

**Troup ISD
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2025**

The Troup Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, November 17, 2025, 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 6:01 p.m. and presided over by President Shane Jasper. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Kelly opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members Present:

President Shane Jasper; Vice President Todd Kelly; Secretary Lisa Lewis; Members Homer Dickey, Jake Howard, and Ty Lindsey were in attendance. Member Vic Bansal joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Under Agenda Item #4: Recognitions

- A. The following November students of the month were recognized:
 - Nayvee Holdren – Elementary School
 - Hayleigh Salinas-Barrera – Middle School
 - Jailyn Richardson– High School

Under Agenda Item #5: Open Forum

Gayle Johnson addressed the Board to question why the district does not participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and ask that it be considered for next year. The CEP is a program that offers free breakfast and lunches to students in economically qualifying districts. Superintendent Jones said that at next month's meeting Mr. Lindsey would speak regarding this program. Jade Wray also addressed the Board. Mrs. Wray spoke on Second Step, a curriculum used at the middle school to address health standards relating to emotional and mental health. Mrs. Wray again expressed concerns over the curriculum. Since the last meeting, staff have reevaluated the curriculum and while they were able to find the comments Mrs. Wray referenced, these comments were on an independent website and were related to curriculum from 2021. Principal McInturff later explained to the Board that the key areas of emotional learning that are integrated into the Health Education TEKS, and mandated by the state, are taught in the Second Step curriculum. Mr. McInturff explained Second Step has revised and revamped the curriculum since 2021. The current curriculum has been vetted and there has been no evidence of the questionable subjects or lessons in the current curriculum.

Under Agenda Item #6:

Stephen Cooksey presented the Board with an academic overview addressing the goals for academic achievement this year. He cited the district mission statement, as well as the district vision statement, and the commitment to empower the students to be lifelong learners and have successful futures. The district has a goal to exceed the state average by at least 5% in every tested area while providing a comprehensive core enrichment curriculum that includes technology. Mr. Cooksey explained that the driving factor in choosing Bluebonnet for the elementary curriculum was the vertical alignment and rigor at which the lessons are presented. At

this time secondary curriculum from Bluebonnet is still in development but should be available for the middle school grades by 2029. The campus administration and staff are tracking each student and each assessment. This checkpoint system can be used to identify TEKS needing to be retaught.

Under Agenda Item #7: Administrative Reports

A. Facilities Update-Preston Lindsey

Mr. Lindsey updated the Board on the District Vulnerability Audit. Corrections are already being made to address findings. The final report will be presented to the Board after it is received. The auditor was complimentary of the staff and administration and praised the procedural uniformity throughout the district. The district received \$28,000 for the scoreboard that was hit by lightning. An additional claim has been submitted and the district could receive up to an additional \$9,000.

B. Finance – Blake Rowe

B.1. Cash and Investments

B.2. Tax Collections – 6.08% of budgeted revenue and 6.48% of the current year levy has been received.

B.3. Check Register

C. Athletics – Sam Wells

Written Report

Under Agenda Item #8: Superintendent Discussion Items

Superintendent Jones congratulated the High School Band on placing at State Marching Contest and the volleyball team on playing so well and making it to the Regional Semi-Finals. The district has several twirlers that qualified at regionals and are now headed to state contest. The Tiger football team is still undefeated and will play Hooks for the Area title. Basketball season is now underway. Next week school is closed for Thanksgiving break. The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 8.

Under Agenda Item #9:

Homer Dickey made a motion, with a second from Ty Lindsey, to approve the resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the bond election held by Troup ISD on November 4, 2025. All 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:

No action was taken on the AIA Agreement. The contract is currently being viewed by the district's attorney. The final version should be ready for next month's meeting.

Under Agenda Item #11:

David Smith explained the new law requiring that all library purchases must first be posted on the district website for 30 days to allow for public comment and questions. The books have all been vetted by campus library personnel and administration before being posted. After the 30 days, the lists are then presented to the Board for approval before being purchased. The current

elementary and high school lists were posted for the required time period and no comments or questions were received. Jake Howard made a motion to approve the library purchases for the elementary and high school libraries, as presented. Todd Kelly seconded the motion. All voting in favor: Jake Howard, Todd Kelly, Lisa Lewis, Homer Dickey, Shane Jasper, Ty Lindsey, and Vic Bansal.
Motion carried 7-0.

