



**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

Thursday, June 5, 2025 – 5:00 pm

**Board of Education Goals
2024-2025**

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.
- To support BOCES and SLL component districts as they raise awareness and build capacity toward the implementation of the New York State Education Department's Culturally Responsive Sustaining Education Framework.

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES will:

- 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 to address significant literacy 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 2024-25 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 #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)

- I. Call to Order by President
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call and Quorum Check
- IV. Public Comments

Action Items

V. Acknowledgement of the 2024-2025 BOCES Retirees

Julie Austin-Kormanyos – 6 years of service

Annette Barr – 35 years of service

Patrick McLaughlin – 30 years of service

Phyllis Shaw – 23 years of service

Dawn Thornton – 10 years of service

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. Charge Unemployment Reserve Fund

(In accordance with [Board Policy #4310](#) – Purchasing Policy)

A motion is needed to authorize expending the New York State Unemployment Insurance payments, up to \$50,000, from the Unemployment Insurance Reserve for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

VIII. Approve Reserve Plan

(In accordance with [Board Policy #4484](#) – Financial Accountability)

Rationale: Recent guidelines from the Comptroller’s Office state that the Board should develop a plan that states the rationale for establishing reserve funds, objectives for each reserve established, optimal or targeted funding levels and conditions under which the funds’ assets will be used or replenished.

A motion is needed to approve the funding plan for the previously established reserve funds.

IX. Transfer of Monies from General Fund to Capital Fund

(In accordance with [Board Policy #4130](#) – Administration of Budget)

Rationale: The future CTE project will be financed with capital outlay. Transferring some of the funds now will help offset future costs on the component districts.

A motion is needed to approve the following transfers from General Fund 002 CoSer into the Capital Fund for future paving projects:

- **Up to \$1,000,000 (program expense)**

X. Reserve for Accrued Employee Benefits Liability

(In accordance with [Board Policy #4130](#) – Administration of Budget)

Rationale: BOCES would like to use the Reserve for Accrued Employee Benefits (Compensated Absences) to accrue unused sick and vacation time for retirements effective in the 2025-2026 school year.

A motion is needed to authorize transferring up to \$250,000.00 into the Reserve for Accrued Employee Benefits Liability from the General Fund on June 30, 2025 to accrue unused accumulated leave time for those anticipated to separate from service in the 2025-2026 school year.

- XI. Reserve for Accrued Employee Benefits Liability
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4130](#) – Administration of Budget)

Rationale: BOCES would like to use the Reserve for Accrued Employee Benefits (Compensated Absences) to pay out accrued sick and vacation time for retirements effective during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

A motion is needed to authorize expending up to \$150,000 from the Reserve for Accrued Employee Benefits Liability to pay for unused accumulated leave time for those separating from service in the 2024-2025 school year.

- XII. CTE Equipment Reserve
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4210](#) – Investments)

A motion is needed to authorize increased funding of the previously established CTE Equipment Reserve Fund up to the amount of \$150,000 for the 2024-2025 year.

- XIII. NYS Distance Learning Consortium
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4310](#)– Purchasing Policy)

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 2025 – 2026 fiscal year, for 3DUX Design, 3P Learning, 7 Mindsets Academy, A+ Educators (dba Woz ED Education), Abre.io, Accelerate Learning, Age of Learning, Inc, Aha Moments, Inc., American Reading, Amplify Education, Inc., Apple (Opt-in), Aperture Education, B.E. Publishing, Beable Education, BenchmarkEducation, BlocksCAD, Blocksi, Boddle Learning Inc., Boom Learning, Brain Pop, Branching Minds, Breakout EDU, Brisk Labs Corp., Canva US, Inc., Carahsoft, Carnegie Learning, CEED, Inc., Cengage Learning, Inc., CentralReach, LLC, CharmTech Labs, LLC, Classwork.com dba Work on Learning, Inc. CMS Neptune, Code.org, CodeCombat, CodeHS, Code Monkey, Coder Kids, Inc. DBA Ellipsis Education, Committee for Children, Cordance Operations dba Hapara, Coughlan Companies, dba Buncee, Curriculum Associates, Deeloh Technologies, Inc. (DBA Extempore), Defined Learning, Delta Math, Digital Respons-Ability, Discovery Education, Drone Sports Inc., DroneBlocks LLC, EBSCO, EdforTech Corp., EdforTech Alliance, EdTechLive dba LessonLoop, Edmentum, eDoctrina (Harris Solutions), EdPuzzle, Education Advanced, Educational Vistas, EduPlanet, eDynamic Holdings, LP, Electronic Gaming Federation, Elemetari LLC, EliteGamingLive, Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc., Ereflect Inc, eSpark Learning Inc., EverFi, ExploreLearning, Family Zone dba Linewize, Faria (Rubicon West, Inc.), Forward Education, Frontline Technologies Group, Genially, Grammar Flip, LLC, Great Minds PBC, Harris Computer Corp., HEC Software dba Reading Horizons, Hello World CS, High School Esports League Inc., Hiperware Labs, Hive Class, Inc., HMH Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company, imagiLabs AB, Imagine Learning LLC, Immersed Games, Impero, Infobase Holdings, Instructional Empowerment Inc. dba Marzano Evaluation Center, Instructure, Intelitek Inc., iSafe, iStation (Imagination Station), IXL Learning, Just Right Reader, Kahoot! ASA, Khan Academy, Kialo GmbH, Kiddom, Kinems, Kira Learning, Koalluh, Inc. dba LitLab.ai, Kognity, US, Inc., Learn By Doing, Learnics, Learning A-Z, Learning Ally, Learning Explorer, Learning Innovation Catalyst Inc. (LINC), Learning Without Tears, Learning.com, Legends of Learning, LEGO Brand Retail, Inc. dba Lego Education, Lexia Learning Systems, Lightspeed Solutions LLC dba Lightspeed Systems, Liminex Inc. dba GoGuardian, Linkit, Local Impact, Logisoft, Mad-Learn, Maia Learning, Magic

