



**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 – Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – 6 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 new 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 for the implementation 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.

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

Action Items

- V. [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”.

- VI. [Southern Regional Education Board and St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Memorandum of Understanding](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4310](#)– Purchasing Policy)

A motion is needed to approve the three-year Memorandum of Understanding for the period of August 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026 between Southern Regional Education Board and St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES to implement the Career and Technical (CTE) Teacher Preparation Project with the total cost of \$63,900.00.

- VII. [St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School Boards Association Account](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4484](#) – Financial Accountability)

A motion is needed to approve the oversight of the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School Boards Association funds and authorize the Treasurer to open a separate checking account at Community Bank, N.A. for these funds.

- VIII. [Approval of RFP for Breaker Maintenance and Inspection Services](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4484](#) – Financial Accountability)

A motion is needed to approve the RFP award to the highest bidder meeting specifications for specialized professional breaker maintenance and inspection services at St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, Canton, NY.

- IX. [Consent Items for Approval](#)

- [Minutes of the October 12, 2023 BOE Meeting](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Mtgs)
- [Treasurer’s Report for period ending October 31, 2023:](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)

A. [Account Balances](#) (October 31, 2023)

General Fund	\$7,177,385.94
Federal Fund	\$941,543.73
Trust & Agency Fund	\$3,840.86
Payroll Fund	\$0.00
Capital Renovation Project	\$1,292,148.06
Capital Equipment Reserve	\$205,929.24

B. Current Budget Allocation – October 30, 2023

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

General Fund Budget..... \$ 75,616,739.01

- [Establish Hourly/Per-Diem/Stipend Rates for 2023-2024 Year](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5151](#) – Temporary and Part-time Employees)
- [Cooperative Bids](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4310](#)– Purchasing Policy)
 1. Produce for November / December 2023
- [Donation](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4230](#) – Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, and Bequests to BOCES)
 - Donation of two (2) wooden pallets of scrap steel remnants with an approximate value of \$100.00 (approximate weight 1,000 lbs.) to the Metalworking Program at the Seaway Tech Center from Viking-Cives, USA
 - Donation of a miscellaneous box of power tools and electrical supplies with an approximate value of \$475.00 to the Seaway Tech Center from Tractor Supply

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

XII. Reports

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

XIII. Discussion Items

XIV. Information Items

- A. Update on Facilities – K. Perretta
- B. December 14th Board of Education meeting will be at Seaway Tech

XV. Presentation

CiTi BOCES has been providing educational audiology services for over 20 years in the Central New York region. Recently, they have developed a network approach to expand awareness, resources and services to surrounding areas.

Dr. Jessie Bennett Bradley, Au.D., CCC-A, Dr. Amy Bradbury, Au.D, CCC-A and Dr. Katie Cavanaugh, Au.D., FAAA (Jeff-Lewis BOCES) are excited to share with you information regarding this approach that will improve access to instruction for students with hearing loss and other auditory disorders as well as discuss the value of having educational audiologists in our schools.

Educational audiologists provide support and training to administrators, general and special education teachers, literacy specialists, related service providers, families and students and assist students with hearing assistance technology and developing advocacy skills needed to improve access to instruction and communication.

XVI. Other

A. [Internal Claims Auditor Report: July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023](#)

XVII. Adjournment