



**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: March 12, 2026  
BOE APPROVED: April 1, 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, March 12, 2026 at the Educational Services Center, 40 West Main Street, Canton, New York beginning at 6:00 pm.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Roger Bennett, Jack Zeh, Kevin Wells, Todd Bates, Cindy McLean, Michael Davis, Michael Miller and Ryanna Todd

Via Zoom: James Lattimer

Excused: Ward Remington

Others Present: Darin Saiff, James Nee, Nicole Ashley, Jennie Colburn, Lori Sheffield, Kevin Perretta, Lori Remington, Reginald McDonald and Landon Carrier

All members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments** None

**Recognition of Tenured Employees for the Period March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026** All employees who received tenure for the period of March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026 were recognized.

Teacher Assistants: Jessica Anderson, Julie Ashley, Katie Belile, Tyler Brooks, Dianna Casey, Jessica Empey, Kristen Fobare, Dakota Ford, Samuel Haenel, Christopher Hart, Cody Jandreau, Leann Kelley, Payton Larock, April Louie and Jeorjianna Sayer

Teachers: Amy Fortin

Administrators: Johnathan Hirschey

**No. 2026 – 105** Motion made by Wells, seconded by Bates.

**ALL PERSONNEL  
BOARD ACTION AS  
FOLLOWS:**

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 – 106  
TRANSFER OF  
UNEXPENDED  
CAPITAL FUND  
BALANCE**

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 following resolution:

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board of Education authorized the following capital projects known as: ESC Paving, CTE Gates, ESC Conference Rooms, Seaway Emergency Pump Station and Seaway Welding; and

WHEREAS, the projects have been completed and all related claims and obligations have been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, there remains an unexpended balance of \$159,601 in the Capital Fund related to these projects as of 6/30/2025; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the BOCES to transfer these excess funds to the General Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the transfer of the unexpended balance of \$159,601 from the Capital Fund to the General Fund to be utilized for data center upgrades.

(In accordance with [Board Policy #5140](#) – Administration of the Budget)

Yeas: All members present  
Nays: None

**No. 2026 – 107  
RESOLUTION TO  
PARTICIPATE IN  
COOPERATIVE  
PURCHASING  
PROGRAM**

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 following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Cooperative Purchasing Service is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services Area in New York (known as the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation [CiTi]), to bid jointly for water testing and sampling services, and

WHEREAS, The St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services (hereinafter the “Participant”) is desirous of participating with Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services/CiTi and other

Boards of Cooperative Educational Services and public school districts in the joint bidding of the services mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS, The participant wishes to appoint the Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services/CiTi to advertise for bids, accept bids, tabulate bids and award bids on their behalf; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, The participant hereby appoints Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services/CiTi to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services/CiTi designated newspaper(s) as the legal publication(s) for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The participant authorizes the Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services/CiTi to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned services, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The participant agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts; (3) abide by the Award of the Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services/CiTi; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

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

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

**No. 2026 – 108  
LOCAL BIDS**

Motion made by Davis, 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 awards for building materials, to low bidder meeting specifications for Northwest Technical Center, Southwest Technical Center, and Seaway Technical Center for the buildings of the houses:

**Cabinets:**

**Northwest Technical Center – White’s Lumber - \$13,693.60**

**Southwest Technical Center – White’s Lumber - \$13,694.71**

**Seaway Technical Center – JP’s Building Supply - \$23,279.09**

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

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

**No. 2026 – 109  
CONSENT AGENDA**

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 consent agenda:

- Treasurer’s Report for period ending February 28, 2026:  
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1510](#) – Regular Board Meetings and Rules)

A. Account Balances (February 28, 2026)

General Fund	\$8,831,365.62
Federal Fund	\$1,277,055.86
Trust & Agency Fund	\$5,009.41
Payroll Fund	\$0.00
Capital Equipment Reserve	\$207,903.35
Capital Renovation Project	\$250,332.16

B. Current Budget Allocation – February 28, 2026

[Budget Report](#)

[District Billing](#)

General Fund Budget..... \$80,487,691.90

- Minutes of [February 12, 2026](#) Meeting  
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1510](#) – Regular Board Meetings and Rules)

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

Re-bid fuel for:

- Gasoline for 2026-2027 (Indian River Central School District)
- ULSD/ULSK for 2026-2027 (Indian River and Sackets Harbor Central School Districts)
- Fuel Oil B10 for 2026-2027 (Indian River Central School District)
- Fuel Oil Winter Kerosene Blend 2026-2027 (Indian River and Chazy Central School Districts)

- Transfer of Television from SLL BOCES to Lisbon CSD  
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)

- Transfer one (1) BOCES owned Sharp Aquos 80” television (tag number 25919) to Lisbon Central School District.

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

Open House – Northwest Tech – Wednesday, March 18, 5:00 pm

Open House – Ag Academy – Thursday, March 26, 5:00 pm

Annual Board of Education Meeting – Wednesday, April 1, 4:00 pm at the ESC

**Presentations** Lori Remington – Annual Required 23NYCRR500 (The Plan) and Ed Law 2d Cyber Reports

[NYSED Law 2<sup>nd</sup> BOE Annual Report](#)                      [DFS BOE Annual Report](#)

**No. 2026 – 110 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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 enter into executive session to discuss the salary of the District Superintendent and the employment history of a particular person at 6:57 pm.

Yeas: All members present  
Nays: None

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 7:07 pm.

**No. 2026 – 111 DISTRICT SUPT. SALARY JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027**

Motion made by Wells, seconded by McLean.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES does hereby approve the salary (local BOCES share) of the District Superintendent of \$164,751 effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, which is at the New York State Statutory Salary Cap for District Superintendents.

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

Yeas: All members present  
Nays: None

**No. 2026 – 112 ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by McLean, seconded by Bates to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm.

Yeas: All members present  
Nays: None

**Jennie L. Colburn, District Clerk**