

**Troup ISD
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
March 2, 2026**

The Troup Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special session on Monday, March 2, 2026, in the boardroom of the Administration Building, 201 N. Carolina Street, Troup, TX. The meeting was called to order at 5.08 p.m., presided over by President Shane Jasper. 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 Homer Dickey, and Vic Bansal were in attendance. Ty Lindsey joined the meeting at 5:13 p.m. Jake Howard was not in attendance.

No one addressed the board in Open Forum.

Under Agenda Item #5: Superintendent's Discussion Items

Superintendent Jones informed the Board that the District's most recent submissions for Teacher Incentive Allotment were approved. The data was from the 2024-2025 school year. There were nine new distinctions awarded. Two teachers previously awarded distinctions achieved a higher distinction level. This brings our total number of teachers with distinctions to twenty-two. The district is expanding the plan to include additional positions that could possibly earn additional distinctions in the future. The City of Troup has asked for easier access to the warning system pole that is currently on the elementary playground. When the system has to be serviced, the playground has to be shut down to allow the trucks and workers to have access. The City will be moving the fence several feet in order to access the pole without interrupting school activities. Planning for the 2026-2027 school year is underway. Enrollment for PreK and Kindergarten will open soon. The high school and middle school are looking at scheduling and course selections for next year. Spring break is next week. Monday, March 16 is a staff development day. The March Board meeting is now scheduled for Thursday, March 19. This will allow more time for financial reports to be assembled after Spring Break.

Under Agenda Item #6:

Preston Lindsey spoke to the Board about considering construction of an additional wing at the high school. Eric Berry, from Berry and Clay was also present to help answer any questions. The Board could opt to not move forward with the Life Skills classroom as planned, but instead, seek architectural drawings for a wing that would house six classrooms; including a life skills room, one science class, one classroom for an ag teacher, thus alleviating the need for a teacher to have class in the ag shop office, and an additional three classrooms. This would provide the space that is needed for teachers to not have to share classrooms. The room previously designated for the renovation to a life skills room could instead be used as a health science class. At this time, Mr. Lindsey would like to ask the board for approval to seek architectural drawings and cost estimates for this project. At a later time, the Board would be

asked to approve seeking bids and moving forward. After a lengthy open discussion, the board decided to not make any decisions at this time. The Board would like more information on costs and to be able to consider the impact of reducing the fund balance and the lost revenue generated by interest on any monies spent. A possible future bond and the estimated construction timeline and the ramifications of a delay in providing space is also to be considered.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:44 p.m.

Under Agenda Item #8:

No recommendations were made at this time.

Under Agenda Item #9:

At 6:45 p.m. Ty Lindsey made a motion with a second from Todd Kelly to adjourn.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Board President

Board Secretary