

**Troup ISD
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2026**

The Troup Independent School District Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom of the administration building, 201 N. Carolina Street, Troup, TX. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and presided over by President Shane Jasper. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Todd Kelly opened the meeting with prayer.

Members Present:

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

Under Agenda Item #4: Recognitions

- A. The following students of the month were recognized:
 - Caroline Gresham – Elementary School
 - Tyler Kerns – Middle School
 - Adalyne Burks – High School

Under Agenda Item #5:

Mr. Cooksey presented the 2026 Accountability results while providing an explanation of how scores are calculated not only on actual test scores but whether students increased in their performance levels. To receive points, the students had to maintain or increase their testing standard level. Even though the high school outperformed the state in all tested areas, students dropped their performance level which resulted in a lower score. Moving forward, each student will be tracked based on each TEK to better understand where they are and what skills need to be improved on before testing. Next year the accountability system will change and there will be no hold harmless period while acclimating to the new scoring system.

No one addressed the board in open forum.

Under Agenda Item #7: Administrative Reports

- A. Support Services – David Smith

Mr. Smith informed the board of four air conditioner units that have had to be replaced since the start of school. Parts are removed from the units being replaced to be used to repair other units when possible. Over half the units in the district are over twenty years old. One of the newer buses broke down last week while out of town. It was towed to Tyler to be repaired. The repairs or replacement of the engine should be warrantied. Breakfasts and lunches being served this year are showing an increase over last year's numbers for the same period.

- B. Finance – Blake Rowe

- 1. Cash and Investments
- 2. Tax Collections – 99.24% of the current year levy and 96.43% of the budgeted revenue was received for the school year ending August 31, 2026.

C. Academic Update-Stephen Cooksey

C.1. Staff Spotlight- Counselors

The district counselors each spoke about the curriculum used on their campuses and how each of the programs aligns not only with the state Character and Applicable Health TEKS but also the core values of the district- respect, integrity, and community. The students start at an early age learning character traits such as empathy, kindness, and leadership, as well as responsibility and perseverance. Students are taught how to regulate their emotions and problem solve. Each year, those lessons are built on, adding areas to boost confidence and reduce anxiety. The counselors have also added grief groups to help those dealing with loss and family changes. The high school works to promote mental health awareness and reduce the stigma attached. The guidance counselor also spoke about the ways she is introducing students to possible career choices. College and career fair also includes military recruiters. Seniors also visit several businesses and manufacturing facilities during the year. Seniors are given assistance and practice in completing college applications.

D. Technology- Reginald Gossett

Written Report

E. Athletics – Sam Wells

Written report

Under Agenda Item #8:

Superintendent's Discussion Items

Connor Castillo has been named a National Merit Semifinalist for Class of 2027. Finalists will be announced in February. This is the first student for Troup ISD, that can be verified at this time, to be named as a semifinalist. Enrollment is still increasing and attendance has been good for the year so far. Superintendent Jones informed the Board of the great turnout for Grandparent's Day at the Elementary campus. Over 400 guests attended. Homecoming activities are scheduled for this week. Next week the game is out of town and is on a Thursday. Shortage of officials led to each district being required to schedule one or two games on Thursdays this season. The architectural drawings for the academic wing at the high school are in progress. Several changes were made to better fit the science and CTE classes, as well as address safety concerns to the outside entrance to the wing. Finished drawings should be back in the next several weeks.

Under Agenda Item #9:

On the Superintendent's recommendation, Homer Dickey made a motion to proceed with filing sanctions against the SBEC certification of Adam Lightfoot for contract abandonment without good cause. Ty Lindsey seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

Under Agenda Item #10:

Lisa Lewis made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: approval of minutes of August 31, 2026, special meeting for public hearing and August 31, 2026, special meeting; revenue; expenditures; check register; purchase orders greater than \$50,000; 2026-2027 Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) members; and a donation for school lunches for the elementary and

middle school campuses. Todd Kelly seconded the motion. **All members voting in favor: Vic Bansal, Jake Howard, Ty Lindsey, Shane Jasper, Homer Dickey, Lisa Lewis, and Todd Kelly.**
Motion carried 7-0.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:51 p.m.
No actions were taken.

Under Agenda Item #13:

At 7:52 p.m., Ty Lindsey made a motion, with a second from Todd Kelly, to adjourn.
All members voting in favor: Ty Lindsey, Todd Kelly, Vic Bansal, Jake Howard, Shane Jasper, Homer Dickey, and Lisa Lewis.
Motion carried 7-0.

Board President

Board Secretary