

**Troup ISD
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
March 19, 2026**

The Troup Independent School District Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Thursday, March 19, 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 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: Recognitions

- A. Students of the Month
 - Creed Carr– Elementary School
 - Easton Bolling – Middle School
 - Tre Anderson – High School

No one addressed the Board in Open Forum

Under Agenda Item #6: Administrative Reports

- A. Support Services- Preston Lindsey
 - 1. Election Update- both races uncontested and will be moving to cancel the election
 - 2. Facilities Update- Mr. Lindsey informed the Board that the lists for summer projects is being prepared and will be presented next month. In reference to last month's meeting about possible capital projects, Mr. Lindsey informed the Board that the architectural fees to proceed with the education wing at the high school would be approximately \$131,000. This would be 80% of the total architectural fee if the District were to decide to proceed with the project. That fee is a very competitive 6.5% of the cost. The scope of the total project drives the cost percentage. This charge would cover all aspects of the project to prepare for going out to bid.
- B. Financial – Blake Rowe
 - 1. Cash and Investments
 - 2. Tax Collections – As of February 28, 2026, 88.05% of the current year levy and 84.18% of budgeted revenue has been received.
- C. Athletics -Sam Wells
 - Written report

Under Agenda Item #7: Superintendent's Discussion Items

Mrs. Jones congratulated the state and regional powerlifting qualifiers and informed the Board that the girls competed today and Troup ISD had Tayla Davis win state in her weight class, and several others placed as well. Christus will be holding a warehouse event where our CTE Health Science teacher can select from donated hospital equipment for her classroom. The Board was given dates for the Region 7 School Board Summit. The Board can elect to attend together and receive credit for Team of Eight training. The April board meeting will be at the high school to accommodate for the Top Ten recognition dinner. July meeting dates may need to be changed and will discuss at upcoming meeting.

Under Agenda Item #8:

Julia Evans, Special Education Director with Arp-Troup SSA, presented the newly required annual Special Education update, as required by TEC 29.0012. Troup ISD currently has 15.9% of students served through special education. The state average is 15.5%. In the state of Texas, there has been a 72% increase in the number of students served since 2017-2018. Adding dyslexia to the special education umbrella has accounted for part of the increase across the state. Mrs. Evans informed the board of the various codes used for disabilities and for services received. The district is evaluated by TEA based on number of special ed students passing STAAR and EOC exams, as well as, the percentage of special ed students requiring disciplinary actions. Students needing to be evaluated for special education services that live in the district, but do not attend school at Troup are able to be evaluated and receive an IEP plan. The district is now reimbursed a small fee for the evaluations but nothing is provided by the state for the services, if elected. TEA cyclical monitoring is a mandated six year review cycle, which puts Troup ISD on the rotation for 2028.

Under Agenda Item #9:

Ty Lindsey made a motion to approve the Certification of Unopposed Candidates, with a second from Jake Howard. Vic Bansal, Place 2, and Shane Jasper, Place 3 were declared elected and will assume positions after the May election date. All those voting in favor: Jake Howard, Ty Lindsey, Homer Dickey, Lisa Lewis, Todd Kelly, Shane Jasper, and Vic Bansal.

Motion carried 7-0.

Under Agenda Item #10:

Todd Kelly made a motion to approve the Order of Cancellation of the May 2, 2026, Board of Trustees General election. 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.

Under Agenda Item #11:

Vic Bansal made a motion, with a second from Ty Lindsey, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Arp ISD for Disciplinary Alternative Education Placement Services for 2026-2027. 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:

Preston Lindsey presented the information on the cost of retrofitting school buses with three-point seatbelts, as required by SB546, under Transportation Code 547.701. After explaining the age of the bus fleet and the cost involved to retrofit the existing buses currently in fleet without the three-point seatbelts, Mr. Lindsey made a recommendation, that due to the financial constraints involved in retrofitting existing buses, the current budget would not allow for this expense. Lisa Lewis made a motion on this recommendation, to not move forward at this time, in retrofitting the existing buses due to the financial constraints. Jake Howard seconded the motion. This can be revisited as grants and possible state funds could be allocated to allow for this expense. All those voting in favor: Vic Bansal, Jake Howard, Ty Lindsey, Homer Dickey, Shane Jasper, Lisa Lewis, and Todd Kelly.

