



**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, September 10, 2026 – 6 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. [Professional Development Plan \(PDP for 2026-2027\)](#)
(In accordance with Commissioner’s Regulations as mandated by Part 100.2)

A motion is needed to approve the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Professional Development Plan (PDP) as mandated by Part 100.2 of the Commissioner’s Regulations.

- VIII. [FY 2025/26 Draft IT Fixed Asset Inventory Audit](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5570](#) – Financial Accountability)

A motion is needed to accept the 2025/26 IT Fixed Asset Inventory Audit as prepared by the internal auditors, Questar III BOCES.

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

A motion is needed to accept the Corrective Action Plan for the FY 2025/26 IT Fixed Asset Inventory Audit as prepared by the internal auditors, Questar III BOCES.

- X. [Facilities Use Agreement with the Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5630](#) – Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance)

A motion is needed to approve the one-year facilities use agreement between the Ogdensburg Boys’ and Girls’ Club and St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES. The premise to be utilized is described as the gymnasium and game room located at 610 Patterson Street,

Ogdensburg, NY. The term of the agreement shall be \$7,100 for the period of September 8, 2026 - June 10, 2027.

- XI. Nomination for NYSSBA Area 6 Director
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1310](#) – Power and Duties of the Board)

Rationale: Wayne Rogers, the NYSSBA Area 6 Director, has chosen not to run for another term. His current term expires on December 31, 2026. There are two candidates from Area 6 who received the required number of nominations – Gary Lambert from Plattsburgh and Tori Thurston from Saranac Lake.

A motion is needed to nominate one candidate for the Area 6 Director on the NYSSBA Board of Directors for a two-year term from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2028.

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

A motion is needed to approve the bid awards for building materials, to the low bidder meeting specifications for Seaway Technical Center building of the house:

Roofing Materials: Bicknell Building Supply - \$4,102.88

Fascia and Soffit Materials: White's Lumber - \$1,143.94

Exterior Door Materials: Bicknell Building Supply - \$5,088.00

Windows: White's Lumber - \$8,118.35

Plumbing Materials: Bicknell Building Supply - \$2,622.00

Electrical Materials: No Bid

- XIII. Consent Items for Approval:

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

A. Account Balances (August 31, 2026)

General Fund	\$1,243,052.38
Federal Fund	\$230,817.41
Trust & Agency Fund	\$2,694.58
Payroll Fund	\$0.00
Capital Renovation Project	\$64,437.23
Capital Equipment Reserve	\$208,322.92

B. Current Budget Allocation – August 31, 2026

[Budget Report](#)

[District Billing](#)

General Fund Budget..... \$82,942,709.08

- [Minutes of August 20, 2026 Meeting](#)
(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)
 - Donation from Lori Sheffield, Lisbon, NY of a stackable rabbit cage, miscellaneous feeding items and accessories valued at approximately \$350.00 to the Animal Science Program at the Seaway Tech Center.
 - Donation from Kaydence Thornton (Hair by Kay), Heuvelton, NY of mannequins and a mannequin stand to the Cosmetology program at the Northwest Tech Center.

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

XIV. [Reports](#)

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

XV. [Discussion Items](#)

XVI. [Informational Items](#)

- A. Update on Facilities – K. Perretta
- B. NYSSBA Statewide Student Ex Officio Training – ESC, 8:15 am
- C. CTE Fall Open Houses:
 - September 24 – Seaway Tech Center, 5-7 pm
 - October 1 – Southwest Tech Center, 5-7 pm
 - October 6 – Ag Academy Program Parent Night, 5-6:30 pm
 - October 14 – Northwest Tech Center, 5-7 pm
 - October 20 – SUNY Canton CIS Program Parent Night, 5-6:15 pm
- D. Next Board of Education Meeting – Wednesday, October 7, 6:00 pm at ESC
- E. Regent Catania Dinner – Wednesday, November 4, 5:30 pm at Northwest Tech Center

XVII. [Presentation](#)

- A. Johnathan Hirschey, Director of Instructional Resources – Update

XVIII. [Pass-Around Information](#)

XIX. [Adjournment](#)