



**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: May 14, 2026
BOE APPROVED: June 4, 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, May 14, 2026 at the Southwest Technical Center, 3606 State Highway 58, Gouverneur, New York beginning at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Ward Remington and Ryanna Todd

Others Present: James Nee, Nicole Ashley, Jennie Colburn, Lori Sheffield, Kevin Perretta, Marshall Fiese, Ami Larson and Landon Carrier

Holly Durham, Annie Ruberti, Carson LeRoux and Quentin Pickering (left at 6:07 pm)

All members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments None

No. 2026 – 120 Motion made by Miller, seconded by McLean.

**ALL PERSONNEL
BOARD ACTION AS
FOLLOWS:**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Nee, 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 – 121
RESOLUTION –
JOINT MUNICIPAL
COOPERATIVE
BIDDING PROGRAM**

Motion made by McLean, seconded by Wells.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Nee, does hereby approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Participant") is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES' standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, evaluating bids, awarding via Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board approval, and reporting the results to the Participant.

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges that "additional insured" status shall be secured by signing a risk transfer/Indemnification Agreement when engaging services through the Cooperative Bidding Program with each awarded vendor when Services are requested. Said agreement must be signed by both parties and will remain in effect for the current term of the Bid. In the event the Bid is extended, and a Participant requires Service, a new risk transfer/Indemnification Agreement must be executed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

- Networked Copiers bid #2025-044-0402

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

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

No. 2026 – 122
2026-2027 BOCES
ADMINISTRATIVE,
PROGRAM AND
CAPITAL BUDGET

Motion made by Bates, seconded by McLean.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Nee, does hereby adopt the 2026-2027 BOCES Administrative, Program, and Capital Budget as presented and approved by the component schools' boards of education.

(In accordance with [Board Policy #1310](#) – Power and Duties of the Board; with [Board Policy #5110](#) – Budget Planning and Preparation; and [Board Policy #5220](#) – BOCES Investments)

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

No. 2026 – 123
BOCES ANNUAL
MEETING DATE

Motion made by Wells, seconded by Miller.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Nee, does hereby set the 2027 Annual Meeting date for the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES. The date will be Thursday, April 8, 2027.

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

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

No. 2026 – 124
DATE FOR
COMPONENT
DISTRICTS VOTE ON
BOCES
ADMINISTRATIVE
BUDGET VOTE AND
BOARD VACANCIES
FOR 2027

Motion made by McLean, seconded by Bates.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Nee, does hereby set the date of Monday, April 26, 2027, on which each component school district shall conduct a public meeting for the purpose of electing members of the BOCES and adopting a resolution concerning the approval or disapproval of the tentative administrative budget.

(In accordance with [Board Policy #1210](#) – Board Members: Nomination and Election)

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

**No. 2026 – 125
INTERNAL AUDITOR**

Motion made by McLean, seconded by Davis.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Nee, does hereby approve Questar III as the internal auditor for the 2026-2027 school year.

(In accordance with [Board Policy #5570](#) – Financial Accountability)

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

**No. 2026 – 126
EXTERNAL
AUDITOR**

Motion made by Davis, seconded by Wells.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Nee, does hereby approve the RFP award for the External Auditor for the fiscal years 2025-2026 to 2029-2030 to Bowers and Company, 1120 Commerce Park Drive, Watertown, New York 13601.

(In accordance with [Board Policy #5570](#) – Financial Accountability)

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

**No. 2026 – 127
LOCAL BID**

Motion made by McLean, seconded by Wells.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Nee, does hereby approve the bid award for the highest bidder meeting specifications (minimum bid of \$110,000.00) for:

- Modular Home located at Seaway CTE Center, Norwood, NY
Sale of Modular Home located at Seaway CTE Center for a base bid amount of \$110,000.00, sales tax \$8,800.00 - total of \$118,800.00 to Jennifer Clark, Norwood, New York.

