



**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 of Education Meeting Date: February 12, 2026
BOE APPROVED: March 12, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Sole Supervisory District of St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties was held on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at the Educational Services Center, 40 West Main Street, Canton, New York beginning at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Roger Bennett, Todd Bates, Cindy McLean, Michael Miller and Jack Zeh

Via Zoom: James Lattimer

Excused: Michael Davis, Ward Remington and Kevin Wells

Others Present: Darin Saiff, James Nee, Nicole Ashley, Jennie Colburn, Marshall Fiese, Lori Sheffield, Kevin Perretta, Lori Remington, Reginald McDonald, Matthew Hosmer

Nicki O'Donnell, Landon Carrier, Ami Larson and Dave Wells (all left at 6:24 pm)

All members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments None

**No. 2026 – 096
ALL PERSONNEL
BOARD ACTION AS
FOLLOWS:**

Motion made by McLean, seconded by Miller.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent Saiff, does hereby approve the attached Personnel action: All of the following appointments are conditional, pending clearance from the State Education Department, pursuant to Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000 of the State of New York.

(In accordance with [Board Policy #5150](#) – Recruitment, Selection, & Appt. of Personnel)

Yeas: All members present
Nays: None

No. 2026 – 097

**CONTRACT
AGREEMENTS**

Motion made by Miller, seconded by McLean.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent Saiff, does hereby approve the Contract Agreements between the SLL BOCES Board of Education with the Deputy Superintendent, commencing August 4, 2025 and ending June 30, 2030 and revised agreements for the Director of Financial Affairs and General Counsel, commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2030.

(In accordance with [Board Policy #1310](#) – Power and Duties of the Board and Its Officers)

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

No. 2026 – 098

**NYS DISTANT
LEARNING
CONTRACT
CONSORTIUM**

Motion made by Bates, seconded by McLean.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent Saiff, does hereby approve the the participation in the NYS Distance Learning Contract Consortium for the 2026-2027 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.

(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

**No. 2026 – 099
INSTRUCTIONAL
CONTRACT
CONSORTIUM**

Motion made by McLean, seconded by Bates.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent Saiff, does hereby approve the participation in the NYS Instructional Contract Consortium for 2026-2027 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 \$6,200.00.

(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

**No. 2026 – 100
LOCAL BIDS
ESC CONFERENCE
CENTER
IMPROVEMENTS**

Motion made by Bates, seconded by McLean.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent Saiff, does hereby approve the bid award to the lowest bidder meeting the specifications for lobby and conference room improvements at the Educational Services Center to Whitton Construction, New York with the base bid of \$218,800.00 and for approval to use capital outlay funds for the project.

(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)

Yeas: All members present
Nays: None

Motion made by McLean, seconded by Miller.

**No. 2026 – 101
LOCAL BIDS
NWT WELDING LAB
FLOORING**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent Saiff, does hereby approve the bid award to the lowest bidder meeting the specifications for welding lab flooring installation at the Northwest Technical Center to Northern Tier Contracting, Inc., New York with the base bid of \$43,400.00 and for approval to use capital outlay funds for the project.

(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)

Yeas: All members present
Nays: None

Motion made by Bates, seconded by McLean.

**No. 2026 – 102
LOCAL BIDS
ESC MECHANICAL
ELECTRICAL
IMPROVEMENTS**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent Saiff, does hereby approve the bid award to the lowest bidder meeting the specifications for Phase 2 (switchgear) mechanical/electrical improvements at the Educational Services Center to Collins-Hammond Electrical Contractors, New York with the base bid of \$190,000.00 and for approval to use capital outlay funds for the project.

(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)

Yeas: All members present
Nays: None

Motion made by McLean, seconded by Bates.

**No. 2026 – 103
CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent Saiff, does hereby approve the consent agenda:

- Treasurer's Report for period ending January 31, 2026:
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1510](#) – Regular Board Meetings and Rules)

A. Account Balances (January 31, 2026)

General Fund	\$9,111,124.44
Federal Fund	\$1,437,042.87
Trust & Agency Fund	\$4,236.30
Payroll Fund	\$0.00
Capital Equipment Reserve	\$207,839.57
Capital Renovation Project	\$329,777.84

B. Current
Budget
Allocation –

January 31, 2026

Budget Report

District Billing

General Fund Budget..... \$79,907,395.82

- Adoption of the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties 2026-2027 Common Calendar
(In accordance with Board Policy #7320 – School Calendar / School Day)

Rationale: The common school calendar for the 2026-2027 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.

- Minutes of January 8, 2026 Meeting and February 5, 2026
(In accordance with Board Policy #1510 – Regular Board Meetings and Rules)
- Cooperative Bids
(In accordance with Board Policy #5410 – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)
 - Produce for March / April 2026
- Donations
(In accordance with Board Policy #5230 – Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, Memorializations and Bequests to BOCES)
 - Donation of a commercial ice cream machine/ice cream maker, with an approximate value of \$700.00, from the Hoof & Horn Butcher & Eatery, Potsdam, New York to the Northwest Technical Center.

Yeas: All members present
Nays: None

Reports

Darin Saiff, District Superintendent

James Nee, Deputy Superintendent

Discussion Items

None

Informational Items

Update of Facilities – K. Perretta

Legislative Session – Friday, February 27, 11:00 am at the ESC

Regular Board of Education Meeting – Thursday, March 12, 6:00 pm at the
ESC

Presentations Nicki O'Donnell, Principal, Seaway Tech Center

Other [New York Inspires](#) – (video link)
[Why We Do What We Do](#) – (video link)

No. 2026 – 104 Motion made by Bates, seconded by McLean to adjourn the meeting at 7:17
ADJOURNMENT pm.

Yeas: All members present
Nays: None

Jennie L. Colburn, District Clerk