



**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 MEETING – Thursday, August 20, 2026 – 4 p.m.

**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 – See 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. Appointment of 2026 - 2027 School District Officers
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1620](#) – Annual Organizational Meeting)

A motion is needed to appoint the following 2026 - 2027 BOCES Officers:

1. **Treasurer – Patricia Rowan**

- VIII. District-Wide Safety Plan
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5630](#) – Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance)

A motion is needed to approve the District-Wide Safety Plan in accordance with Section 155.17 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

- IX. NYS Distance Learning Consortium
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)

A motion is needed to 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, Bright Thinker; Brainfuse;

Cignition Inc.; Edmentum, Inc.; HeyTutor Inc.; Purple Ruler LLC; TPR education LLC dba The Princeton Review Tutored by Teachers, Inc.; Nerdy LLC dba Varsity Tutors for Schools LLC, and,

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.

- X. NYSITCC Contract
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing Competitive Bidding and Offering)

A motion is needed to 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 Clever Prototypes dba Storyboard; CodeMonkey Studios Inc.; College Board; Fork Farms LLC; Learning Genie; Legends of Learning Inc.; LEGO Education; LinkIt; Nucleus Courses; Snorkl, Inc.; Tequipment, Inc., and,

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,

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- XI. Review and Approval of [Code of Conduct](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #3410](#) – Code of Conduct)

A motion is needed to approve the annual review of the Code of Conduct as required by Education Law.

- XII. [Request for Proposal](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy # 5411](#) – Procurement of Goods and Services)

A motion is needed to approve the request for proposal with the Schmitt Leadership Group, LLC to conduct a reorganization feasibility study for the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District and the Colton-Pierrepont Central School District.

- XIII. [Memorandum of Understanding](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy # 5411](#) – Procurement of Goods and Services)

A motion is needed to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the State University of New York (SUNY) Canton and St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES for the partnership to house the Computer & Information Systems Career and Technical Education (C&IS CTE) program on campus at a cost of \$450.00 per student or a minimum cost of \$11,700.00 for the period August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027.

- XIV. [Lease Agreement Between St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES and Cornell Cooperative Extension](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5630](#) – Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance)

A motion is needed to approve the one-year lease agreement between Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County (CCE) and St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES for the purposes of developing the Agricultural Studies Academy. The term of the agreement shall be \$32,000 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

- XV. [Local Bid – Welding Gases and Supplies 2026-2029](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)

A motion is needed to approve the bid award to Airgas USA LLC of Brushton, New York for welding gases and supplies for a three year bid (2026-2027; 2027-2028; and 2028-2029) as the lowest bidder meeting specifications for all three technical centers.

- XVI. Local Bid – Educational Services Center – Sitework Construction
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)

A motion is needed to approve the bid award to the lowest bidder meeting the specifications for sitework construction at the Educational Services Center to T. J. Fiacco Construction, LLC, Norwood, New York with the base bid of \$95,700.00, and the additional base bid for Alternate No. 1 (seven) parking spaces at Site A for \$15,700.00.

- XVII. Local Bid – Seaway Tech Center - General Construction (Animal Science Reconfiguration)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)

A motion is needed to approve the bid award to the lowest bidder meeting the specifications for general construction for the animal science reconfiguration at the Seaway Technical Center to Whitton Construction, Gouverneur, New York with the base bid of \$70,900.00.

- XVIII. Local Bid – Seaway Tech Center - Plumbing Construction (Animal Science Reconfiguration)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)

A motion is needed to approve the bid award to the lowest bidder meeting the specifications for plumbing construction for the animal science reconfiguration at the Seaway Technical Center to Norwood Plumbing, Norwood, New York with the base bid of \$44,055.00.

- XIX. Local Bid – Seaway Tech Center - Mechanical Construction (Animal Science Reconfiguration)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)

A motion is needed to approve the bid award to the lowest bidder meeting the specifications for mechanical construction for the animal science reconfiguration at the Seaway Technical Center to Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Watertown, New York with the base bid of \$28,545.00.

- XX. Local Bid – Seaway Tech Center - Electrical Construction (Animal Science Reconfiguration)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)

A motion is needed to approve the bid award to the lowest bidder meeting the specifications for electrical construction for the animal science reconfiguration at the Seaway Technical Center to ENI Mechanical, Gouverneur, New York with the base bid of \$23,960.00.

- XXI. Consent Items for Approval:

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

A. Account Balances (June 30, 2026)

General Fund	\$5,589,689.85
Federal Fund	\$360,199.33
Trust & Agency Fund	\$34,349.42
Payroll Fund	\$83.17
Capital Renovation Project	\$163,316.71
Capital Equipment Reserve	\$208,181.45

B. Current Budget Allocation – June 30, 2026

[Budget Report](#)

[District Billing](#)

General Fund Budget..... \$83,318,703.54

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

C. Account Balances (July 31, 2026)

General Fund	\$3,619,430.22
Federal Fund	\$277,347.37
Trust & Agency Fund	\$2,686.20
Payroll Fund	\$83.17
Capital Renovation Project	\$64,426.05
Capital Equipment Reserve	\$208,252.17

D. Current Budget Allocation – July 31, 2026

[Budget Report](#)

[District Billing](#)

General Fund Budget..... \$82,769,213.70

- [Minutes of July 2, 2026 Meeting](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1510](#) – Regular Board Meetings and Rules)
- Staff Conference
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5211](#)– Travel Expenses/Conference Approval)
 - Jerald Yette to attend the New York State School Facilities Management Institute Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY from October 3 – 7, 2026.
- Cooperative Bids
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5410](#) – Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering)

- Produce – September – October 2026
- ULSD/ULSK for South Lewis CSD – 2026-2027

A motion is needed to approve the above consent agenda items.

XXII. Reports

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

XXIII. Discussion Items

- A. NYSSBA Area 6 Director Election – Ballot Deadline is October 9

XXIV. Information Items

- A. Update on Facilities – K. Perretta
- B. BOCES Opening Day at OFA – September 2, 2026
- C. Area 6 Dinner – October 8, 2026 at the Malone Golf Club
- D. Regent Catania Dinner – Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 5:30 pm at Northwest Tech
- E. Board of Education Self Evaluations

XXV. Presentation

XXVI. Other

XXVII. Adjournment