

**Troup ISD  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
February 9, 2026**

The Troup Independent School District Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom of the Administration Building, 201 N. Carolina Street, Troup, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and presided over by President Shane Jasper. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance and Todd Kelly led a prayer.

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

**Under Agenda Item #4: Recognitions**

A. The following students of the month were recognized:

Carter Mayo – Elementary School

Charli Anderson – Middle School

Clara Turner – High School

B. All State Band Recognition

Jacob Hewitt

**Under Agenda Item #5:**

Principal Goode explained that CTE is an educational framework providing secondary students with academic, technical, and employability skills for specialized jobs and emerging industries. The programs currently at Troup High School includes agricultural technology and mechanical systems that provide career pathways for welding, fabrication, construction, carpentry, and electrical. Animal Science studies are also provided and can lead to jobs in livestock and ranching, science and research, equine science, industry and business, as well as animal health and veterinary science. Students may also choose culinary arts. Career pathways introduced in culinary classes includes chef or sous chef, pastry chef or baker, restaurant and hospitality management, catering and event planning, as well as, dietician and nutritionist possibilities. Health Science classes have grown over the last several years and currently have 44 students in the program with six seniors eligible for a certificate this May. Possible careers include patient care in hospitals and clinics, medical terminology, and healthcare technicians. Several students are now in clinicals and receiving hands on training at a clinic in Jacksonville. Plant Science pathways prepare students for careers in agriculture and natural resources as well as floral design and horticulture science. Several students are receiving training hours at a local flower

shop to practice floral design and learn business basics. Students were recently polled and areas of interest have resulted in several newly added courses of study for next school year, including law and public service, digital communications, and teaching and training.

**Under Agenda Item #6:**

Stephen Cooksey presented the required Troup ISD Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) in a Public Hearing. The TAPR is an important report with many pieces of information. Mr. Cooksey explained how the district scored above the state average in all but two areas, where the scores were below the state. But both areas showed an improvement from the previous year. Mr. Cooksey explained that students opting out of the test are recorded as failures and hurt the district ratings. The overall C rating was not based on scores alone but had more to do with growth measurements. CTE courses at the high school are weighted heavily. Students not completing the pathways and passing certification tests or the alternate TSI cause the rating to drop. This year the high school has introduced Texas College Bridge Program to allow students to complete the program and pass a test to replace the TSI scores. ACT and SAT passing scores, as well as, completing dual credit courses will count as being TSI compliant. The district meets special ed requirements and has had zero reports of violent or criminal incidents on campuses. Mr. Cooksey explained where to find TAPR reports on the district website and the TEA website, as well as available copies on the campuses.

**Under Agenda Item #7:**

Jade Flores addressed the Board in Open Forum to ask the board to consider approving the Resolution for SB 11 under agenda item #10. She expressed wanting to see the students have a safe place to gather for prayer time.

**Under Agenda Item #8: Administrative Reports**

A. Support Services – Preston Lindsey

1. Election Update – Places 2 and 3 are up for election. Each place has one candidate application filed at this time. Deadline to file is Friday, February 13 at 5:00 p.m.
2. Facilities Update- the track work has been completed. Plans for summer and next year's repairs, as well as budgetary needs for those repairs and renovations are being discussed. Mr. Lindsey informed the board of a recent utility contract change. He praised Superintendent Jones for negotiating the contract with help from Tradition Energy. This moves the district from TXU to Reliant and the price is locked in until 2033. This has a projected savings of \$600,000 over the course of the contract.

B. Financial Report – Blake Rowe

1. Cash and Investments
2. Tax Collections – Total received budgeted revenue as of January 31, 2026, is 58.77% and percent of received current year levy is 61.24%.
3. Check Register

C. Athletics – Sam Wells

*Written Report*

**Under Agenda Item #9: Superintendent Discussion Items:**

Superintendent Jones informed the Board that Troup ISD was awarded the LIFT grant. This will span three years and totals \$400,000. This will be used to implement curriculum. In conjunction with the Special Ed Co-Op and Whitehouse ISD, the district has submitted an application for an autism grant. The grant would provide sensory stations in four special ed classrooms for our district. Superintendent Jones said the district will be monitoring the impact of the Texas Education Freedom Accounts (vouchers). There is a short time line from the parent application process to the necessary completion of any requested testing for special education qualifications by the district. UIL realignment was announced last week. Basketball season is wrapping up as the spring sports are getting started. Stock show season is also getting underway. Concert Sight Reading contest for band is soon. One Act Play is underway as well. Friday, February 13, and Monday, February 16 are student holidays for the district. Because of spring break, the next Board meeting is scheduled for March 16 at 6:00 p.m.

**Under Agenda Item #10:**

Superintendent Jones spoke about the requirements of SB 11. She informed the Board how the students are now freely engaging in Bible study and prayer on their own at lunch and before school. She explained that SB 11, in creating a policy, with its parameters and guidelines, would make a more restrictive environment for the students. Students would be required to have parental consent to participate and staff would be required to monitor participation. Homer Dickey made a motion that in accordance with SB 11, Education Code 25.0823, for Troup ISD to not approve the resolution to create a policy designating a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text, but to allow the students to continue to have their own Bible studies and prayer time as they choose. Jake Howard 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 #11:**

The required Troup ISD Plan for meeting teacher certification requirements for TEA addresses how to have alternative certification teachers complete their process and receive full certification in a timely manner. Jake Howard made a motion to approve the Troup ISD's Teacher Certification Plan as presented. Lisa Lewis 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 #12:**

Todd Kelly made a motion, on Mr. Lindsey's recommendation, to proceed with architectural plans and to seek bids for the capital improvement project at the high school to renovate and furnish a life skills classroom, as discussed at the January 29, Special Meeting. 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 #13:**

Lisa Lewis made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: minutes of the January 8, 2026, regular meeting and the January 29, 2026, special meeting; revenue; expenditures; purchase orders greater than \$50,000; the resolution for emergency closing wage payments; the proposed 2026-2027 school calendar; and the Certification of Provision of Instruction Materials. Homer Dickey 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.***

**At 7:07 p.m. the Board convened in Closed/Executive Session.**

**At 8:30 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session.**

**Under Agenda Item #15: Results of Executive Session**

On the Superintendent's recommendation, Homer Dickey made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 term contract for Preston Lindsey. Lisa Lewis seconded the motion. All those voting in favor: Vic Bansal, Jake Howard, Shane Jasper, Homer Dickey, Lisa Lewis, and Todd Kelly. Ty Lindsey abstained from the vote.

***Motion carried 6-1-0.***

Lisa Lewis made a motion, with a second from Todd Kelly to approve the 2026-2027 term, dual assignment term and continuing professional contracts, as recommended by the Superintendent, for Robert Castillo, Jr., Stephen Cooksey, Ryan McInturff, Linda Salgado, David Smith and Sam Wells, as well as, the probationary term contracts for Traci Pridgen, Travis Goode, and the Non-Certified Administrator Contracts for Kyndal Brown, Reginald Gossett, and Blake Rowe.

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 #16:**

At 8:31 p.m. Ty Lindsey made a motion to adjourn. Homer Dickey 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.***

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Board President

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Board Secretary