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

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

**No. 2026 – 128
INSTALLMENT
PURCHASES**

Motion made by Miller, seconded by McLean.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Nee, does hereby approve the installment purchases for:

- Harrisville Central School District for two (2) network printers with Symquest in the amount of \$14,430.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. The monthly cost of equipment is \$240.50 per month for a term of 60 months.
- Madrid-Waddington Central School District for the 2025-2026 school year with Advanced Business Systems for three (3) network printers in the amount of \$59,580.00. The monthly cost of equipment is \$933.00 per month for a term of 60 months.

The equipment is being purchased through CoSer 506, Instructional Technology. In accordance with NYS Education Law, installment purchases require approval by board resolution and approval by the State Education Department.

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

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

**No. 2026 – 129
NYS DISTANCE
LEARNING
CONSORTIUM**

Motion made by Wells, seconded by Bates.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Nee, does hereby approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It is the plan of a number of BOCES districts in New York, to consent to jointly enter into an agreement for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for BookNook Inc., Connections Education LLC dba Pearson Virtual Schools, D2L Ltd., Edmentum, eDoctrina, Educere, Florida Virtual School (FlexPoint Education), Fullmind (Formerly iTutor), Imagine Learning LLC, Instructure, Inc., Kaltura, MGRM Pinnacle, MyVRSpot (dba MyVideoSpot), Panapto, Inc., PowerSchool, Right Reason Technologies, Spider Learning, Inc., Tutor Me Education, Varsity Tutors for Schools LLC

WHEREAS, The St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES is desirous of participating with other BOCES Districts in New York State in joint agreements for the distance learning student courses mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board of Education authorizes Erie 1 BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to and entering into a contract for the purchase of and licensing of the above-mentioned courses, and record training sessions in Zoom and post those recorded sessions to the consortium, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs associated with Erie 1 BOCES negotiating the Agreements, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating BOCES on quality standards; (2) Erie 1 BOCES will negotiate contracts according to the majority recommendations; (3) that after contract agreement, it will conduct all purchasing arrangements directly with the vendor.

