



**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 MEETING – Thursday, March 14, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education Goals 2023-2024

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES is committed to work successfully with component districts across the region:

- To increase student performance and enhance opportunities to access advanced coursework essential for a successful preparation for college, career, and citizenship including alternative and technology-based platforms
- To promote regional sharing and delivery models through inter-BOCES as well as intra-BOCES arrangements
- To continuously evaluate BOCES services for quality, efficiency, and potential improvement, including input from our component school district partners
- To provide financial and operational solutions to our component school districts helping them maximize new revenue sources, and specifically to provide training and build school district preparedness for lean times due to reductions of federal and state aid.

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES will:

- Work with our Regional Partners, including SUNY Potsdam, to build and refine regional pipelines that will produce teachers and future educational leaders for the region, including the Ed Leadership Program at SUNY Potsdam and the Advanced Certificate in Special Education Program, and the District Superintendents' Innovation Committee and BOCES of NYS Teacher Ambassador Program.
- Work with component districts to provide professional development of a multi-year implementation of The Science of Reading to address significant literacy gaps across the region.
- Continue to provide school districts and BOCES staff the information, resources, and training necessary to protect digital information, including Personally Identifiable Information (PII) of staff/students, and to protect our technology platforms.
- Develop resources to support BOCES and SLL component districts as they raise awareness and build capacity toward the implementation of the New York State Education Department's Culturally Responsive Sustaining Education Framework and the embedded components of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- Begin a comprehensive review of regional Special Education programs and classes, both BOCES and school district, with an eye towards future restructuring.

AGENDA

Opening Activities

(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)

- I. Call to Order by President
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call and Quorum Check

IV. Public Comments

V. Recognition of employees who have been granted tenure for the period of January 1, 2023 through January 1, 2024

Action Items

VI. Personnel – See Attachment “A”
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5150](#) – Recruitment, Selection, and Appointment of Personnel)

This motion will include the entire personnel section of the agenda.

A motion is needed to approve the Personnel as presented in Attachment “A”.

VII. Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4510](#) – Facilities Planning)

Rationale: DANC was the sole bidder on the E-rate federal offering for both 1Gb lit fiber and 10Gb lit fiber for St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES’ wide area network between the BOCES and all districts within its service area.

A motion is needed to approve the Services Agreement between the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), “the Operator” and St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES “the BOCES” to provide both 1Gb lit fiber and 10Gb lit fiber. The term of the Services Agreement shall commence on April 1, 2024 and end on March 31, 2029 and may be renewed for a maximum of three (3) additional one-year periods.

VIII. Consent Items for Approval

- [Minutes of the February 8, 2024 BOE Meeting](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)
- Treasurer’s Report for period ending February 29, 2024:
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)

A. Account Balances (February 29, 2024)

General Fund	\$7,860,990.83
Federal Fund	\$617,530.03
Trust & Agency Fund	\$918.66
Payroll Fund	\$0.00
Capital Renovation Project	\$852,245.56
Capital Equipment Reserve	\$206,248.92

B. Current Budget Allocation – February 29, 2024

[Budget Report](#)

[District Billing](#)

General Fund Budget..... \$73,987,494.05

- Cooperative Bids
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4310](#)– Purchasing Policy)
 - Gasoline & LP Gas-Propane for 2024-2025
 - BioFuel & ULSD/ULSK for 2024-2025
 - Produce for March-April 2024

- [Adoption of the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties 2024-2025 Common Calendar](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #7320](#) – School Calendar / School Day)

Rationale: The common school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year has been adopted and approved by the majority of the component school districts in the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Sole Supervisory District. The calendar, as presented, is ready for approval and adoption by the BOCES BOE.

- Staff Conferences
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5211](#)– Travel Expenses/Conference Approval)
 - Nanci Collins, Jared Prashaw and John Hughes to attend a Certified Welding Inspector 1-Week Seminar/Exam in Cleveland, OH from May 4 – May 11, 2024
 - Courtney Chichester and Rachel Holz to attend the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) 2024 Conference in Kansas City, MO from July 12 – 17, 2024.

- Donations
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4230](#) – Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, and Bequests to BOCES)
 - Donation of a 2007 Ford 150 from William Tyndall, Madrid, NY to the Northwest Technical Center Automotive Technology class. The approximate value of the 2007 Ford F150 is \$5,500.00.
 - Donation of a 2009 Chevy Traverse from Jillian Lovely, Ogdensburg, NY to the Northwest Technical Center Automotive Technology class. The approximate value of the 2009 Chevy Traverse is \$3,000.00.

A motion is needed to approve the above consent agenda items.

IX. Reports

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

X. Discussion Items

XI. Informational Items

- A. Update on Facilities – Kevin Perretta
- B. April 9 – Northwest Tech Center Open House, 5-7 pm

- C. April 11 – Northwest Tech Center - BOCES Board of Education meeting at 4:00 pm, Annual Board of Education meeting at 6:00 pm

XII. Presentation

- A. Lori Remington – Annual Required 23NYCRR500 (The Plan) and Ed Law 2d Cyber Reports

[NYSED Law 2nd BOE Annual Report](#)

[DFS BOE Annual Report](#)

XIII. Other

XIV. Pass Around Information

XV. Adjournment