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: January 8, 2026
BOE APPROVED:

The regular meeting of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Sole Supervisory District of St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties was held on Thursday, January 8, 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 Davis, Kevin Wells and Jack Zeh Ryanna Todd (student ex officio)
Via Zoom:	James Lattimer (6:02 pm)
Excused:	Michael Miller and Ward Remington
Others Present:	Darin Saiff, James Nee, Nicole Ashley, Jennie Colburn, Marshall Fiese, Johnathan Hirschey, Lori Sheffield, Kevin Perretta, Lori Remington and Reginald McDonald

All members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments None

No. 2026 – 086
ALL PERSONNEL
BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

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 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 – 087
RESOLUTION

Motion made by Wells, seconded by Bates.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES does hereby approve and direct the District Superintendent to execute the agreement to resolve the 3020a charges that were brought forward against a tenured teacher at the June 5, 2025 Board of Education meeting.

Yeas: All members present
Nays: None

No. 2026 – 088
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 December 31, 2025:
  (In accordance with Board Policy #1510 – Regular Board Meetings and Rules)

  A. Account Balances (December 31, 2025)

General Fund	$7,001,829.23
Federal Fund	$889,095.94
Trust & Agency Fund	$3,453.16
Payroll Fund	$0.00
Capital Equipment Reserve	$207,768.99
Capital Renovation Project	$338,888.58

  B. Current Budget Allocation – December 31, 2025

  Budget Report District Billing

  General Fund Budget…… $79,540,268.62

- Minutes of December 11, 2025 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)

  - Produce for January / February 2026
  - Cafeteria Foods for February – August 2026

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

  - Donation of a 2013 Dodge Charger with an approximate value of $5,000.00 from the Gouverneur Police Department, Gouverneur, NY to the Criminal Justice program at Southwest Technical Center.

- Donation of approximately $300.00 in scrap aluminum from Viking Cives, Harrisville, NY to the Metalworking program at Southwest 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

Special Board of Education Meeting - Thursday, February 5, 3:00 pm at the ESC

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

Presentations

None

Other

Internal Claims Auditor Report: October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

No. 2026 – 089
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Zeh, seconded by Bates.

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 for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee at 6:40 pm.

Yeas: All members present
Nays: None

Board returned to regular session at 6:50 pm.

No. 2026 – 090
ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Zeh, seconded by McLean to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm.

Yeas: All members present
Nays: None

Jennie L. Colburn, District Clerk