

Dyersburg City Schools
School Board Meeting
March 2, 2026
Location: Central Office
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, Gleyn Twilla, Carlos Doss (via phone), Mike Hickman, and Absent: Whitney Allmon and Jim Coy Houston

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

Consent Items

- Tonight's Agenda
- Last Month's Minutes
- DIS-River City Adventure Park, Caruthersville, MO (5/8/26)
- DHS FFA, High School Rodeo, Fort Worth, TX (3/9-3/15/26)
- DHS FFA, High School Rodeo, Tuscumbia, AL (3/6-3/8/26)

New Business

- Special Agent Billy Williams, Homeland Security, provided the Board with an update regarding recent campus safety audits. He shared information on recent assessments.
- TJ VanDyke, Trojan Torch Advisor, and Bailey Nolen, Torch Editor, shared information regarding their Rough Country Mini Grant and how the funds were utilized to attend a journalism conference. They also highlighted recent accomplishments at the Tennessee High School Press Association Awards, earning two third-place finishes and one first-place award.
- Jayne Ann Teague, DPS teacher, shared information regarding her Rough Country Mini Grant and how she utilized the funds to create a "Cozy Corner" in her classroom. The space was designed to provide students with a safe area to calm down, self-regulate, and return to learning more quickly.

- Mrs Worley shared the Financial Statements and Supplementary Information (June 30th 2025) Audit report, highlighting that there were zero findings for Dyersburg City Schools.

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:

- Policy Review 5.119–5.803
- Policy Review 6.100–6.209

Policy Actions Approved:

- Policy 6.100 – Grammatical correction
- Removal of Policy 5.3051
- Amendment to Policy 5.305 – Grammatical correction
- Addition of Policy 5.606 – Political Activities
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STUDENT SUCCESSES:

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DHS:

Congratulations to senior Chelby Jordan for scoring her 1,500th point on January 13th!

Congratulations to our Basketball Homecoming Queen and Court

Queen- Chelby Jordan (senior)
Maid- Aerie Quinn (senior)
Maid- Jaliyah Steele (junior)
Maid- Essence Bonds (sophomore)
Court Representatives:
Freshmen- Layne Richardson and Kilayna Roberts
Sophomores- Essence Bonds and Aaliyah Malamatos
Juniors- Jaliyah Steele and Ka'liyana Ward
Seniors- Chelby Jordan and Aerie Quinn

Congratulations to Lady Trojan Basketball who finished Champions of the 2025 Christmas Tournament

251 DHS students achieved Perfect Attendance for Quarter 2 of the 25-26 school year!

Congratulations to the newest members of the DHS ACT 30+ Club: Sarah Martinez and Murphy Mae Morgan

DMS:

trojan of the Week

6th

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind." 6C's Trojan of the Week is a young lady who is kind to everyone she encounters. When asked about her weekend, she always mentions her family and friends because they are truly important to her. She is a help to her classmates, always willing to explain a math problem or remind them where to find text evidence. In addition to being exceptionally friendly, she is also very bright. 6C's Trojan of the Week shines as a great student and always gives her best effort. She has worked hard to achieve both perfect attendance award and honor roll, and we're so excited for her to be inducted into the Junior Beta Club this Sunday. Congratulations to Perla for being selected as 6C's Trojan of the Week.

7th

This student is an exemplary leader and role model who consistently demonstrates dedication, discipline, and a strong work ethic. Highly involved in both academics and extracurricular activities, he successfully balances participation in baseball, football, and basketball while maintaining a positive attitude and commitment to excellence. As an active member of FFA, he shows responsibility, leadership, and a genuine respect for teamwork and service. He leads by example in the classroom and on the field, earning the respect of peers and teachers alike through his character, determination, and willingness to support others. His involvement and enthusiasm make him a valuable

asset to the school community. Team 7C's Trojan of the Week is Woods. Woods, you make us so proud everyday. Keep up the excellent work!

