



**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, February 13, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.

Board of Education Goals 2024-2025

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.
- 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 to provide training and build school district preparedness for reductions in federal and state aid, decreases in enrollment, and staffing challenges.
- 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.

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 the necessary professional development for a multi-year implementation of The Science of Reading to address significant literacy gaps across the region, as well as comply with new legislation and NYSED through regulations.
- Continue to provide BOCES faculty and staff with the information, resources and training necessary to protect digital information, including Personally Identifiable Information (PII) of staff/students and to protect our technology platforms. We will collaborate with the component school districts to support them in this area.
- Develop an organizational position statement on artificial intelligence during the 2024-25 school year.
- Fully support and assist our 18 component school districts with the implementation of the NYSED initiatives on both graduation measures and regionalization.

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

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. Withdraw from Litigation Against Social Media Companies

A motion is needed to rescind the Resolution Authorizing Litigation Against Social Media Companies dated September 14, 2023 and discontinue the lawsuit filed by the BOCES against parties relating to the development, operation and marketing of social media platforms.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

- VII. NYS Distant Learning Contract Consortium
(In accordance with Board Policy #4310– Purchasing Policy)

A motion is needed to approve the participation in the NYS Distance Learning Contract Consortium for the 2025-2026 school year with the understanding that the BOCES pays one center to RFP and bid DL software applications. The cost associated is \$2,500.00.

- VIII. NYS Instructional Contract Consortium
(In accordance with Board Policy #4310– Purchasing Policy)

A motion is needed to approve the participation in the NYS Instructional Contract Consortium for 2025-2026 school year with the understanding that each BOCES pays one center to RFP and bid instructional software applications which are procured through Instructional Technology (6360) CoSers and supported by professional development and training through Model Schools (6368). The cost associated is \$5,975.00.

- IX. Installment Purchases
(In accordance with Board Policy #4310 – Purchasing Policy)

Rationale: The Board of Education finds and determines that it is in St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES’ best financial interest to acquire the equipment for the benefit of the District because:

- *It provides an opportunity to use the equipment without committing to the full costs of purchase; and*
- *After seeking competitive quotes, Lessor provides the most financially advantageous lease terms.*

A motion is needed to approve the installment purchases for:

- **Ogdensburg City School District for fifteen (15) network printers with Xerox in the amount of \$376,397.40 for the 2024-2025 school year. The Ogdensburg City School District approved the installment purchase at their February 10, 2025 Board of Education meeting.**
- **Hermon-DeKalb Central School District for the 2024-2025 school year with Advanced Business Systems for two (2) network printers in the amount of \$29,979. The Hermon-DeKalb Central School District approved the installment purchase at their February 3, 2025 Board of Education meeting.**
- **Potsdam Central School District for one (1) network printer with Ricoh in the amount of \$6,461.40 for the 2024-2025 school year. The Potsdam Central School District approved the installment purchase at their December 10, 2024 Board of Education meeting.**

The equipment is being purchased through CoSer 506, Instructional Technology. In accordance with NYS Education Law, installment purchases require approval by board resolution and approval by the State Education Department.

- X. 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 the Seaway Technical Center for the building of the house:

Siding: White’s Lumber - \$3,936.41

Interior Doors: Rt. 37 Building Supply - \$6,716.44

Miscellaneous: Rt. 37 Building Supply - \$2,612.25

Kitchen/Bath: White’s Lumber – \$13,387.61

- XI. Consent Items for Approval

- [Minutes of the January 9, 2025 BOE Meeting](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)
- Treasurer’s Report for period ending January 31, 2025:
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)

A. Account Balances (January 31, 2025)

General Fund	\$8,360,876.41
Federal Fund	\$1,438,943.84
Trust & Agency Fund	\$1,022.84
Payroll Fund	\$0.00
Capital Renovation Project	\$589,632.41
Capital Equipment Reserve	\$207,010.01

B. Current Budget Allocation – January 31, 2025

[Budget Report](#)

[District Billing](#)

General Fund Budget..... \$75,517,218.24

- Cooperative Bids
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4310](#)– Purchasing Policy)
 - Cafeteria Foods – February – August 2025
- Donation
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4230](#) – Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, & Bequests to BOCES)

A donation of [miscellaneous hair care items](#), blow dryers, curling irons, mirrors, etc., valued at \$4,965.21 to the Cosmetology Program at the Southwest Technical Center from Kinney Drugs-KHP Returns, Gouverneur, NY.

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

XII. Reports

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

XIII. Discussion Items

XIV. Informational Items

- A. Update on Facilities – K. Perretta
- B. Gateways to Careers 2025 – March 12, 2025, Roo’s House, SUNY Canton, 8am - Noon
- C. The March 13th Board of Education meeting will be at the Educational Services Center at 6:00 pm.

XV. 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](#)

XVI. Other

XVII. Pass Around Information

XVIII. Adjournment