



**Board of Cooperative Educational Services
Sole Supervisory District
St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties
P.O. Box 231, 40 W. Main Street
Canton, New York 13617**

**Board of Education Meeting Date: September 14, 2023
BOE APPROVED: October 12, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Sole Supervisory District of St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties was held on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at the Educational Services Center, 40 W. Main Street, Canton, New York beginning at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Roger Bennett, Michael Davis, James Lattimer, Todd Bates, Michael Miller, Ward Remington, Cindy McLean, Kevin Wells and Jack Zeh (arrived at 6:06 pm)

Others Present: Thomas Burns, Maureen Bouchey, Darin Saiff, Jennie Colburn, Nicole Ashley, Kevin Perretta, Marshall Fiese, Jane Akins, Johnathan Hirschey, Lori Remington, Julie Austin-Kormanyos and Rachel Atkins

All members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Guidelines Board discussed the guidelines.

Public Comments None

No. 2024 - 46 Motion made by McLean, seconded by Wells.

**ALL PERSONNEL
BOARD ACTION AS
FOLLOWS:**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent Burns, does hereby approve the attached Personnel action: All of the following appointments are conditional, pending clearance from the State Education Department, pursuant to Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000 of the State of New York.

(In accordance with [Board Policy #5150](#) – Recruitment, Selection, & Appt. of Personnel)

Yeas: Zeh, Davis, Lattimer, Bates, Miller, Remington, McLean, Wells
Abstain: Bennett

No. 2024 – 47
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
PLAN

Motion made by Remington, seconded by Miller.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent Burns, does hereby the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Professional Development Plan (PDP) as mandated by Part 100.2 of the Commissioner's Regulations.

Yeas: All members present
Nays: None

No. 2024 – 48
LITIGATION
AGAINST SOCIAL
MEDIA COMPANIES

Motion made by Bates, seconded by McLean.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent Burns, does hereby approve the Social Media School District Litigation provided by the Ferrara Firm.

Yeas: All members present
Nays: None

No. 2024 – 49
LOCAL BIDS

Motion made by Davis, seconded by McLean.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent Burns, does hereby approve the the bid award to the lowest bidder meeting the specifications for exterior improvements at the Educational Services Center to T.J. Fiacco Construction, LLC, Norwood, NY with the base bid of \$277,700.00.

Yeas: All members present
Nays: None

No. 2024 – 50
LOCAL BIDS

Motion made by McLean, seconded by Remington.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent Burns, does hereby approve the bid award to the lowest bidder meeting the specifications for the parking control improvements at the Seaway Technical Center, Southwest Technical Center and Northwest Technical Center to T.J. Fiacco Construction, LLC, Norwood, NY with the base bid of \$203,700.00.

Yeas: All members present
Nays: None

No. 2024 – 51
LOCAL BIDS

Motion made by Miller, seconded by Bates.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent Burns, does hereby approve the bid award to the lowest bidder meeting the specifications for the electrical technology project at the Seaway Technical Center, Southwest Technical Center and Northwest Technical Center to ENI Mechanical, Inc., Gouverneur, NY with the base bid of \$52,240.00.

Yeas: All members present
Nays: None

Motion made by Remington, seconded by Miller.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent Burns, does hereby approve the following consent agenda items:

- Treasurer’s Report for period ending August 31, 2023:
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)

A. Account Balances (August 31, 2023)

General Fund	\$ 1,725,939.17
Federal Fund	\$ 361,420.34
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 485.12
Payroll Fund	\$ 0.00
Capital Renovation Project	\$1,394,851.38
Capital Equipment Reserve	\$ 205,757.27

B. Current Budget Allocation – August 31, 2023

[Budget Report](#)

[District Billing](#)

General Fund Budget..... \$ 77,440,523.46

- [Minutes of August 31, 2023 Special BOE Meeting](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)

- Cooperative Bids
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4310](#) – Purchasing Policy)

Natural gas for 2023-2024

- [Fire Inspection Report](#)
(As mandated by §807 (a) f Commissioner Regulations; 8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) §155.8; 19 NYCCR Part 1225; Manual for Fire and Building Safety Inspections in Public and Non-public Schools, SED, revised January 2004)

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

Reports

[Thomas R. Burns, District Superintendent](#)
[Darin Saiff, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction](#)

Discussion Items

None

Information Items

Update on Facilities – K. Perretta

Fall Open House – Wednesday, September 20th, 5-7pm – Seaway Tech Center

2023-2024 Board of Education Goals – October BOE meeting

Area 6 Dinner – Thursday, October 5th, 6:00pm - Malone Golf Club

Fall Open House – Thursday, October 5th, 5-7pm – Southwest Tech Center

Regent Catania Dinner – Wednesday, October 18th, 5:30pm - Seaway Tech Center

Presentation

Bitsandbotscirriculum.com Presentation – Johnathan Hirschey and Rachel Atkins

**No. 2024 – 53
ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Davis, seconded by McLean to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

**Maureen A. Bouchey
District Clerk**