

Dyersburg City Schools
School Board Meeting
August 5, 2024
Central Office

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

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

1. Tonight's Agenda
2. Last month's minutes

New Business

- Mrs. Julie Norville, Assistant Director of Schools/Personnel Director, introduced new teachers that were in attendance. Mrs. Worley welcomed the new staff and thanked Mrs. Norville and the HR staff for hiring a great group of educators to add to our staff.
 - Hailey Escue, DPS
 - Emily Escue, DMS
 - Jennifer Moore, DMS
 - Kristin Hopper, DIS
 - Chris Haliburton, DIS
 - Sonya Johnson, DPS
 - Kristen Wirges, DIS
 - Katie Stone, DPS
 - Lea Griffith, DIS
 - Maria Leforgee, System Wide
 - Chris Dishman, DMS
- Mrs. Worley presented the Non-Professional Employees Pension Plan report, stating that the pension plan is fully funded and no audit findings were reported in its review.
- Mrs. Worley gave a summer learning update:
 - DPS had about 120 students each day at Summer School. Using a project based learning model, students increased their knowledge about new topics. Students focused on increasing their foundational skills knowledge. Students were engaged in extensive writing activities. Math skills were

reinforced using manipulatives and game-like lessons. Pre-K students getting ready to transition to kindergarten gained independence and deepened their kindergarten readiness skills. Goals were established for all students and learning was celebrated weekly!

- DIS hosted nearly 100 students in grades 4 and 5. Each week DIS invited 3rd grade students to participate in activities to help transition between the buildings. Their focus remained on reading and math. Multiple celebrations for all students were held each week
- Dyersburg Middle School hosted over sixty rising 6th-8th grade students at Summer Learning Camp this June. Students benefited from small group reading and math instruction each day. Activities were designed to reinforce grade-level standards and provide students with opportunities for hands-on learning. These opportunities allowed them to use their knowledge in real-world applications. Through the novel *Holes* by Lous Sachar, friendship and perseverance were common themes throughout camp which fostered a sense of community within the summer camp. While academics was the focus of summer learning, one of the main areas of emphasis was growing relationships with our students.
- Dyersburg High School had 36 students recover 27.5 credits during Summer Learning which equates to 55 semester classes.
- Mrs. Worley presented to the board the request to place an offer on a lot of land adjacent to Dyersburg High School known as Lot 7 Parr Ave, the size of the lot is 4.32 acres and costs \$450,000. With Board approval, we would move forward with placing an offer on the lot. Mrs. Worley stated the funds would come from our reserves. With a motion from Whitney Allmon and a second from Scott Self, and approved by all members, the motion passed.

Student Successes

DMS

Zoe Paschall placed 4th in Solo Division at National BETA Convention

DHS

FFA Chapter President, Alexa MacArthur recently represented Tennessee's Western Region at the Southern Agronomy Field and was also honored her leadership skills at the ROPE (Regional Officer Preparatory Experience) training held at Camp Clements.

Future Meetings

August 27, 2024 TSBA Fall District Meeting at Dyer CO Time: 4:30
September 9, 2024 @ DPS
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

Adjournment

With Board approval, Carlos Doss made a motion to adjourn.

Director of Schools

School Board Chairman