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

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

No. 2026 – 130

Motion made by McLean, seconded by Bates.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Nee, does hereby approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It is the plan of a number of BOCES districts in New York, to consent to jointly enter into an agreement for the 2026 – 2027 fiscal year, for 3P Learning, 7 Mindsets Academy, A+ Educators dba Woz ED, Accelerate Learning, Age of Learning, Inc, Aha Moments, Inc., Airia Holdings LLC dba Brain Freeze LLC, American Reading, Amplify Education, Inc., Apple, Ativion (formerly Impero Software), B.E. Publishing, Beable Education, Benchmark Education Company LLC, Blocks, Boddle Learning Inc., Boom Learning, Brain Pop, Branching Minds LLC, Breakout EDU, Bright Village Ventures LLC, Brisk Labs Corp., Carahsoft, Carnegie Learning, CDW Lightspeed Soutions LLC dba Lightspeed Systems, CEED, Inc., Cengage Learning, Inc. (formerly Gale), CentralReach, LLC, CharmTech Labs, LLC, Classwork.com dba Work on Learning, Inc., CMS Neptune, Code.org, CodeCombat, CodeHS, Inc., Code Monkey, Coder Kids, Inc. DBA Ellipsis Education, Committee for Children, Concourse Tech Inc., Cordance Operations LLC dba Hapara, Creative Empire dba Mango Languages, Curipod Inc., Curriculum Associates, Deeloh Technologies, Inc. (DBA Extempore), Defined Learning, Delta Math Solutions, Digital Respons-Ability, Discovery Education, Drone Sports Inc., DroneBlocks LLC, EBSCO, EdforTech Alliance, EdforTech Corp., Edia Learning, EdTechLive dba LessonLoop, Edmentum, EdPuzzle, Education Advanced, Education, Training and Research Associates (ETR), Educational Vistas, EduPlanet21, eDynamic Holdings, LP, Electronic Gaming Federation, Elemetari LLC, EliteGamingLive, Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc., Ereflect Inc, eSpark Learning Inc., EverFi, Family Zone dba Linewize, Faria (Rubicon West, Inc.), Find Your Grind Inc., Flint, Forward Education, Frontline Technologies Group, Genially, Grammar Flip, LLC, Great Minds PBC, Harris Education Solutions (eDoctrina), Hello World CS, Hiperware Labs, Hive Class, Inc., HMH Education Company (formerly Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), imagiLabs AB, Imagine Learning LLC, Immersed Games, Infobase Holdings, Instructional Empowerment Inc. dba Marzano Evaluation Center, Instructure, Intelitek Inc. (Coder Z), iSafe, iStation (Imagination Station), IXL Learning, Just Right Reader, Kahoot! ASA, Khan Academy, Kialo GmbH, Kiddom, Kinems, Kira Learning, Knowt Inc., Koalluh, Inc. dba LitLab.ai, Kognity, US, Inc., Lazel, Inc., a Cambium Learning Group company (Formerly ExploreLearning and Learning A-Z), Learn By Doing, Learnics, Learning Ally, Learning Explorer Inc. , Learning Without Tears, Learning.com, Legends of Learning, LEGO Brand Retail, Inc. dba Lego Education, Lexia Learning Systems LLC, Liminex Inc. dba GoGuardian and Pear Deck Learning, Linkit, Local Impact, Logisoft Computer Products, LLC, MagicSchool Inc., Maia Learning, Makers Empire, Mathspace Inc., MantisEDU Inc., McGraw Hill, Merlyn Mind Inc., Mind Education, Moby Max Education, Mosa Mack Science, Inc., Mr. Elmer LLC, MusicFirst, Newsela, NextWave Stem, No RedInk, Noiz Ivy, Inc. dba OYOclass.com, Notable dba Kami, Panorama Education, Pearson, Performance Learning Systems dba PLS 3rd Learning, Platform Athletics, LLC, Play Vs Inc. (acquitted by High School eSports League), PowerSchool Holdings, LLC dba PowerSchool Group LLC, Prometric, Prisms of Reality Inc., ProSolve, LLC, Quaver, Radish Education dba Magma Math, Reading Horizons, Renaissance Learning, Rethink Autims dba Rethink ED, Right Reason Technologies, Ripple Effects, Riverside Assessments LLC dba Riverside Insights (formerly Aperture Education LLC), RocketLit Inc., Robo Wunderkind, Rocket Drones, Inc., SAM Labs, SAY IT Labs Inc, SchoolAI, SchoolBeat (formerly MooZoom), SchoolLinks, SchoolStatus LLC (formerly SchoolBinder dba TechBoost), Scoir, Securly Inc., SeeSaw Learning, SkillStruck Inc., Smart Science Education (acquired by Pitsco Education, Inc.), Springbay Studio Ltd., STEM SIMS, Study.com LLC, Suntext, Superluminal Technology, Inc. dba Passport for Good, Tech4Learning, TechRow, Tequipment, The

Language Express dba Brighten Learning, Thimble.io, Think Group Holdings, Inc. dba Frenalytics, Think Tech Solutions, Thriving Students Collective Inc., TinkRworks, Inc., Tools For Schools, TouchMath Acquisition LLC dba TouchMath LLC, TrueMark Systems Corporation, Unruly Studios Inc., Varsity Tutors for Schools (Nerdy), Vernier Science Education, Vivi, LLC, Wakelet, Wallwisher, Inc. dba Padlet, Waterford, Wayground (formerly Quizizz, WeVideo, WhyMaker, William H. Sadlier, Inc, World Book, Inc., World Wide Scholastic eSports Foundation (NASEF), XAP Corporation, Xello, YourWay Learning (LINC, Learning Innovation Catalyst), YouScience, LLC, zSpace Inc.

WHEREAS, The St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES is desirous of participating with other BOCES Districts in New York State in joint agreements for the software/learning packages and licensing mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board of Education authorizes Erie 1 BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to and entering into a contract for the purchase of and licensing of the above-mentioned software/learning packages, and record training sessions in Zoom and post those recorded sessions to the consortium, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs associated with Erie 1 BOCES negotiating the Agreements, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating BOCES on quality standards; (2) Erie 1 BOCES will negotiate contracts according to the majority recommendations; (3) that after contract agreement, it will conduct all purchasing arrangements directly with the vendor.