8th

This young man, who is a best friend to all, leads by example every day. Though he is quiet, his actions speak loudly. He consistently shows kindness, respect, and responsibility to everyone around him. He includes others, offers help without being asked, and treats classmates and teachers with genuine friendliness. His calm confidence and positive attitude make him a role model to his peers. We are proud to recognize Brent as our Trojan Leader of the Week!

6th

Our Trojan of the Week brings such a positive light to our classroom each day. She is incredibly sweet, respectful, and kind. Her genuine warmth toward others never goes unnoticed, and her willingness to help others truly reflects her caring nature. She approaches her work with diligence and determination, always striving to do her very best. She is an active participant in class, asks thoughtful questions, and fully engages in learning. On top of that, her sense of humor keeps us smiling, sharing jokes to brighten the day. We are so proud of her dedication both inside and outside the classroom through her involvement in DMS Cheer, DMS Choir, and Plus One. Lynlee is a wonderful example of positivity, dedication, and kindness. 6B is proud to have you as our Trojan of the Week.

7th

There is a saying that notes: "What we learn with pleasure, we never forget." And no one has more pleasure and fills a classroom with more joy than 7B's Trojan of the Week. He maintains Golden Honor Roll, is active in E-Sports, Cross Country, and Beta Club where he moonwalked voluntarily in front of 6,000 people and never batted an eye at the prospect. We never see him without a smile, kind word, or helping hand. He always ensures everyone around is having as much fun as he is with whatever he is doing, no matter how mundane it may be. Raine Shearon, you find joy in every circumstance, and we are so proud to name you Trojan of the Week! In 7B, "B Means Best!" and you help prove that. Thanks for doing your best and putting your best foot forward each day. Congratulations!

8th

This week Mrs. Roy is proud to recognize Jonathan as our 8th grade Trojan of the Week!

Jonathan consistently goes above and beyond to support both teachers and students. He is always willing to jump in and help resolve technology issues, offering his time and expertise with patience and a positive attitude. Whether troubleshooting a device or assisting with classroom technology, Jonathan is dependable and solutions-focused.

In addition to his tech support, Jonathan served as the driver for the winning Beta Robotics Team, demonstrating focus, teamwork, and leadership under pressure. His dedication doesn't stop there, he can often be found spending time before and after school in the STEM lab listening to his 80's and 90's rock music, working to turn creative ideas into reality. He willingly puts in the extra time and effort needed to make projects successful.

Jonathan takes great pride in his work and treats everyone around him with kindness and encouragement. His positive attitude and strong work ethic truly embody what it means to be a Trojan. Congratulations Jonathan! You have a bright future ahead of you and I look forward to hearing about all the amazing things you're going to accomplish!

6th

Team 6A is so excited to announce our TOW! This student is one of the most focused, conscientious, and eager to learn students 6A has ever seen! In addition to his academic success, he is also an achievement and citizenship award winner. Each morning as he prepares for class, he greets his fellow classmates and teachers with a smile and a "Good morning!". In class he makes it a habit to be on task, prepared, and zoned into whatever is being taught and discussed. If you look up Model Student in the dictionary, you will see his picture! In addition to his academic focus, this student is a valuable member of the DMS E-Sports team and the Boys Soccer Team. He is also a choir student. We can't wait to see all of his accomplishments in the future! We are so proud of you, Joshua. Go be great!

7th

"Focused, hard work is the real key to success." -John Carmack

7A's Trojan of the Week is a student who is successful in everything she does because she is focused. Her hard work, effort, and self-discipline in class show her commitment to academics.

She maintains excellent grades and is a consistent honor roll student. She plays an important role in every class. She comes to class prepared, ready to learn, and always an active participant in class discussions.... Always giving 110%. She is an active member of the DMS Band. She is kind, respectful, friendly, and always willing to help fellow students and her teachers. You will always see her smiling, which brightens our day! We are so blessed to teach you, Brylee! Keep working hard!