Under Agenda Item #12:

Ty Lindsey made a motion to approve the resolution approving the annual investment policies and strategies, listing Executive Director of Business, Blake Rowe, and Superintendent, Tammy Jones, as approved investment officers and approval of the investment training sources as presented. Homer Dickey seconded the motion. All voting in favor: Ty Lindsey, Homer Dickey, Lisa Lewis, Todd Kelly, Shane Jasper, Jake Howard, and Vic Bansal.

Motion carried 7-0.

Under Agenda Item #13:

Preston Lindsey informed the Board that the district received three quotes from vendors on the approved vendor list. Mr. Lindsey made a recommendation to use ProTech, the lowest priced quote, for repairs to the track and pole vaulting runway. The district has used ProTech in the past for the original track work as well as the tennis courts. Ty Lindsey made a motion, with a second from Todd Kelly, to accept the ProTech quote of \$117,150 for necessary repairs to the track and pole vaulting runway. All those voting in favor: Ty Lindsey, Todd Kelly, Lisa Lewis, Homer Dickey, Shane Jasper, Vic Bansal, and Jake Howard.

Motion carried 7-0.

Under Agenda Item #14:

The Board did a first read of Policy Update 126 (LEGAL) and the TASB recommendations for updating local policies affected by the legal changes. No action was taken at this meeting. Policy changes will be added to consent agenda for adoption at next month's meeting.

Under Agenda Item #15:

Vic Bansal made a motion to approve the Cherokee County Appraisal District 2025 certified tax roll levy. Homer Dickey seconded the motion. All voting in favor: Vic Bansal, Homer Dickey, Shane Jasper, Jake Howard, Ty Lindsey, Lisa Lewis, and Todd Kelly.

Motion carried 7-0.

Under Agenda Item #16:

Todd Kelly made a motion to approve the Smith County Appraisal District 2025 certified tax roll levy as presented. Jake Howard seconded the motion. All voting in favor: Todd Kelly, Lisa Lewis, Homer Dickey, Shane Jasper, Ty Lindsey, Jake Howard, and Vic Bansal.

Motion carried 7-0.

Under Agenda Item #17:

Homer Dickey made a motion to cast all 138 votes for candidate Joe Taylor for the 2026-2027 Board of Directors of the Cherokee County Appraisal District. The motion was seconded by Ty Lindsey. All those voting in favor: Homer Dickey, Ty Lindsey, Vic Bansal, Jake Howard, Shane Jasper, Lisa Lewis, and Todd Kelly.

Motion carried 7-0.

Under Agenda Item #18:

Todd Kelly made a motion to cast all five votes for Mark Whatley for the Smith County Appraisal District 2026 Board of Directors. Vic Bansal seconded the motion. All voting in favor: Todd Kelly, Vic Bansal, Jake Howard, Ty Lindsey, Shane Jasper, Homer Dickey, and Lisa Lewis.

Motion carried 7-0.

Under Agenda Item #19: Consent Agenda

After a brief discussion with Principal McInturff addressing the open forum comments regarding the Middle School Campus Improvement Plan, Todd Kelly made a motion, with a second from Homer Dickey, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: minutes of the October 27, 2025, Regular meeting; minutes of the October 27, 2025, Special Meeting; revenue; expenditures; 2025-2026 District and Campus Improvement Plans as presented. All voting in favor: Todd Kelly, Homer Dickey, Lisa Lewis, Shane Jasper, Ty Lindsey, Jake Howard, and Vic Bansal.

Motion carried 7-0.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

The Board returned to Open session at 8:52 p.m.

Under Agenda Item #21:

Ty Lindsey made a motion, on the Superintendent's recommendation, to hire Julie Calhoun as a middle school ELAR teacher to replace Shellie McAllister who is retiring in December. Vic Bansal seconded the motion. All voting in favor: Ty Lindsey, Vic Bansal, Jake Howard, Shane Jasper, Homer Dickey, Lisa Lewis, and Todd Kelly.

Motion carried 7-0.

Under Agenda Item #22:

At 8:53 p.m., Ty Lindsey made a motion to adjourn.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

Board President

Board Secretary