witted with his teachers. He makes the honor roll and is a member of the DMS Beta club. He is a strong ELA student and always gets his AR goal. One thing that stands out about him is how he has worked extra hard in math this year and it shows in class work! He balances his good grades with many hours spent on the soccer field in both school and travel soccer. Hunter, keep winning on the field and in the classroom!

8th

8A's Trojan of the Week is a hard-working student and athlete. In class, he asks great, in-depth questions that help the whole class critically think about the topic. He is one of the first students to volunteer and answer a question. He is a great leader on the football and soccer field. He is a good friend and always willing to help out. Congratulations Porter Schultz!

6th Grade

6B's Trojan of the week is a quiet and kind presence in our classroom, consistently leading by example through her actions. She shines brightly through a love of reading and an unwavering commitment to always doing what is expected. Her gentle kindness and respectful nature make our classroom a better place for everyone. As the author J.K. Rowling once said, "It is our choices... that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities. Kylie chooses daily to be kind, responsible, and thoughtful — and for that, we are grateful to have her 6B and as our Trojan of the Week.

6B's second Trojan of the week may be a quiet student, but her actions speak volumes. She always does what is expected, treating others with kindness and respect, and consistently earns a place on the Golden Honor Roll through hard work and dedication. Though she may not be the loudest voice in the room, she always leads by example, showing us the importance of kindness, responsibility, and doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. As Aesop wisely said, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Vivian reminds us every day that kindness, responsibility, and quiet strength matter — and we are so lucky to have her as part of 6B and Trojan of the Week.

7th Grade

Former businessman and movie stunt coordinator, Ed Parker, said, "The intelligent man is one who has successfully fulfilled many accomplishments, and is yet willing to learn more." 7B's Trojan of the Week fits that same description! This student is extremely bright, naturally curious, and works so hard in all he does, yet he doesn't stop there. Once he meets an AR goal or Golden Honor Roll achievements, he goes above and beyond what is expected to continue to learn and excel. He has also represented DMS Beta in their robotics competitions and STEM club, participates in chess club and is active in band. And, just recently, was recognized for being a top scorer and placing 3rd overall for 7th grade at the math competition at UT Martin. Congratulations, JT! We are so proud of how hard you have continued to work and strive to learn more and do your very best this year. 7B is glad to have you on our team!

8th Grade

Ben Franklin said, "There never was yet a truly great man, that was not at the same time truly virtuous." 8B has two young men who both display high moral virtues, intellectual virtues, and personal virtues. These young men make decisions that exemplify kindness and integrity. They set positive examples in the classroom through their attention to detail, commitment to learning, and desire to always put their best foot forward. Both of these young men have a bright future ahead of them as they embark on their high school careers. Leyton is a very kind and polite young man who always greets his teachers with "Good morning." He is also kind and accepting

of his classmates as well. He has excelled in all subject areas and has maintained the golden honor roll all year. His leadership skills are not only seen in the classroom but also on the baseball and football fields. He is also involved in Beta, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and FFA.

Jack is our second young man who goes above and beyond in the classroom. He has gone above and beyond to make great academic gains this year in all subject areas. His quiet demeanor and humbleness help him lead in a gentle manner. He has been a leader on the football field, in Beta Club, and has also been on the golden honor roll each nine weeks this year. We wish you the best as you begin your high school careers. You will soar high as you keep your eyes on your goals. Congratulations Leyton and Jack!

6th Grade

Coach Newsom, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Nash, and Ms. Maggie faced a tough decision for this week's 6C Trojan of the week. Henry Ford once said. "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." Ultimately, they decided that the entire 6C hub is deserving of recognition and they are thrilled to announce an Honorable Mention for everyone!

Without further ado, our official 6C Trojan of the Weeks is a remarkable member of the DMS Band, Golf team, an Honor Roll student, and a Citizenship Award winner. A fantastic artist, and a joy to be around. Her teachers love finding the origami stars and all the ducks she gives throughout the year. She never shies away from lending a helping hand to her teachers and to other students and always has a smile on her face. She has shown tremendous growth academically and in her wonderful personality. Professional female golfer, Michelle Wei, has been quoted as saying, "We're all just playing our own game. I don't see it as a rivalry. We're just trying to play our best." And our Trojan of the Week tries her best everyday. It is our honor to announce Ellie as 6C's Trojan of the Week.

7th Grade

The greatest predictor of success is grit, and this 7C student models this principle both inside and outside of the classroom. He works well under pressure and strives to do his best like no other. Team 7C is so proud to choose HAMPTON as our Trojan of the Week. Hampton consistently gives his very best in class, always making corrections so that he can make the best possible grade and has worked hard to stay on Honor Roll all school year. He consistently puts forth his best effort on the basketball court and baseball field as well. Hampton, you make us so proud everyday, and we are extremely glad you are a part of our team!

8th Grade

"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly." Robert F. Kennedy

8C's Trojan of the Week is involved in DMS baseball, a golden honor roll student, and a member of Beta Club. Our trojan of the week has a great sense of humor and is a leader amongst his peers in and out of school. He is always willing and ready, offering to help in any aspect for the benefit of our team and school. He is involved in his church and is a model student to the youth and adults at his church. Our trojan of the week loves to read and always goes above and beyond with his AR goals as well as meeting all of his Zearn goals and is willing to go the extra mile in all subjects. This student exemplifies the ability to overcome obstacles and excel regardless of the situation. His ability to hype up the crowds at ballgames is just one of the many fun features of our trojan of the week. We are proud to announce Thomas as 8C's Trojan of the Week.

DIS:

DIS Trojans of the Week:

Week of April 7: Melissa Blanco, Esteban Arevalo, Heaven Kimble

Week of April 14: Arden Owens-Welch, Samir Weddle, Alaina McClure

Week of April 21: Joycelyn Elder, Brylan Triplett, Wilkes Roberts

Week of April 28: Wyatt Davis, Osman Posadas, Ta'Leia McKenzie

Week of May 4: Willa Shelton, Astrid Llamas-Angel, Blake Attaway

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

Kim Worley, Director of Schools

Jim Coy Houston, Board Chairman