



**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, October 10, 2024 – 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 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 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. Public Comment Guidelines
- IV. Roll Call and Quorum Check
- V. Public Comments

Action Items

- VI. [Financial Risk Assessment and Cash Receipts Internal Audit Report](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4484](#) – Financial Accountability)

A motion is needed to accept the Financial Risk Assessment and Cash Receipts Internal Audit Report as presented by the internal auditors, Questar III BOCES.

- VII. [Corrective Action Plan](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4484](#) – Financial Accountability)

A motion is needed to accept the Corrective Action Plan for the Audit Report as presented by the internal auditors, Questar III BOCES.

- VIII. [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”.

- IX. [Declaration of Emergency Projects](#)
(In accordance with General Municipal Law; Laws of NY, Consolidated Laws, PBB, Article 2; Section 9 – construction emergencies)

A motion is needed to approve the following emergency projects:

- **Seaway Technical Center – sanitary sewer pump station repair - the condition required immediate corrective action and could not wait execution of proper bidding procedures due to the environmental concerns.**
- **Educational Services Center – possible data breach – authorization to contract with various firms to be applied towards the insurance deductible.**

The public emergency is defined by the General Municipal Law as an accident or other unforeseen occurrence or condition affecting public buildings, public property, or life, health, safety, or property.

- 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:

Roofing Materials: White’s Lumber - \$4,218.35

Fascia and Soffit Materials: White’s Lumber - \$1,156.83

Exterior Door Materials: JP Building Supply - \$3,629.33

Window Materials: JP Building Supply - \$6,387.36

Plumbing Materials: No Responses

Electrical Materials: Everything Electric - \$7,259.34

XI. **Consent Items for Approval:**

- Treasurer’s Report for period ending September 30, 2024:
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)
 - A. Account Balances (September 30, 2024)

General Fund	\$10,430,212.98
Federal Fund	\$722,714.41
Trust & Agency Fund	\$721.14
Payroll Fund	\$6.86
Capital Equipment Reserve	\$206,731.78
Capital Renovation Project	\$388,827.34
 - B. Current Budget Allocation – September 30, 2024

Budget Report	District Billing
General Fund Budget..... \$76,629,808.76	
- [Minutes of September 12, 2024 Meeting](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)
- Donations
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4230](#) – Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, & Bequests to BOCES)
 - Donation of a 2014 Nissan Altima from Ellen Grayson, Madrid, NY to the Seaway Technical Center Automotive Technologies Program. The approximate value of the Nissan Altima is \$4,900.00.
 - Donation of miscellaneous sizes of 8ga sheet steel, 2-1” thick bar stock and angle from Viking Cives USA, Harrisville, NY to the Southwest Technical Center Metalworking Program. The approximate value of the steel is \$600.00.

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. Informational Items

- A. 2024-2025 Board of Education Goals – November meeting
- B. Update on Facilities – K. Perretta
- C. Regent Catania Dinner – Tuesday, October 15, 5:30 pm at Seaway Tech Center
- D. Fall Open House – Northwest Tech Center – Thursday, October 17, 5:00-7:00 pm
- E. Next Board of Education Meeting – Thursday, November 14, 6:00 pm at Northwest Tech Center

XV. Presentations

XVI. Other

- A. [Internal Claims Auditor Report: July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024](#)

XVII. Adjournment