



DUNCANVILLE ISD Board Business

Board Announces New Athletic Director



Clint Harper joined the Duncanville ISD family this week as the district's new athletic director.

"I am very excited to be in the City of Champions," Mr. Harper told the Board of Trustees at Monday's regular meeting. "I cannot tell you the pride and honor I feel standing here in front of you."

Mr. Harper comes to the district from Marshall ISD, where he was the athletic director and head football coach. Prior to that, he was in Leander ISD as a head football coach and campus coordinator. Mr. Harper earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Hardin-Simmons University.

At the close of the board meeting, Mr. Harper shared his personal experience seeing Duncanville teams competing at a high level and winning championship over the years.

"I saw how great the program was in Duncanville, where you are building champions. That's something I'm very passionate about...not just on the court and the football field, but we are going to build champions for life."

Mr. Harper is scheduled to start his new job on February 27.

"Made with Pride in Duncanville Honorees Recognized



Lamont Taylor
Teacher



Maria Posada
Staff



Chanciss Wesson
Student

Lamont Taylor is the music teacher at Alexander Elementary School and created the school's drumline. You may remember seeing them in the Duncanville Christmas Parade!

Mr. Taylor not only teaches his students about music, but also about teamwork, collaboration and having good character. Students look forward to going to music class because of Mr. Taylor's engaging lessons.

Maria Posada is an executive secretary at the Duncanville ISD Education Plaza. She is kind and respectful to all who come to her for assistance. Parents and staff are appreciative of her compassionate and efficient manner. Ms. Posada put in extra effort to help families enroll their students as we transitioned to Skyward at the beginning of the school year.

Chanciss Wesson is a senior at Duncanville High School. Chanciss is described as an A+ student who is always on time, helps others, volunteers in class and is a leader on campus. Many students find her enthusiasm and dedication both inspiring and motivating. Chanciss is a member of the DHS volleyball team and has participated in the school's mentoring program for the last two years.

All-State Musicians Recognized

All-State Band



Nine Duncanville High School students received the highest recognition of individual musical achievement by qualifying for the **All-State Band**. The students were selected from auditions at the Area competition on January 7.

This achievement is a special and unique honor. The students represent the top one percent of all high school band students from across the state. Congratulations to:

Madeline Figueroa - Bb Clarinet

Mercy Ogunlade - Bb Clarinet

Robert Graham - Bass Clarinet

John Cruz - Baritone Saxophone (second-year all-state)

David Williams - Trumpet

Kahlil Wyatt - Tenor Trombone

Sharif Long - Tuba (second-year all-state)

Jason Alanis - Tuba

Elijah Waters – Percussion

All-State Choir



One Duncanville High School senior, D'Ivan Draper, received the highest recognition of individual musical achievement by qualifying for the **All-State Choir**. D'Ivan was selected through

a series of competitions held throughout the state at district, region, pre-area and area levels.

Youth and Government Takes Top State Awards



Duncanville High School's Youth and Government (YAG) students took top awards at the state competition in Austin last month.

DHS junior **Sharif Long** made history by being the first governor elected in Texas by more than 76 percent of the vote.

The team from Duncanville High School also won **Premier Delegation** - the top honor awarded to schools based on their overall performance from the beginning of school to the state competition. It includes criteria such as: following the proper Code of Conduct and following dress code at all events and competitions,

meeting all deadlines and participation in multiple competing categories.

Six members of the team also received individual awards including five Distinguished Delegate awards and one award for Outstanding Bill.

Sharif Long - YAG Governor

Kennedi Ford - Distinguished Delegate

Julia Bowers - Distinguished Delegate

Sebastian Caballes- Distinguished Delegate

Naomi Sanchez - Distinguished Delegate

Richel Murata- Outstanding Club Delegate

Julia Bowers - Outstanding Bill

Superintendent Reports

Duncanville ISD Superintendent Dr. Marc Smith presented about [Mid-Winter](#) and [All Pro Dads](#).

Kyle Berger, Chief Technology Officer, gave an update on the [2014 Bond Program](#).

Trustees received the Duncanville ISD Education Foundation's [quarterly report](#) from Executive Director, Jim Richardson.

Jan Arrington, Chief Financial Officer, presented the monthly finance and budget [update](#).

Other Business

Approved [January 9](#) minutes

Approved [budget amendments](#)

Approved [financial and investment reports](#)

Approved shared services arrangement agreement with [Irving Regional Day School Program for the Deaf](#)

Approved the declaring of inventory as [surplus property](#)

Approved the [School Health Advisory Council \(SHAC\) members](#)

Approved extending [depository contract](#) for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 fiscal years

Approved the [investment policy, annual investment report, investment brokers and investment officer training providers](#)

Approved ranking of request for qualifications for [auditors](#)

Approved request for qualifications for Collegiate Academy [construction manager-at-risk](#)

Approved the amended memorandum of understanding with [Dallas County Schools for school resource officers](#)

Approved [iPads and iPad Minis](#) for special education students

Approved amendment to contract with [Xerox](#)

Approved request to the Texas Education Agency for [maximum class size wavier](#)

Approved interlocal agreement for procurement services from [Government Procurement Alliance](#)

Approved request for proposals for [pest control services](#)

Approved the purchase of [graphing calculators](#) for use at Duncanville High School

Approved [professional program management services for 2014 Bond Program](#)

Received information about becoming a [District of Innovation](#)

Received information about [Right At School](#) for before and after-school care