

**Troup ISD  
Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting  
August 28, 2025**

The Troup Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special session on Thursday, August 28, 2025, following the public hearing for the proposed 2025-2026 budget and tax rate, in the boardroom of the Administration Building, 201 N. Carolina Street, Troup, TX. President Shane Jasper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

President Shane Jasper; Vice President Todd Kelly; Secretary Lisa Lewis; Members Vic Bansal, Jake Howard, Ty Lindsey, and Homer Dickey were all in attendance.

**Under Agenda Item #4:**

Blake Rowe presented the preliminary findings of the Financial Integrity Rating System (FIRST) Report. The rating is for school year 2024-2025 based on data from school year 2023-2024. The preliminary findings show Troup ISD to have a score of 100%. Mr. Rowe will have a more in-depth presentation when the final results have been received. He did point out several areas that he felt are of great importance and reflect the district's financial compliance and accountability.

*\*The agenda incorrectly listed the item as the Financial Audit Report.*

No one addressed the Board in Open Forum

**Under Agenda Item #6:**

Blake Rowe explained that the district is required to budget for providing accelerated instruction for tutorials for students that have not passed an End of Course Exam (EOC), and other supplemental services and supplies for students to be considered at-risk of dropping out of school, such as reading recovery, math intervention, and credit recovery. The DAEP program is also paid from these funds. A separate line of this budget is to be specifically to support students who have not passed an EOC exam.

Vic Bansal made a motion to approve the accelerated education budget for school year 2025-2026. Todd Kelly seconded the motion.

**Members voting in agreement: Vic Bansal, Todd Kelly, Shane Jasper, Jake Howard, Ty Lindsey, Homer Dickey, and Lisa Lewis.**

***Motion carried 7-0.***

**Under Agenda Item #7**

Homer Dickey made a motion to approve the proposed 2025-2026 budget as presented.\* Ty Lindsey seconded the motion.

*\*The proposed budget for 2025-2026 is \$17,288,693.*

**Members voting in agreement: Homer Dickey, Ty Lindsey, Vic Bansal, Jake Howard, Shane Jasper, Lisa Lewis, and Todd Kelly.**

***Motion carried 7-0.***

**Under Agenda Item #8:**

Lisa Lewis made a motion to approve, with an ordinance\*, the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.832419 per \$100 valuation. There is \$.742200 per \$100 valuation to go to Maintenance and Operations and \$0.090219 per valuation to go to Interest and Sinking. This rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 22.62% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 by approximately \$-15.30. Vic Bansal seconded the motion.

**Members voting in agreement: Lisa Lewis, Vic Bansal, Jake Howard, Ty Lindsey, Shane Jasper, Homer Dickey, and Todd Kelly.**

***Motion carried 7-0.***

*\*Ordinance was signed by Board President, Shane Jasper and attested by Board Secretary, Lisa Lewis.*

*\* The original Ordinance attached at posting time was later revised to reflect required legal verbiage and has been added to the posting as a supplemental resource.*

**Under Agenda Item #9:**

Superintendent Jones explained the requirements resulting from the legislative session to adopt policies and procedures regarding the purchase of library materials and parent notification. To be in-compliance with the requirements, Troup ISD has established a verification system, with established standards, before books can be recommended for purchase. The checklist must receive approval at both campus and district levels before being presented to the Board for approval. Ty Lindsey made a motion, with a second from Jake Howard to approve the TASB recommended addition of policy EFB(LOCAL), as well as the established procedures and guidelines, as presented.

**Members voting in agreement: Ty Lindsey, Jake Howard, Vic Bansal, Shane Jasper, Homer Dickey, Lisa Lewis, and Todd Kelly.**

***Motion carried 7-0.***

**Under Agenda Item #10: Superintendent's Discussion Items**

Superintendent Jones informed the Board that the new scoreboard has been installed at the football field. Some of the cost will potentially be recovered through an insurance claim for a lightening strike on the previous scoreboard. After a legislative session, the Board is required to attend a post legislative update session. Raise Your Hand Texas is able to provide that service. A date for the training session will be set.

**Under Agenda Item #11:**

Homer Dickey made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: approval of minutes of August 12, 2025, Special meeting and August 12, 2025, Regular meeting; and final budget amendments for 2024-2025; and approval of donation for elementary and middle school lunches. Todd Kelly seconded the motion.

**Members voting in agreement: Homer Dickey, Todd Kelly, Lisa Lewis, Shane Jasper, Ty Lindsey, Jake Howard, and Vic Bansal.**

***Motion carried 7-0.***

**No Executive Session was needed**

**Under Agenda Item #14:**

At 6:22 p.m. Ty Lindsey made a motion with a second from Vic Bansal to adjourn.

**Members voting in agreement: Homer Dickey, Todd Kelly, Lisa Lewis, Shane Jasper, Ty Lindsey, Jake Howard, and Vic Bansal.**

***Motion carried 7-0.***

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Board President

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Board Secretary