Motion carried 7-0.

Under Agenda Item #13:

Homer Dickey made a motion, with a second from Lisa Lewis, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: minutes of the February 8, 2026, regular meeting and the March 2, 2026, Special meeting; revenue for February; expenditures; check register for February; and 2026-2027 Student and Athletic Accident Insurance. All those voting in favor: Todd Kelly, Lisa Lewis, Homer Dickey, Shane Jasper, Ty Lindsey, Jake Howard, and Vic Bansal.

Motion carried 7-0.

At 6:50 p.m., the Board convened in Closed/Executive Session.

At 7:38 p.m., the Board reconvened in Open Session.

Under Agenda Item #15: Results of Executive Session

On the Superintendent's recommendation, Ty Lindsey made a motion to approve the professional probationary contract for new hire Kayla Pritchett for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

On the Superintendent's recommendation, Todd Kelly made a motion, with a second from Lisa Lewis, to approve the professional term contract for Angela Howard for the school year 2026-2027. All those voting in favor: Vic Bansal, Ty Lindsey, Shane Jasper, Homer Dickey, Lisa Lewis, and Todd Kelly.

Motion carried 6-0-1. Jake Howard abstained.

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

Motion carried 6-0-1. Ty Lindsey abstained.

On the Superintendent's recommendation, Lisa Lewis made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 school year: term contracts for Kella Stanley, Karyn Ard, Kellie Deeann Berryhill, Charles Boyd, Shyra Jones, Janna Lacy, Kathleen Marshall, Robin Parrish, Jonna Rust, Ruth Wilson, Kimberly Knighton, Laurie Larison, Kristi Adams, Michelle Arnett, Michelle Berryman, Jennifer Brashear, Lisa Brown, Teresa Cassels, Jessica Chambers, Christopher Coon, Ivy Coon, LaTricia Corbett, Dusti Cover, Myra Foley, Amber Freeman, Julie Harper, Caitlyn Jones, Dorian Martin, Fiorella May, Jenifer McRee, Kimberly Morris, Amy Pannell, Jamye Read, Brittany Ritchey, Jessica Tarrant, Melanie Tate, Kalli Tinkle, Cassie Whitham, Madison Wimberly, Sharon Adams, Brittany Anderson, Meagan Davenport, Cassie Dowdy, Brooke Hight, Samantha Kraus, Jennifer Lovelady, Lauren Rodgers, Phibi Vassallo; as well as dual term contracts for Jordan Blackmon, Jay Brashear, Stefanie Hamilton, Darin Harley, Arden Johnson, David Minnix, Jennifer Minnix, Robert Adam Thomas, Ammie Wells, Shannon Clakley, Brian Hamilton, Anthony Harris, Billy Howard, Kori Minnix, Colton Lackey, and Andrew Wally. Also to include probationary contracts for Lindsey Herbert, Tessa Law, Adam Lightfoot, Jamie Lightfoot, Allyson Marshall, Carlie Mauldin, Celeste Nations, Danni Russell, Allison Brown, Christa Pirtle, Rita Riggins, Jayme Goode, and dual probationary contracts for Madalyn Griffin, and Treston Coleman; twelve month term contracts for Abby Acker, Tyson Huckaby, and a probationary twelve month contract for Jim Stewart,; probationary administrator contract for Misti King-Alford, and a dual administrator contract for Lance Bernard, a Continuing contract for Kimberley Shofner, and a non-Chapter 21 certified contract for Jennifer Boyd. Todd Kelly seconded the motion. All those voting in favor: Vic Bansal, Jake Howard, Shane Jasper, Homer Dickey, Lisa Lewis, and Todd Kelly.

Motion carried 6-0-1. Ty Lindsey abstained.

Under Agenda Item #16:

At 7:44 p.m., Ty Lindsey made a motion, with a second from Todd Kelly, to adjourn.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

Board President

Board Secretary