



**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, January 9, 2025 – 6 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. Local Bids
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4310](#)– Purchasing Policy)

A motion is needed to approve the bid award to the low bidder meeting specifications for the Construction Equipment Simulators and Database Program for Adult Education:

Allegheny Educational Systems: \$114,700.00

VII. Consent Items for Approval

- [Minutes of the December 12, 2024 BOE Meeting](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Mtgs)
- Treasurer’s Report for period ending December 31, 2024:
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)

A. Account Balances (December 31, 2024)

General Fund	\$4,928,922.81
Federal Fund	\$1,347,152.09
Trust & Agency Fund	\$942.16
Payroll Fund	\$0.00
Capital Renovation Project	\$611,068.74
Capital Equipment Reserve	\$206,939.71

B. Current Budget Allocation – December 31, 2024

[Budget Report](#)

[District Billing](#)

General Fund Budget..... \$75,380,602.27

- Cooperative Bids
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4310](#)– Purchasing Policy)
 - Produce – January & February 2025

- Staff Conferences
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5211](#)– Travel Expenses/Conference Approval)
 - Mark Murphy and Bryan Mott to attend the Fijitsu Heat Pump Training in Rayhem, Massachusetts from Sunday, January 26, 2025 through Tuesday, January 28, 2025.
 - Thomas Burns to attend the AASA Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana from Wednesday, March 5, 2025 through Saturday, March 8, 2025.
- [Lease between North Country Communications, Inc. and St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4510](#) – Facilities Planning)

Rationale: This is a three-year (February 1, 2025 – January 31, 2028) lease between North Country Communications, Inc. and St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES for the use of the Repeater on Balmat Tower Site for communications in the Gouverneur School area. The cost of rent is \$200.00 per month.

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

VIII. Reports

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

IX. Discussion Items

- A. Board of Education Vacancies – R. Bennett, M. Davis and C. McLean
- B. District Superintendent Evaluation

X. Informational Items

- A. Update on Facilities – K. Perretta
- B. The February 13th Board of Education meeting will be at the Educational Services Center at 6:00 pm.
- C. NYSSBA Area 6 Legislative Breakfast – February 7th, 8:30 am, High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, NY

XI. Presentation

Steven Morrow, Principal – Northwest Technical Center

XII. Other

- A. [Internal Claims Auditor Report: October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024](#)

XIII. Adjournment