



**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, March 13, 2025 – 6:00 pm

**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
- V. Recognition of employees who have been granted tenure for the period of January 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025

Action Items

- VI. 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”.

- VII. Intermunicipal Services Agreement for Shared Administrator
(In accordance with Board Policy #5150 – Recruitment, Selection, and Appointment of Personnel)

A motion is needed to approve the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement for Shared Administrator between the Malone Central School District and the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board of Cooperative Education Services for the period February 12, 2025 through and including June 30, 2025.

- VIII. Memorandum of Agreement between St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board of Cooperative Education Services and the Teachers’ Association
(In accordance with Board Policy #5230 – Negotiations)

A motion is needed to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board of Cooperative Education Services and the Teachers’ Association for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029.

- IX. Resolution to Pursue Amendment to Lease of SLCIDA Property
(In accordance with Board Policy #4510 – Facilities Planning)

A motion is needed to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, the St. Lawrence-Lewis Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“BOCES”), has determined that an amendment to the agreement to lease property from the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (SLCIDA), originally approved by the New York State Education Department on August 29, 2024, is necessary for adult education programs administered by the BOCES.

Now, therefore, it is

Ordered that the District Superintendent and through his delegates, is authorized and directed to pursue approval from the New York State Commissioner of Education for an amendment to the written lease of property from the SLCIDA for adult education programs administered by the BOCES, and to pursue any other actions necessary to execute such lease in conformance with the laws and regulations of the State of New York.

X. Cooperative Bidding of Databases, Research Tools, E-Books, Automation & Media for School Libraries
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4310](#)– Purchasing Policy)

WHEREAS, A number of Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) and School Library Systems (SLS) require software and database access

WHEREAS, The BOCES or SLS named below is desirous of participating with other BOCES and SLS in New York State in cooperatively procuring the software and database access, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS, The BOCES named below wishes to appoint the Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES (Capital Region BOCES) to advertise for, receive competitive proposals, and award contracts on their behalf; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the BOCES listed below hereby appoints the Capital Region BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Daily Gazette Newspaper as the legal publication for all related legal notifications, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the BOCES listed below authorizes Capital Region BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to and including the entering into contracts for the purchase of the above mentioned software and database access, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the BOCES listed below agrees to (1) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts; (2) abide by the award of the Capital Region BOCES Board; (3) and that after the award of contracts it will conduct all negotiations directly with the awarded contractors.

A motion is needed to approve the above resolution.

XI. Consent Agenda Items for Action

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – [February 13, 2025](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)
- Treasurer’s Report for period ending February 28, 2025:
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)

A. Account Balances (February 28, 2025)

General Fund	\$5,225,917.73
Federal Fund	\$879,266.34
Trust & Agency Fund	\$1,099.70
Payroll Fund	\$39.61
Capital Renovation Project	\$589,677.93
Capital Equipment Reserve	\$207,073.53

B. Current Budget Allocation – February 28, 2025

[Budget Report](#)

[District Billing](#)

General Fund Budget..... \$75,721,227.13

- [Adoption of the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties 2025-2026 Common Calendar](#)

(In accordance with [Board Policy #7320](#) – School Calendar / School Day)

Rationale: The common school calendar for the 2025-2026 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.

- [Cooperative Bids](#)

(In accordance with [Board Policy #4310](#)– Purchasing Policy)

- Produce for March-April 2025
- Gasoline for 2025-2026
- ULSD/ULSK for 2025-2026
- LP Propane Gas for 2025-2026
- Fuel Oil B10 for 2025-2026

- [Donations](#)

(In accordance with [Board Policy #4230](#) – Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, & Bequests to BOCES)

- Unrestricted program donation of \$200.00 from the Canton High School Class of 1974 to the Seaway Technical Center.
- Sponsorship of \$10,000 from Brookfield Renewable U.S. for Ten80 student kits and professional development for instructors in the Electrical Technologies, HVAC/R and Natural Resource Management programs at Seaway Technical Center.

- [Staff Conference](#)

(In accordance with [Board Policy #5211](#)– Travel Expenses/Conference Approval)

- Vicky Garrabrant and Nanci Collins to attend the SREB Coaching for Change 2025 Conference in Atlanta, Georgia from May 5, 2025 through May 8, 2025.

A motion is needed to approve the above consent.

XII. [Reports](#)

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

XIII. [Informational Items](#)

- A. Update on Facilities – K. Perretta
- B. Northwest Technical Center Open House, April 1, 2025, 5-7 pm
- C. Ag Academy Open House, April 3, 2025, 5-6:30 pm
- D. Seaway Technical Center Open House, April 8, 2025, 5-7 pm
- E. Next BOE meeting, April 10, 2025 at 4 pm, and the annual meeting at 6 pm

XIV. Discussion Items

XV. Presentations

A. David Evans, Program Manager Adult Education and Workforce Development

XVI. Adjournment