8th

8A's Trojan of the Week is

a quiet student who excels in everything he does. He consistently shows what it means to be a "True" Trojan by demonstrating respect, responsibility, reliability and a positive attitude. He is always the first one to step in to lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it. He helps do tasks others may find boring and helps his peers with challenging problems. He works very hard to achieve good grades and be his best self. 8A is so grateful to have Jaxson be our Trojan of the Week!

6th Grade

Team 6A is over the moon to announce our TOW! This student is a high spirited DMS cheerleader, a creative yearbook staffer, a full of energy Energy Club member, and an all A's Golden Honor Roll girl!!! This student excels in the classroom because of the high expectations she sets for herself. She is a kind, helpful friend to others and answers with a "Yes mam!" when asked to help her teachers. We couldn't be prouder of our very own Olivia as 6A's TOW! Go be amazing!

7th Grade

“Silent effort, loud success-work hard in silence and let your achievements speak! “ This quote reflects the attitude and character of 7A’s Trojan of the Week. She is a well rounded student, balancing hard work in the classroom with friendliness and a good attitude. She comes to class quietly and locks in on her work, making sure she does her best. She makes good grades and studies hard. Her hard work actually led to her qualifying for plus one this semester! She is a kind friend, laughing and cutting up in the team area and a kind classmates when she works with others in class. Her teachers are always so pleased as she greets them each time she comes to class. Ilika, we are so proud of you and love that you are a part of 7A. Keep being great!

8th Grade

As Robert Collier stated, “ Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.” 8A is proud to have many students who meet this criteria, but our Trojan of the Week stands out above the rest. Tess displays the characteristics of a true leader inside and outside of the classroom. Her leadership in choir, BETA Club, and Junior American Citizens Club sets a great example for all DMS students. Tess sets a great example for her peers through her strong work ethic, growth mindset, and her respect to peers and adults. She is a joy to have in class and look forward to seeing her succeed in all that she does!

Trojans of the Week

6th Grade

Kindness changes everything.” — TobyMac

This week’s Trojan of the Week consistently shows what it means to be a true Trojan by demonstrating respect, responsibility, and a positive attitude. She comes to class prepared, gives her best effort, and treats both classmates and teachers with kindness. She is always willing to help others and sets a great example through her actions. Her hard work and positive mindset make our classroom a better place, and we are so proud of the growth she continues to show.

Way to go, Ta’Layshia—keep shining and representing our Trojans well!

7th Grade

Team 7C's Trojan of the Week is a quiet student who excels in everything she does. She may not seek attention, yet her focus, discipline, and consistency sets her apart. This student listens carefully, absorbs information deeply, and approaches tasks with thoughtfulness and care. Her work is thorough and high-quality, reflecting a strong understanding and genuine commitment to learning. She is an honor roll student who also loves to read and sing and proves this by making her A.R. goal and being in the choir. She may be quiet, but her effort speaks for her with her stellar grades and even no office referrals or checks! Team 7C's Kylie is this week's Trojan of the Week, and we couldn't be more proud of her. Keep up the great work, Kylie!

8th Grade

Our Trojan of the week is kind hearted and works so hard in all of his classes. He loves reading about Geography and all things from around the world! He is a master behind the camera lens and is always ready to snap pictures of all the events DMS has to offer. Our trojan of the week exudes kindness and the best of manners, which is a super quality to have in a leader. Our 8C Trojan of the week is Amer Homran.

DIS:

DIS Trojans of the Week for January 12-16: Wilkes Roberts, Ellie Holt, William Harrison

DIS Trojans of the Week for Jan 19-23: Luke Smith, Khi Cunningham, and Ja'Khyia Nance

DIS Trojans of the Week for Feb 9-13: Weston Russell, Adilynn Emery, Grayson Collins

DIS Trojans of the Week for Feb 16-20: Eleyna Leasure, Piper Bohannon, and Ellen Brock

Word millionaires- William Zhang. Logan Presley, Arden Owens-Welch

DIS Spelling Bee Winners:

3rd/4th Grade:

