

Dyersburg City Schools
School Board Meeting
September 9, 2024
DPS

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

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

- Tonight's Agenda
- Last Month's Minutes
- DMS Beta, 9/25/24-9/26/24, Cape Girardeau, MO
- FFA National Convention, 10/22/24-10/25/24, Indianapolis, IN
- DHS Competition Cheer, 10/26/24, Southaven, MS
- DHS Choir, 11/3/24-11/4/24, Murray, KY
- DHS Girls Basketball, 12/21/24, Murray, KY
- DHS Girls Basketball, 1/12/25, Poplar Bluff, MO
- DHS Choir, 5/9/25-5/10/25, Hot Springs, AR

New Business

Mr. Jim Coy Houston turned the meeting over to Mrs. Kim Worley to open the floor for officer elections. With Board approval and a second from Ms. Courtney Patrick, Dr. Scott Self nominated Mr. Jim Coy Houston to remain Board Chairman. Motion passed unanimously. With Board approval and a second from Mr. Mike Hickman, Ms. Courtney Patrick nominated Dr. Scott Self to remain Vice-Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brian Jordan introduced Telehealth as a new resource available to our students, outlining the steps taken to secure this valuable service. He provided a demonstration of the Telehealth equipment and detailed the phases and procedures Dyersburg City Schools will follow to implement the program. Additionally, Mr. Jordan highlighted the potential for staff members to access this resource in the future.

Mrs. Worley addressed the board regarding the necessity of replacing the jumbotron at JC Sawyer Stadium. She presented a proposal from Datatronic Control, Inc. (DCI), explaining that Dyersburg High School has already secured sponsorships covering a significant portion of the project. Mrs. Worley requested the board's approval to allocate \$50,000 from the Reserve Fund to finalize the funding and complete the project. With a motion from Gleya Twilla and a second from Scott Self the motion was approved.

Mrs. Worley addressed the board, emphasizing the need to replace the turf at JC Sawyer Stadium. She explained that the current turf, originally warranted for eight years, has lasted 12 years due to the exceptional maintenance by the staff, particularly Mr. Doug French. She assured the board that this high standard of care would continue with the new turf. Mrs. Worley presented a proposal from FieldTurf for \$710,673.00. She noted that the company could reuse a portion of the existing turf known as the infield, reducing the overall cost by \$37,920.00, bringing the final proposal to \$682,753.00. Additionally, two new logos, not included in the original proposal, would be added to the field. Mr. Josh Rogers, Director of Operations, provided the board with field mock-ups and detailed the technology and specifications of the new turf project. Mrs. Worley requested the board approve a transfer of \$682,753.00 from the reserve fund to initiate the project. Mr. Rogers estimated that, upon approval, the project would take approximately one month to complete, starting after the football season and concluding before the start of spring sports. Mrs. Worley also informed the board that Dyersburg High School has secured seven community sponsors for the project and is actively seeking an eighth. With a motion from Mr. Mike Hickman and Second from Dr. Scott Self, the motion passed.

Ms. Linda Deberry and Ms. Jennifer Jackson gave a presentation on how student interventions are used at DPS to help meet student needs. Board members were given details on how students are placed, depending on student needs, into Frog/Tiger Time, TN All Corps, Extended Learning Time, or HOST Learning Program to help them reach their full potential. Mrs. Deberry also addressed the board and presented how behavioral interventions are being implemented at Dyersburg Primary School.

Policies/Handbook Updates

4.600 Grading System

Dr. Scott Self made a motion to accept revisions for Policy 4.600 Grading System on first and second reading Ms. Courtney Patrick seconded this motion with Board approval.

4.700 Testing Programs

Dr. Scott Self made a motion to accept revisions for Policy 4.600 Grading System on first and second reading Mr. Glynn Twilla seconded this motion with Board approval.

With accepted revisions of these policies Mrs. Worley expressed the need to update both DHS and DMS handbooks to reflect the updated policies. With a motion from Dr. Scott Self and a second from Ms. Courtney Patrick the board approved.

Success Stories-Mr. Jim Coy Houston brought attention to the following successes:

DIS:

Trojans of the Week: Ty Newsom, Cora Houston, Dioseyli Lopez

DMS:

Trojans of the Week: Lucy Penland, Izzy Reynolds, Tarlisha Randals, Henley Brooks, Jude Stone, Ronnie Booker

DHS:

DHS fall sports (football, girls soccer, volleyball, golf, cross country) are underway and having lots of successes! Be sure to follow Dyersburg Trojan Athletics on social media to keep up with all Trojan scores and game updates.

Congratulations to Ann Thomas Lowery for being chosen to represent West Tennessee as a Tennessee FFA At-Large Delegate

DHS Beta Club was chosen as a 23-24 National Beta School of Merit to honor their dedication and commitment to academic excellence

All 18 of our senior Nursing students have completed their OSHA 10 Healthcare and CPR/First Aid certifications!

The College Board National Recognition program recognizes students on a variety of criteria including: 1) scoring in the top 10% in the state on the PSAT, 2) Earning a 3 or higher on 2 or more AP exams, 3) Earning a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher. Congratulations to Juan Rivera, Hannah Pankey, Addyson Sherrod, Casey Lewis and Deimos Waller for achieving College Board National Recognition!

Future Meetings

October 14, 2024 @ DHS

November—Annual Convention

December 2, 2024 @ CO

January 6, 2025 @ CO

February 3, 2025 @DIS

March 3, 2025 @ DMS

April 7, 2025 @ CSC

May 5, 2025 @ DHS and Teacher Retirement/TOY Dinner

With no further business and Board approval, Mr. Jim Coy Houston made a motion to adjourn with a second from Dr. Scott Self.

Kim Worley, Director of Schools

Jim Coy Houston, Board Chairman

