

Dyersburg City Schools
School Board Meeting
April 6, 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: Dr. Scott Self, Courtney Patrick, Gleya Twilla, Carlos Doss, Mike Hickman, Whitney Allmon and Jim Coy Houston

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by members of the JAC Club from DMS.

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
- DECA International, 4/24-4/29/26, Atlanta Georgia
- DHS Baseball, 4/10/26-West Memphis, Arkansas
- DHS Girls Basketball- 6/16/26, Murray, KY
- DHS FFA, 5/1-5/3, 2026, Holly Springs MS, Rodeo

New Business

- Tenure-Mrs. Julie Norville presented Lynsey Butler and Katie Whittle to the board as eligible for tenure. Mrs. Norville and Mrs. Worley expressed appreciation for their dedication and continued service to Dyersburg City Schools. Upon a motion by Carlos Doss and a second by Mike Hickman, the board unanimously approved tenure for Lynsey Butler and Katie Whittle.
- Joseph Hardin, DHS Advanced Manufacturing-Joseph Hardin, Advanced Manufacturing teacher at Dyersburg High School, provided the board with an update on recent improvements to the Welding program, including the installation of new

welding booths funded through a grant from Rough Country. Mr. Hardin expressed appreciation for the continued support of local business and industry, as well as the administration and board.

- State Champions–DHS Girls Basketball Team-Coach Tim Strayhorn, assistant coaches, and members of the 2026 State Championship team were present to be recognized by the board for their recent victory at the TSSAA State Tournament. Each team member was presented with a certificate from the school board.
- JAC Club-Mrs. Lisa Slayback, DMS JAC Club Advisor, along with club members: Sadie Whittle- President, Lynnlee Houston- Vice President, Lilly Sanders, presented an update to the board. The JAC Club currently has 19 members and highlighted recent activities, including Flags of Honor, updates to the outdoor classroom, and the America 250 Project. Lilly Sanders read her submission for the America 250 Project to the board.
- Handbook Changes-Ms. Worley presented proposed handbook changes for all schools(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 Courtney Patrick.
- Roof Bids-Mr. Josh Rogers presented a bid from Coryell Roofing in the amount of \$668,172.29 for a portion of the roof at Dyersburg Middle School. Following discussion, the board approved the bid upon a motion by Scott Self and a second by Whitney Allmon.

Policy Review

Upon a motion by Courtney Patrick and a second by Mike Hickman to approve on first and second reading, the Board took the following policy actions:

The Board reviewed the following policies with accompanying recommendations (See attached Revisions):

Policies

- Policy Review 6.308 - 6.709
- Policy 1.404 Appeals to and Appearances Before the Board
- Policy 2.400 Revenues
- Policy 1.804 Alcohol and Drugs in the Workplace

- Policy 5.403 Drug and Alcohol Testing for Employees
- Policy 5.200 Separation Practices for Tenured Teachers
- Policy 5.201 Separation Practices for Non-Tenured Teachers
- Policy 5.202 Separation Practices for Non-Certified Employees
- Policy 5.606 Political Activities
- Policy 5.608 Tutoring for Pay
- Policy 5.800 Director of Schools
- Policy 6.300 Code of Conduct
- Policy 6.411 Student Wellness

STUDENT SUCCESSES:

DHS:

DHS Lady Trojan Basketball team WON the 2026 Class AAA Girls' Basketball State Tournament!

Newest members of the ACT 30+ Club: Grady Forsythe, Avery Hinson, John Revell

Congratulations to juniors McKenna Ford and Gabi Goodman for being selected as winners in the Washington Youth Tour short story contest, sponsored by the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association and Forked Deer Electric Cooperative. Their winning stories earned them an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. this summer. And a special congratulations to Gabi, whose story was first place out of all of the stories submitted by schools sponsored by Forked Deer Electric. Her story will now move on to the state level of the competition, where she has the opportunity to win up to \$10,000 in scholarship money.

Congratulations to the 288 students with Perfect Attendance Quarter 3.

Dyersburg FFA returned from the state convention with several awards garnered.

-The chapter was awarded the Superior Chapter Award.

- Four members earned their State FFA Degree including Chloe Baker, Maddie Kate Wells, Micah Crowder, and Ann Thomas Lowery
- The Quiz Bowl team placed 10th in the state out of 133 teams. Those members included Jill Meadows, Stella Roberts, Maddie Kate Wells, and Mollie Wilson.
- The Parliamentary Procedure Team placed 3rd in the state. Team members included Kate Meadows, Ann Thomas Lowery, Chloe Baker, Addison Shearon, Isaiah Krusch, and Thaxton Coppage.
- Ann Thomas Lowery represented the Western Region as the Star in Ag Business
- Ann Thomas Lowery also was the Western Region winner in the Diversified Ag Production Proficiency

A BIG Congratulations to Ann Thomas Lowery for being named to the 2026-2027 State Officer Team as the West TN Vice President!!! We know she will represent Dyersburg FFA and the Western Region well as she travels our state this next year!

Congratulations to the following students: Gabriella Goodman, Zoe Johnson, Christina Jordan, Molly Kate Meadows, and Brinkley Walker who have been chosen as this year's delegates to represent Dyersburg High School at Volunteer Girls State. Congratulations to Nathaniel Tate who was chosen as Dyersburg High School's delegate for this year's Tennessee American Legion Boys State.