1st Place: Heath Henderson

2nd Place: Adrian Gonzalez

3rd Place: Justice Coman

5th Grade:

1st Place: Jacob Gadlage

2nd Place: A'bre Strayhorn

3rd Place: Hadley Hardee

Dynamic Handshake Round 1 Winners:

3rd Grade: Braylen Curtis, Knox Blalock, Tre Jones, Brayleigh Canada, Alayna Blackwell, Jaiden Davis-Evans, Alexander Sierra, Cherish Whitfield, Ulyana Landeros, Marciana McClendon, Kinzlee McCoy, Kellsie Rice, Kendall Brooks, Rowe Penland, Henry Coats, Hugh Hudspeth, Helianna Ortiz Calderon, Cassiel Cohill, Myshaun Dobbins, Victoria Kirkpatrick, Marlee Pierce, Jordan Perry, Ethan Rowlette, Khinna Williams, Jodeci Arnold, Hudson Corder, Iker Jimenez, Paisley Warlick, Bryson Carter, Ra'Niya Smith, Ellen Brock, Maddox Noel, Bry'son Cruse, Mason Fussell, Aaliyah Rowlette, Hazel Townson, Zion Campbell, Dani Hulme, Camilla Landeros, Isabella Phelps

4th Grade: Houston Ford, Karter Haymon, Majestt'i Johnson, Ty Newsom, Jeremy Avery, Keelee Carrasquillo, Alayah Pigue, Emiya Strayhorn, Maddox Franklin, Willa Shelton, Juliana Martinez, Jayden Weber, Latrell Taylor, Vivian Coleman, Ja'Meria Fisk, Nolen Bartlett, Annabella Creasy, Logan Presley, King Taylor, Saizzha Zacarias, Bennett Brooks, Luis Camarillo, Adrian Gonzalez, Hope Summers, Laurielle Brown, Nyvia Lowe, McKenna McCord, Arden Brent, Charlotte Gatlin, Nylah Haymon, Frederick Jackson, Kiarra Thomas, Harper Holt, Taylor Nolen, Ellis Johnson, Madisyn Simmons, Miguel Garnica Garcia, Ella Goldsmith, Jose Molina Farrell, Emmery Sharp

Trojans of the Week for Feb 23-27: Eduardo Sanchez, Saizzha Zacaria, Ayinaj Dillard

Word Millionaire: Silas Carroll

Dynamic Handshake Round 2 winners:

5th Grade: Giselle Olvera, Zaiden Ward, Bailey Howell, Cooper Matheson, A'bre Strayhorn, Harrison Noel, Arden Owens-Welch, Cora Houston

4th Grade: Willa Shelton, Harper Holt, Vivian Coleman, Charlotte Gatlin, Bennett Brooks, Maddox Franklin, Miguel Garnica-Garcia, Madisyn Simmons

3rd Grade: Marlee Pierce, Bry'son Cruse, Kendall Brooks, Henry Coats, Ethan Rowlette, Aaliyah Rowlette, Brayleigh Canada, Tre Jones

DPS:

In January, DPS began STAR Students

STAR Student Award

S- Strives for their personal best

T- Takes responsibility for their actions and belongings

A- Always a friend to others

R- Rises to challenges with a positive attitude

For our first week the following students were chosen:

K - Mikyia and Madalynn

1st - Jaiden and Carrie

2nd - Dakota and Max

Terrific Trojan Team Members:

1. Testing Team - Sherri Decker, Kathy Johnson, Rebecca Tipit, Christie Patton, Hannah Haynie, Anne Ladd Welch, Penny Garner and Jennifer Davis
2. Professional Care Services - Rebecca Lamb and Sarah Morris

DPS held their second awards program on January 16th with several students receiving awards. We are thankful for our community award sponsors.

2025-2026 School Board Meeting Dates:

April 6, 2026 - CO

May 4, 2026 - DHS - TOY and Retirement Dinner to follow

Adjournment

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

Director of Schools

School Board Chairman