

**Saranac Lake Central School District
Board of Education Meeting
High School Library
Wednesday, August 26, 2026 • 5:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA
Addendum in italics**

1. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

2. Acceptance of Agenda

3. Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 014-2026 approving the items on the consent agenda.

a. Minutes

- i. Acceptance of the minutes of the 08/05/2026 Board of Education Meeting.

b. Resolutions Recommended by the Superintendent:

i. **Personnel**

By recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizing appointments and changes to positions in school district service.

1. Instructional

- a. Acceptance of the resignation of **Zachary Dupree**, Technology Teacher, effective 8/31/2026.
- b. Appointment of the following for Junior/ Senior High School extracurricular positions for the 2026-27 school year. Salary per the SLTA contract, unless otherwise specified.
 - i. **Redia Spada** - Student Activity Accounts Auditor
 - ii. **Shelly Wood** - Student Activity Accounts Treasurer
- c. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following individuals be appointed to Substitute Positions. Salary per the 2026-27 Extra Pay and Substitute Rates Schedule.
 - i. **Diana Schwartz** - Teacher
 - ii. **Katherine Bradford** - Teacher & Teaching Assistant
 - iii. **Kate Laymon** - Teacher & Teaching Assistant
 - iv. **Anne Paulson** - Teacher & Teaching Assistant

2. Non-Instructional

- a. Acknowledgment of Intent to Retire of **Cathleen Fountain**, aide, effective close of business November 2, 2026. Cathy has been a member of the SLCSD family for 24 years!
- b. Acknowledgment of Intent to Retire of **Kristine Jermano**, Bus Driver, effective close of business October 30, 2026. Kristine has been a member of the SLCSD family for 26 years!
- c. Probationary appointment of **Butch Blanchard** to the position of School Monitor, effective 9/1/2026, with probation beginning 9/1/2026 and anticipated to continue until 8/31/2027. Salary for the 2026-27 school year is \$18.18/hr.
- d. Acceptance of the resignation of **Daryl Roberts**, Aide, effective 6/30/2026.
- e. Provisional probationary appointment of **Joseph Waters** to the position of full-time Bus Driver, effective 9/1/2026, with probation beginning 9/1/2026 and anticipated to continue until 8/31/2027. Salary for the 2026-2027 school year is **\$22.33/hr.** Successful passage of the Civil Service Exam for Bus Driver, or the HELP exam is required for permanent appointment in this position.

- f. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following individuals be appointed to Substitute Positions. Salary per the 2026-27 Extra Pay and Substitute Rates Schedule;

- i. **Katherine Bradford** - Aide

3. Athletics

- a. Appointment of the following 2026-27 Event Staff. Salary per the SLTA contract:

- i. **Anita Wilson**

- ii. **Melissa Butler**

- iii. **Frank Johns**

- iv. **Jackie Fleming**

- b. Appointment of the following 2026-27 Junior/ Senior High School Athletic Positions. Salary per the SLTA contract.

- i. **Andrew Gay** - Co-Assistant JV Football Coach

- c. Appointment of the following 2026-27 Volunteers for Athletics:

- i. **Cameron Moody** - Modified Football

- ii. **Joseph Brennan** - Varsity Football

- c. Approving an Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement for shared education services between the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES and the Saranac Lake Central School District for the sharing of certain CTE teachers to provide half-day instruction in the FEHB New Visions programs located on SLCSDD's campus.
- d. Approving an Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement for shared education services between the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES and the Saranac Lake Central School District for the rental of classroom space for FEHB New Visions programs located on SLCSDD's campus.
- e. Authorizing student placements recommended by the Committee on Preschool Special Education at its meeting on the following dates: 08/26/26

4. Public Comments

5. Financial Report

- a. Accounting Reports

- i. Budget Status Report

- ii. Budgetary Transfer Report and Approval of Budgetary Transfers
Resolution No. 015-2026 Approving the current Budgetary Transfer Report as presented by the School Business Executive.

- iii. 2025-26 Audit Update

- iv. Confirm Tax Rolls and Authorize Tax Levy

Resolution No. 016-2026 Confirming tax rolls and authorizing the tax levy.