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

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

**No. 2026 – 131
DREAM
CONSORTIUM**

Motion made by Davis, seconded by Miller.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Nee, does hereby approve the following resolution for the 2026-2027 school year:

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.

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

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

**No. 2026 – 132
CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Bates, seconded by Davis.

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

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – [April 1, 2026](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1510](#) – Regular Board Meetings and Rules)

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

A. Account Balances (March 31, 2026)

General Fund	\$13,402,532.42
Federal Fund	\$913,145.26
Trust & Agency Fund	\$5,779.98
Payroll Fund	\$0.00
Capital Equipment Reserve	\$207,973.98
Capital Renovation Project	\$248,498.43

B. Current Budget Allocation – March 31, 2026

[Budget Report](#)

[District Billing](#)

General Fund Budget..... \$81,508,315.58

- Treasurer’s Report for period ending April 30, 2026:
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1510](#) – Regular Board Meetings and Rules)

C. Account Balances (April 30, 2026)

General Fund	\$5,758,518.21
Federal Fund	\$678,233.17
Trust & Agency Fund	\$6,496.37
Payroll Fund	\$0.00
Capital Equipment Reserve	\$208,042.35
Capital Renovation Project	\$248,518.85

D. Current Budget Allocation – April 30, 2026

[Budget Report](#)

[District Billing](#)

General Fund Budget..... \$82,820,129.76

• Donations

(In accordance with [Board Policy #5230](#) – Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, Memorializations and Bequests to BOCES)

- Donation of 20 dump truck loads of fill from the Town of Fowler, New York to the Heavy Equipment Operations program at Southwest Technical Center. The fill has an approximate value of \$6,000.00
- Donation of approximately \$200.00 in medical supplies from the Waddington Rescue Squad, Waddington, New York to the HERO's EMT program at Southwest Technical Center.

• Cooperative Bids

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

- Copy Paper for 1st Half 2026-2027
- Institutional Paper for 1st Half 2026-2027
- General Office Supplies for 2026-2027
- Art Supplies for 2026-2027
- Computer Supplies for 2026-2027
- Printed Envelopes for 2026-2027
- Athletic Equipment & Supplies for 2026-2027
- Transportation Supplies for 2026-2027
- Milk for 2026-2027
- Bread for 2026-2027
- Health Supplies for 2026-2027
- Teaching Aids for 2026-2027
- Cosmetology Supplies & Kits for 2026-2027
- Construction Paper for 2026-2027
- Ice Cream for 2026-2027

• Date and Time for the July 2026 Organizational Meeting

(In accordance with [Board Policy #1620](#) – Annual Organizational Meeting)

The date, time and location of the Organizational Meeting in July will be Thursday, July 2, 2026 at 4:00 pm at the BOCES Educational Services Center, 40 West Main Street, Canton, New York 13617.

- [Certification Re-Approval of four \(4\) CTE Programs and Approval of one \(1\) New Program](#)

(In accordance with [Board Policy #7170](#) – Instructional Technology)

Re-approval: Cosmetology
 Heavy Equipment Operation
 Natural Resource Management
 Professions in Education

Approval: Animal Science

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

Reports

- A. Student Updates
- B. [Darin Saiff, District Superintendent](#)
- C. [James Nee, Deputy Superintendent](#)

Discussion Items

District Superintendent Evaluation

Informational Items

- A. Update on Facilities – K. Perretta
- B. There will be a “retirement reception” from 4-5 pm prior to the 5pm BOE meeting on Thursday, June 4th at the Educational Services Center.
- C. Save the Date – NYSSBA Area 6 Dinner – October 8, 2026

Presentations

- A. Holly Durham, Principal, Southwest Technical Center

**No. 2026 – 133
 EXECUTIVE
 SESSION**

Motion made by Wells, seconded by Davis.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, upon the recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Nee, does hereby enter into executive session to discuss the for the purpose of the employment history of the district superintendent at 6:48 pm.

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 7:15 pm.

**No. 2026 – 134
 ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Miller, seconded by Davis to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Yeas: All members present

Nays: None

Jennie L. Colburn, District Clerk