

**Troup ISD
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
December 8, 2025**

The Troup Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday, December 8, 2025, 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 6:02 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 Vic Bansal, Jake Howard, Homer Dickey, and Ty Lindsey were in attendance.

Under Agenda Item #4: Recognitions

A. The following students of the month were announced:

Ryleigh Jones – Elementary School
Madalynn Aldridge – Middle School
Logan Jakubik – High School

Under Agenda Item #5: The Public Hearing on 2024-2025 School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report* was presented by Blake Rowe.

**The purpose of the financial accountability rating system is to ensure that school districts are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and achieve improved performance in the management of their financial resources. The system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to manage their financial resources better in order to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes. The system will also disclose the quality of local management and decision-making processes that impact the allocation of financial resources in Texas Public schools. This FIRST rating is based upon an analysis of staff and student data AND budgetary and actual financial data that was reported for the 2023-2024 school year. For 2024-2025 there are 21 indicators that determine a district's rating. A District must score at least 70 points to pass. Troup ISD received a score of 100 and its rating was an "A = Superior".*

Under Agenda Item #6:

A parent addressed the Board regarding agenda item eleven. She asked that the board delay approving the library book lists for purchase until further research can be completed.

Under Agenda Item #7:

Molly Abele, CPA of Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, L.L.C., discussed the financial audit of Troup ISD for the school year ended August 31, 2025. The audit results were good, with no findings to report and there was an unmodified opinion in the *Annual Financial Report* on the financial statements as a whole. Ms. Abele reported that the district's total combined net position was \$9,722,154 at August 31, 2025, an increase of \$75,831 over the prior year, before prior period adjustment. Vic Bansal made a motion to approve the financial audit report for the school year

ending August 31, 2025. Todd Kelly 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 #8:

Homer Dickey made a motion, with a second from Vic Bansal, to approve the 2024-2025 School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report as presented. All those 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 #9: Administrative Reports

- A. Support Services- Preston Lindsey
 - A.1. Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Information- Mr. Lindsey explained the CEP program and the rate for reimbursement. In order to not operate at a deficit, the percentage of free and reduced qualifiers would need to be higher. That will only be possible if more families complete the appropriate paperwork. At the current qualifying percentage level, the district would be in a deficit of \$24,000 to \$28,000 per month. The district evaluates the qualifying percentages each month. The program can be applied for in June of every year. At this time, the program is not monetarily sustainable for the district.
 - A.2. Facilities Update- cleaning and maintenance schedules for Christmas break are being evaluated.
- B. Finance- Blake Rowe
 - 1. Cash and Investments
 - 2. Tax Collections – 19.92 % of the current year levy has been received compared to 20.26% last year.
 - 3. Check Register
- C. Athletics – Sam Wells
 - Written report

Under Agenda Item #10: Superintendent's Discussion Items

Superintendent Jones informed the Board that the current district enrollment is 1,077. This time last year, the enrollment was 1,056. This is up from the beginning of the current year as well. Mrs. Jones also informed the Board of district activities and sporting schedules for December. First grade just completed their 62nd annual first grade Christmas play.

Under Agenda Item #11:

No action was taken on the library purchasing lists.

Under Agenda Item #12:

Homer Dickey made a motion to approve signing the letter of agreement with GLS Architecture-Engineering-Surveying as the architect of choice for possible capital improvement projects. Ty Lindsey seconded the motion. All those 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 #13:

Ty Lindsey made a motion, with a second from Homer Dickey, to approve Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) as the project delivery method for possible capital improvement projects. 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 #14: Consent Agenda

Homer Dickey made a motion to approve consent agenda items, including minutes of the November 17, 2025, Regular meeting; revenue; expenditures; purchase orders greater than \$50,000; local policy update 126; donations for libraries and technology departments, as presented. Vic Bansal 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.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:01 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:17 p.m.

No recommendations or actions were taken.

Under Agenda Item #17:

At 8:17 p.m., Ty Lindsey made a motion to adjourn.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

Board President

Board Secretary