WHEREAS the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters at the Annual School Meeting to raise for the current budget of the 2026-27 school year a tax levy sum not to exceed \$25,766,961 and collect \$558,989 for the Saranac Lake Free Library;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the board fix the equalized tax rates by towns and confirm the extension of the taxes as they appear on the following described tax roll:

Name of Town	Total Assessed Valuations by Towns	Equalized Tax Rate by Towns	Total <u>District</u> Tax Levy by Towns (Not Including Library Levy)
Harrietstown	\$1,337,952,305	100.00%	\$9,475,082.58
Brighton	\$476,728,030	100.00%	\$3,376,080.82
Franklin	\$268,663,881	58.00%	\$3,280,383.33

Name of Town	Total Assessed Valuations by Towns	Equalized Tax Rate by Towns	Total <u>District</u> Tax Levy by Towns (Not Including Library Levy)
Santa Clara	\$434,731,183	57.00%	\$5,401,188.21
North Elba	\$314,986,046	100.00%	\$2,230,674.06
St. Armand	\$279,754,165	100.00%	\$1,981,149.41
Black Brook	\$3,123,892	100.00%	\$22,133.59
TOTALS	\$3,115,939,502		\$25,766,692

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT the tax warrant of this board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above-described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin 09/01/26 and end on 11/02/26 giving the tax warrant an effective period of 62 days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the board;

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

- 1st month free period,
- 2nd month interest of 2 percent added,
- 3rd month or fraction thereof, interest of 3 percent added.

Tax Roll Confirmed & Tax Levy Authorized by board on 08/26/26 at 5:30 PM.

v. Concerning Tax Warrant

Resolution No. 017-2026 Approving “Concerning Tax Warrant” items.

Motion made by _____,

Seconded by _____

BE IT RESOLVED that \$2,959,481 of fund balance will be applied to the reduction of the tax levy.

BE IT ADDITIONALLY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

To the Tax Collector of the Saranac Lake Central School District, Town of Black Brook in Clinton County, Towns of North Elba and St. Armand in Essex County, and Towns of Brighton, Franklin, Harrietstown and Santa Clara in Franklin County of New York State.

You are hereby commanded:

- To give notice and start collection on 09/01/26 in accordance with the provisions of Section 1322 of the Real Property Tax Law.
- To give notice that tax collection will end on 11/02/26.
- To collect taxes in the total sum of \$26,325,681 (\$25,766,692 for the Saranac Lake Central School District 2026-27 budget plus \$558,989 for the Saranac Lake Free Library) in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with the provisions of Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.

- To make no changes or alterations in the tax warrant or the attached tax rolls but shall return the same to the board of education. The board may recall its warrant and tax roll for correction of errors or omissions in accordance with the provisions of Section 1316 of the Real Property Tax Law.
- To forward by mail to each owner of real property listed on the tax rolls within ten days after the start of collection a statement of taxes due on his property on press-numbered tax bill forms provided by the school district in accordance with the provisions of Section 922 of the Real Property Tax Law.
- To forward by mail, without interest penalties, to the office of the county treasurer a detailed tax bill of all state land parcels liable for taxes on the school tax rolls in accordance with provisions of Sections 540 and 544 of the Real Property Tax Law.
- To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sums listed on the attached tax rolls without interest penalties when such sums are paid before the end of the first month of the tax collection period. To add two percent interest penalties to all taxes collected during the second month of the tax collection and to add three per cent interest penalties to all taxes collected during any part of the third month of the tax collection period and to account for such sums as income due to the school district.
- To issue press-numbered receipts only on forms provided by the school district in acknowledgement of receipt of payments of taxes and to retain, preserve and file exact copies of all such receipts issued as required by Section 987 of the Real Property Tax Law.
- To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and if any taxes on the attached tax rolls shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting thereof on forms showing by town the total assessed valuation, tax rate, the total tax levy, the total amounts remaining uncollected as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law.
- The warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 910, 912 and 914 of the Real Property Tax Law and is delivered in accordance with Sections 1306 and 1318 of this law. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by a majority of the board of education. The warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal or extension has been endorsed on the face of this warrant in writing in accordance with Section 1318, subdivision 2 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Member Vote

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Motion _____

6. Old Business

- a. Capital Project Update (*BOE Goal*)

- b. District Facilities Planning Committee
- c. **Resolution No. 018-2026** Adopting the following policy: 5405 Wellness Policy

7. New Business

- a. 2026-27 District Emergency Response Plan
- b. Review 25-26 BOE Goals
- c. Discussion on 26-27 BOE Goals
- d. Policy Committee Updates
 - i. 1st reading of the following updated required policies:
 - 1. 0100 - Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity
 - 2. 4321.12 - Timeout and Physical Restraint (All Students)
 - 3. 4321.12-R - Timeout and Physical Restraint (All Students) Regulation
 - 4. 4765 - Virtual, Blended and Remote Learning
 - 5. 5100 - Student Attendance
 - 6. 5150 - School Admissions
 - 7. 5151 - Students in Temporary Housing
 - 8. 5460 - Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting
 - 9. 5460-R - Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting Regulation
 - 10. 5500 - Student Records
 - 11. 8113 - Extreme Heat Condition Days
 - 12. 8635 - Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification
 - 13. 8635-R - Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification Regulation

8. Reports

- a. Superintendent/Deputy Superintendent
- b. Administrators/Supervisors
- c. Committee/Liaison

9. Executive Session, anticipated

10. Adjournment