



**BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
SOLE SUPERVISORY DISTRICT
ST. LAWRENCE-LEWIS COUNTIES**

P.O. Box 231, 40 W. Main Street
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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 – 4:00 pm

**Board of Education Goals
2025-2026**

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.

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES will:

- Support BOCES and SLL component districts as they raise awareness and build capacity toward the implementation of the New York State Education Department's Portrait of a Graduate.
- 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, Numeracy and Science of Learning to address significant learning 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 2025-26 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 #1510](#) – Regular Board Meetings and Rules)

- 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. 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. FY 2024/25 Draft Payroll Internal Audit Report
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5570](#) – Financial Accountability)

A motion is needed to accept the 2024/25 Draft Payroll Internal Audit Report as prepared by the internal auditors, Questar III BOCES.

- VIII. Corrective Action Plan
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5570](#) – Financial Accountability)

A motion is needed to accept the Corrective Action Plan for the FY 2024/25 Payroll Internal Audit Report as prepared by the internal auditors, Questar III BOCES.

- IX. Revenue Anticipation Note Resolution (RAN)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5630](#) – Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance)

Rationale: The necessity of borrowing is due to the lack of revenue during the summer. This is an annual request and the loan is repaid by fiscal year end, June 2027.

A motion is needed to delegate the president of the Board of Education of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Sole Supervisory District of St. Lawrence and Lewis Counties, New York, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell not exceeding \$6,000,000 revenue anticipation notes of said B.O.C.E.S. in anticipation of the receipt of revenues from various sources during the fiscal year of said B.O.C.E.S. commencing July 1, 2026:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Sole Supervisory District of St. Lawrence and Lewis Counties, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The power to authorize the issuance of and to sell revenue anticipation notes, including renewals thereof, of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Sole Supervisory District of St. Lawrence and Lewis Counties, New York (the “B.O.C.E.S.”), in anticipation of the receipt of revenues from various sources during the fiscal year of said B.O.C.E.S. commencing July 1, 2026, including receipt of moneys from the State of New York and from component school districts, is hereby delegated to the President of said B.O.C.E.S., the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be determined by said President pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. The deputy chief fiscal officer of said B.O.C.E.S. is hereby authorized to execute such revenue anticipation notes in the place of the chief fiscal officer, if the chief fiscal officer shall so designate.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

X. Consent Agenda Items for Action

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

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

In memory of Kristie Dow, donation of an electric keyboard, hammock chair, light tiles, sensory wall lights and a Nintendo switch to the ABA program from Justin Dowdle and Stacie Cole (the Dowdle Family), Canton, New York. The total combined value of the donated items is \$2,000.00.

- Cooperative Bids
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)
 - Natural Gas Contract Extension November 1, 2026 through October 31, 2027
 - Custodial Supplies July 1 – June 30, 2027

Re-bid fuel for:

- Gasoline for 2025-2026 (Indian River Central School District)
- ULSD/ULSK for 2025-2026 (Indian River Central School District)

A motion is needed to approve the above consent.

XI. Reports

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

XII. Informational Items

- A. Update on Facilities – K. Perretta
- B. Southwest Technical Center Open House - April 16, 2026, 5-7 pm
- C. Seaway Technical Center Open House – April 21, 2026, 5-7 pm
- D. Next BOE meeting, May 14, 2025, 6 pm at Southwest Tech Center

XIII. Discussion Items

- A. Annual Meeting Review
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1610](#) – Annual BOCES Meeting)

[Summary of Tentative Administrative, Capital, and Program Budgets for 2026-2027](#)

(In accordance with [Board Policy #1310](#) – Powers and Duties of the Board, in accordance with [Board Policy #5110](#) – Budget Planning and Preparation, and in accordance with [Board Policy #5130](#) – Budget Development and Adoption)

Action will be requested to adopt the BOCES Administrative, Capital and Program Budgets for 2026-2027 at the May 14, 2026 meeting of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services. This action can be initiated after the component boards of education have voted on the BOCES Administrative Budget, as presented at the BOCES Annual Meeting. The voting date, April 20, 2026, was designated by the BOCES Board President, pursuant to §1950 subdivision 2-a (b) of the Education Law of the State of NY.

- B. [Claims Auditor's Quarterly Report \(January – March 2026\)](#)

XIV. Presentations

XV. Adjournment