



**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 AGENDA

Thursday, September 9, 2021 – 6:00 pm

**Board of Education Goals
2020 - 2021**

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

- To enhance and increase student achievement and 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 develop a better model to continuously evaluate BOCES services for quality, efficiency, and potential improvement, including input from our component school district partners
- To facilitate the successful implementation of the Next Generation Learning Standards, Curriculum, and Assessments, and raise performance outcomes for students across the region.

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES will:

- Provide financial and operational solutions to our component school districts working with other educational partners, during the coming years of uncertain state aid, revenue, and budgets.
- Work with the Board of Education Facilities Committee and component school districts to complete upgrades at various sites through the BOCES CTE capital project and Energy Performance Contract. The projects will address critical infrastructure needs and allow existing and new BOCES programs to operate for many years.
- 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 new Ed Leadership Program at SUNY Potsdam and the Advanced Certificate in Special Education Program.
- Work with component districts to provide professional development for the implementation of instructional tools and strategies needed for effective hybrid and virtual instruction, as well as providing parents with the knowledge and skills needed to support their students with such instruction.
- The BOCES will investigate models of Social/Emotional/Learning (SEL) for implementation across the region, which will increase both the cognitive capacity of all students and their physical and mental well-being.
- 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.

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

Action Items

- IV. Personnel – 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”.

- V. Local Bids
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4310](#)– Purchasing Policy)

A motion is needed to approve the bid awards for building materials, to low bidder meeting specifications for Northwest Technical Center, Southwest Technical Center, and Seaway Technical Center for the buildings of the houses:

Roofing Materials:

Northwest Technical Center – J.P. Building Supply - \$3,938.50
Southwest Technical Center – J.P. Building Supply - \$3,938.50
Seaway Technical Center – J. P. Building Supply - \$3,938.50

Fascia & Soffit Materials:

Northwest Technical Center – Bicknell Building Supply - \$1,200.40
Southwest Technical Center – Bicknell Building Supply - \$1,200.40
Seaway Technical Center – Bicknell Building Supply - \$1,200.40

Exterior Door Materials:

Northwest Technical Center – Bicknell Building Supply - \$2,089.93
Southwest Technical Center – Bicknell Building Supply - \$2,089.93
Seaway Technical Center – Bicknell Building Supply - \$2,089.93

Window Materials:

Northwest Technical Center – J.P. Building Supply - \$5,094.21
Southwest Technical Center – J.P. Building Supply - \$5,094.21
Seaway Technical Center – J.P. Building Supply - \$5,094.21

Plumbing Materials:

Northwest Technical Center – Bicknell Building Supply - \$4,043.08
Southwest Technical Center – Bicknell Building Supply - \$3,866.72
Seaway Technical Center – Bicknell Building Supply - \$3,866.72

Electrical Materials:

Northwest Technical Center – Everything Electric, Inc. - \$7,204.30
Southwest Technical Center – Everything Electric, Inc. - \$6,956.25
Seaway Technical Center – Everything Electric, Inc. - \$6,956.25

VII. Appointment of Technology Intern

(In accordance with [Board Policy #5150](#) – Recruitment, Selection, and Appointment of Personnel)

A motion is needed to approve the temporary appointment of Luis Estevez-Brenton to an unpaid position with the Technology Department, with an increase in hours (80 hours) for a total of 240 hours to shadow computer technicians, under the guidance of Lori Remington, Director of Technology, from August 26 through November 30, 2021.

VIII. Authorize Participation in Lawsuit Against Juul Labs, Inc.

(In accordance with [Board Policy #4550](#) – Smoking Tobacco)

WHEREAS, the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices has increased dramatically among high school and middle school students in recent years, leading to significant risks of addiction, potentially life threatening respiratory ailments, and other health consequences; and

WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vapid devices by students has caused the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES (the “School District”) to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases; and

WHEREAS, the School District’s Board of Education (the “Board”) has been invited to join a nation-wide lawsuit by school districts against Juul Labs, Inc. the largest seller of e-cigarettes in the United States and other parties responsible for the production, marketing, sale and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to join this lawsuit to discourage the proliferation of e-cigarettes, end the marketing of e-cigarettes to children, and seek compensation for harm caused to the District due to e-cigarette use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby resolves:

- 1. To appoint the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC and approve the agreement to provide legal services in connection with pursuing claims for damages against Juul Labs, Inc. and others consistent with the recitals above;**
- 2. To authorize the Superintendent to take all steps necessary for the District to become an active co-plaintiff to pending litigation filed on behalf of school districts Nationwide by the Frantz Law Group against Juul Labs, Inc. and others.**

IX. Lease Agreement between St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES and Cornell Cooperative Extension
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4510](#) – Facilities Planning)

Approval of the one-year lease agreement between Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County (CCE) and St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES for the purposes of developing the Agricultural Studies Academy. The term of the agreement shall be \$30,000 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

X. Consent Agenda Items for Action

- Minutes of Regular Meeting – [August 19, 2021](#) Regular Board Meeting
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)

- Treasurer’s Report for period ending August 31, 2021
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)

A. Account Balances

General Fund	\$1,084,724.01
Federal Fund	\$886,786.52
Trust & Agency Fund	\$240.43
Payroll Fund	\$ 0.00
Capital Renovation Project	\$2,278,738.13
Capital Equipment Reserve	\$204,993.19

B. Current Budget Allocation

[Budget Report](#)
[District Billing](#)

General Fund Budget..... \$ 71,691,557.00

- Donations
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4230](#) – Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, and Bequests to BOCES)
 - Donation of a GBC laminator from Southwest Technical Center to Clifton-Fine CSD
 - Donation of Robotics Equipment from Northwest Technical Center to Ogdensburg Free Academy

A motion is needed to approve the above consent.

XI. Reports

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

XII. Discussion Items

XIII. Information Items

- A. Update on Facilities – K. Perretta
- B. Update on Capital Project – Michael Lahey, MARCH Associates & Rob Gray, C&S Companies
- C. October meeting – Board of Education Goals
- D. October meeting to be held at Southwest Technical Center

XIV. Presentations

XV. Other

XVI. Pass-Around Information

XVII. Adjournment