School, Inc., MakeMusic Inc., Makers Empire, Mango Languages, Mathspace Inc., McGraw Hill, Merlyn Mind Inc., Mind Education, MMI-CPR School Tech Repair, LLC dba K-12 Tech, Moby Max, MooZoom Education, Inc., Mosa Mack Science, Inc., Mr. Elmer, MusicFirst, Neuron Fuel dba Tynker, Newsela, NextWave Stem, No RedInk, Noiz Ivy, Inc. dba OYOclass.com, Notable dba Kami, NWEA, Passport for Good, Pearson, Performance Learning Systems dba PLS 3rd Learning, Platform Athletics, LLC, Play Vs Inc., PowerSchool Holdings, LLC dba PowerSchool Group LLC, ProSolve, LLC, Quaver, Quizizz Inc., Renaissance Learning, Rethink Autims dba Rethink ED, REX K-12, Right Reason Technologies, Ripple Effects, Robo Wunderkind, Rocket Drones, Inc., SchoolAI, SchoolBinder DBA TeachBoost, SchoolLinks, Scoir, Securly Inc., SeeSaw Learning, SkillStruck Inc., SkyOP, Small Factory Innovations, Smart Science Education, Springbay Studio Ltd., STEM SIMS, Suntext, Tech4Learning, TechRow, Tequipment, The Language Express, Thimble.io, Think Group Holdings, Inc. dba Frenalytics, Think Tech Solutions, TinkRworks, Inc., Tools For Schools, Unruly Studios Inc., UpSavvy, Vivi, LLC, Wakelet, Wallwisher, Inc. dba Padlet, Waterford, WeVideo, WhyMaker, William H. Sadlier, Inc., Work on Learning (dba TeacherMade), World Book, Inc., World Wide Scholastic eSports Foundation (NASEF), XAP Corporation, Xello, XSel Labs, YouScience, LLC, zSpace 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,

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.

XIV. Installment Purchases

(In accordance with [Board Policy #4310](#) – Purchasing Policy)

Rationale: The Board of Education finds and determines that it is in St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES' best financial interest to acquire the equipment for the benefit of the District because:

- *It provides an opportunity to use the equipment without committing to the full costs of purchase; and*
- *After seeking competitive quotes, Lessor provides the most financially advantageous lease terms.*

A motion is needed to approve the installment purchases for:

- **Ogdensburg City School District for the 2024-2025 school year with Xerox for fifteen (15) network printers in the amount of \$376,397.40 for a 60-month term. The Ogdensburg City School District approved the installment purchase at their February 10, 2025 Board of Education meeting.**
- **Potsdam Central School District for the 2024-2025 school year with Ricoh for one (1) network printer in the amount of \$6,461.40 for a 60-month term. The Potsdam Central School District approved the installment purchase at their December 10, 2024 Board of Education meeting.**

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.

XV. [Contract Agreements](#)

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

A motion is need to approve the Contract Agreements between the Board of BOCES with the Deputy Superintendent, Director of Financial Affairs and General Counsel commencing July 1, 2025.

XVI. [Amendment to District Superintendent's Employment Agreement](#)

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

A motion is needed to approve the amended District Superintendent's Employment Agreement between the Board and District Superintendent dated June 5, 2025.

XVII. [Consent Agenda Items for Action](#)

- Minutes of: Regular Board Meeting – [May 8, 2025](#)
Special Board Meeting – [May 13, 2025](#)
Special Board Meeting – [May 19, 2025](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #1432](#) – Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings)
- [Donations](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4230](#) – Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, & Bequests to BOCES)
 - Donation of \$150.00 from Pepsi-Cola Company, Ogdensburg, NY for a \$50.00 scholarship at each location - Northwest, Southwest and Seaway Technical Centers.
 - Scholarship donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Southwest Technical Center from the New York State Restaurant Association, Albany, NY. These funds are intended to help support the costs related to facilitating the ProStart program.
 - Scholarship donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to a Northwest Technical Center student from the American Red Cross, Charlotte, NC.
- [Staff Conferences](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5211](#)– Travel Expenses/Conference Approval)
 - Vicky Garrabrant and Nanci Collins to attend the SREB: 2025 Making Schools Work Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana from July 14 – 19, 2025.
- [Establish Hourly/Per-Diem/Stipend Rates for 2024 – 2025 Year](#)
(In accordance with [Board Policy #5151](#) – Temporary and Part-time Employees)

- Cooperative Bids
(In accordance with [Board Policy #4310](#)– Purchasing Policy)
 - Printed Envelopes for 2025-2026a
 - Art Supplies for 2025-2026
 - Institutional Paper Supplies 1st Half 2025-2026
 - Transportation Supplies for 2025-2026
 - Copy Paper 1st Half 2025-2026
 - Computer Supplies 1st Half 2025-2026
 - Health Supplies for 2025-2026
 - Furnishings for 2025-2026
- Certification Re-Approval of one (1) CTE Program
(In accordance with [Board Policy #7170](#) – Instructional Technology)
 - Re-approval: Health Careers

A motion is needed to approve the above consent.

XVIII. Reports

- A. [Thomas R. Burns, District Superintendent](#)

XIX. Informational Items

- A. Update on Facilities – K. Perretta
- B. The reorganizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 4:00 pm at the Educational Services Center.

XX. Discussion Items

- A. Student Board Members

XXI. Presentations

XXII. Adjournment