

Eastern Suffolk BOCES School Library System
Council Meeting Minutes
Friday May 15, 2026
SCLS Blue Room or Via Zoom

Present:

Bridget Sitler
Christine Maniscalco
Melissa Tunstead
Robert Hines
Amy Jo Southworth
Jaime Mott
Meghan Bishop
Jackie Wilson
Carl Vitevitch
Fabio Montella - Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Vitevitch, and welcomed by council chairperson Melissa Tunstead.

Voting Items:

- Plan of Service 2026-2031.
 - Carl explained plan of service. Waiting for official software to enter it.
 - Motion to approve.
 - All in favor.
- Council Members Term Expiring
 - First Term expires June 30, 2026
 - Meghan Bishop
 - Amy Jo Southworth
 - Approved second term for the above council members.
 - Second Term expires June 30, 2026
 - Fabio Montella
 - Thanked Fabio for his service.
 - New Council Members
 - Keith Pardini, Assistant Professor of Library Services SCCC – Replacing Fabio
 - Approved.
 - NY State Budget
 - Went over anticipated budget.
 - If our budget is decreased it will go into the Co-Ser.
 - Approved.
- Minutes from March 12, 2026 Council Meeting
 - Approved via email.

Discussion Items

- Carl discussed job openings and movement within BOCES
- Status of Co-Sers
 - Library Automation Co-Ser 508
 - 42 districts plus two non – public – Ross School and St John the Baptist participate.
 - Current financial status: Revenue \$569,655.19 (Last year \$552,176.02)

Melissa went over the following.

- Library Media Services/Media Co-Ser 516
 - VRC listed on shared services response pages at \$11.17 per student in grades 3-12 (this amount includes a 1.99% increase for 2026-2027)
 - 48 districts plus three non-publics, Huntington UFSD, Babylon UFSD, and Smithtown CSD in Western Suffolk participate in Co-Ser 516.
 - Current financial status: Revenue \$3,006,479.82 (last year (\$2,866,321.29)
- Participation Fees for CoSer 508 2026-2027

1-600	\$1241.09
601-2000	\$2073.20
2001-5000	\$2796.00
5001-8000	\$3596.76
8001-11000	\$4139.94
11001-plus	\$4869.00

Other:

- Went over liaison meeting evaluations from March 12, 2026.
- We discussed Amy Jo's AI presentation. She suggested following The AI Librarian (Elissa Malspina).
- We discussed AI resources available on the Lib Guides.
- We discussed the SLS 2025-2026 year end evaluations.
 - Carl went over survey.
- Council ideas to consider for future liaison meetings – please email ideas.
 - Jamie suggested VRC best practices.
- 2026-2027 tentative council meeting dates
 - Tuesday 10/20
 - Wednesday 12/16
 - Thursday 3/18
 - Friday 5/21
- Carl announced that the fall institute is being held at Atlantis this year.
 - Main Topic- Portrait of a Graduate.
- Conference list on Lib Guides
 - Meeting handouts also available.
- We suggested having more liaison meetings through out the year.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:39am