DHS TRACK results from first Track Meet of this season:

Quincy Terry

3rd in 100m dash

2nd in 200m dash (new PR)

Necari Hall

3rd in 200m dash (new PR)

3rd in Long Jump (new PR)

New PRs

Alonzo Green 400m 58.45 sec

Alonzo Green Long Jump 19'-7"

Adallani Lopez 1600m and 800m

Mya Shelton 1600m and 800m

DMS:

Trojans of the Week

6th

This week we are celebrating an amazing 6th grader as Trojan of the Week. Paris is a hardworking student who always gives her best effort in everything she does. She stays focused, completes her work with care, and sets a great example for her classmates. Not only is she a hard working student, but she also brings a positive attitude to class every day. With her bright smile and kind personality, she helps make our school a great place to be. We are so proud to have her as the 6th grade Trojan of the week.

7th

Mrs. Lay chose this week's 7th grade Trojan of the Week and she couldn't have chosen a kinder student or a harder worker! He exhibits responsibility and reliability. In class, this student is organized and is always prepared with everything he needs for class. He focuses on his assignments, always taking his time to make sure he does his best. He is the model of respect for his teachers and classmates. He smiles and says good morning, works well with others and makes his friends laugh with his sense of humor. He represents DMS as a member of the golf team and is active in the DMS FFA chapter where he will be attending the state convention soon. When he's not at school, you can find him in the woods deer hunting, on the lake fishing, or on the farm helping his family. He and his family have

recently started growing and packaging their own brand of rice called Tennemo Rice Mill which you can find in many local stores. Preston, you are a great kid and represent DMS so well!

8th

Arely has made a meaningful impact at DMS by consistently bringing light, kindness, and positivity to even the smallest moments. She greets everyone with a smile and a positive attitude, always striving to help others and do her very best in whatever task is before her. Arely quietly leads by example, consistently choosing to do the right thing whether anyone is watching or not.

She is dependable, hardworking, studious, and kind—qualities that make her a wonderful role model for others. While we wish her the best of luck as she begins high school next year, the truth is that luck has nothing to do with it. Arely will be successful in whatever she chooses to pursue because of her dedication, character, and positive approach to life.

6th Grade

Team 6A is excited to announce our TOW! Over the top work ethic, quiet confidence and academic excellence are just a few qualities that describe 6A's TOW. In the classroom, this student has a work ethic that results in academic success in all areas. This student's quiet confidence, humble spirit and kindness is valued by his classmates and teachers. Our TOW is a new Beta Club member and can be spotted on the baseball field proudly wearing black and gold. You make us so proud, Trey! Go be amazing!

7th Grade

"A warm smile is the universal language of kindness"...a quote from William Arthur Ward. This definitely describes 7A's TOW. This student is a true gift to our team! She always has a positive attitude and a sweet calming smile. She gives 110% in all areas and is a friend to everyone! Her kind disposition brightens our days. She is a member of BETA as well as the DMS dance team. Henley....we are so lucky to have you in 7A! We can't wait to see what amazing things you do in life!

8th Grade

This student is an exemplary leader and role model who consistently demonstrates discipline, a strong work ethic, and dedication to every pursuit. As an active member of

Beta, JAC, Cheerleading, and Choir, she balances her diverse extracurricular commitments with remarkable academic poise. Whether she is leading by example in the classroom or inspiring her peers through her various club involvements, she embodies the spirit of service and excellence. Her unwavering commitment to her school community serves as a testament to her character and leadership. 8A's Trojan of the Week is Ann Elizabeth. We are so honored to have her on our team!

Trojans of the Week

6th Grade

As Caitlin Clark has said, "You earn your confidence through hard work and preparation," and as A'ja Wilson reminds us, "Dream big, stay focused, and surround yourself with good people." This student truly embodies both of these messages through their dedication, perseverance, and positive attitude. Her big smile lights up the classroom, and her clever sense of humor keeps her classmates smiling as well. She is a well-rounded and driven individual who excels in band, basketball, and track while maintaining Golden Honor Roll all year. She consistently demonstrates discipline, strong time management, and a commitment to giving her best in everything she does. Whether performing, competing, or learning, she leads by example and inspires those around her. Congratulations Khalia for being 6C's Trojan of the Week!

7th Grade

Team 7C's Trojan of the Week is a no-nonsense, confident young lady who knows exactly who she is and what she wants while bringing light and positivity wherever she goes. Whether she's on the basketball court, soccer field, or cheering on her team, she gives everything she has. She balances her busy athletic life with excellent grades, always reaching her A.R. goal and earning her placement in Beta Club, Plus I, and the Golden Honor Roll. This only proves that her determination and discipline are just part of who she is. We are so proud to have Tinley as this week's Trojan of the Week. Tinley, you brighten our day, and we just love having you on our team.

8th Grade

8C is proud to nominate Aiden. Our TOW is kind and thoughtful towards his peers and always willing to help. He is respectful and always willing to take lead on group projects and even is willing to stay after school to help. Our TOW is involved in E-sports and is in the 75+ club for AR points. His creativity on school dress up days and the way he can accommodate the dress code to still being unique is one of the many remarkable creative assets this young man has. He is a hard worker, but most importantly an all around great kid and leader in 8C.

DIS:

- Dynamic Handshake Final Winners: Vivian Coleman, Bennett Brooks, Charlotte Gatlin, Kendall Brooks, Harrison Noel
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- Trojans of the Week for 3/2-3/6: Raelynn Hunter, Arden Brent, Preston Smith
- Trojans of the Week for 3/9-3/13: Brysen White, Ellis Johnson, A'bre Strayhorn
- Trojans of the Week for March 23-27: Jessica Bates, Jacob Smith, and Kennedy Ward
- Trojans of the Week for March 30-April 3: Lauren Palmer, Emma Capps, William Thomas Townson
- DIS Trojans of the Week for April 6-10: Tucker Jackson, Rayah Simmons, Ivy Holmes
- Word Millionaires: Willa Shelton and Johanna Hall
- Double Word Millionaire: William Zhang
- Word Millionaire: Xanni Suan

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

