

**Troup ISD
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
August 31, 2026**

The Troup Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special session on Monday, August 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom of the Administration Building, 201 N. Carolina Street, Troup, TX for a public hearing on the proposed 2026-2027 budget and tax rate. President Shane Jasper called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Todd Kelly opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members Present:

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

Under Agenda Item # 4:

Blake Rowe discussed the district financial plan (comprised of educational, revenue and expenditure plans), and an overview of the proposed 2026-2027 budget by fund and function, as well as the proposed tax rate. As Mr. Rowe explained the historical data of tax rates and valuations, he also explained how the slight increase to the tax rate is in the Interest and Sinking portion, to cover bond and interest payments. Changing from the 2025-2026 rate of \$0.8324 to 2026-2027 proposed rate of \$0.8361 for a change of \$0.0037 per \$100 of value, this would be an increase of \$18.09 per \$100 of taxable value. Mr. Rowe explained that while the rate would be slightly increasing, the tax revenue is estimated to decrease 5% compared to last year due to increased tax exemptions.

Under Agenda Item #5:

Jade Flores addressed the Board to express how she feels a tax increase could be a burden on the local residents.

Under Agenda Item #6:

At 5:13 p.m., Ty Lindsey made a motion with a second from Todd Kelly to adjourn.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

Board President

Board Secretary