

**Lamoine School Local Advisory Committee
Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.
At The Lamoine Town Hall
Lamoine, Maine**

Members Present: Chair, Jon Morren, Gordon Donaldson, Tammy Dickey, Priscilla Hukki, Val Perkins

Members Absent: Bonnie Marckoon

Others: Stu Marckoon, Leah Treadwell, Brett Jones, Kathy DeFusco

1. Chairperson Morren called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. **Review of Agenda**

Added: Delineation of School/Firehouse Property

3. **Communications/Reports**

A. Chairperson- Jon Morren gave an overview of his involvement as Lamoine's representative on the RSU24 Board of Directors. He updated the Committee on the challenges before them and the initiatives being undertaken. He spoke about LAC member Bonnie Marckoon's inquiry and concern that she is in a position of conflict of interest and thus in violation of the ordinance establishing the LAC now that she was the JV cheerleading coach at Ellsworth High School. Upon review of the ordinance, it was the consensus of the Committee that member Bonnie Marckoon was not in violation of the LAC ordinance.

B. Administration:

1. **Principal's Report**-A copy of his written report was distributed. Mr. Perkins answered several questions regarding events and happenings at Lamoine School.

4. **Delineation of School/Firehouse lot**

A. A motion was made by Tammy Dickey, seconded by Gordon Donaldson, to accept the survey and have member Jon Morren present to the RSU24 Board of Directors for an action of approval.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

5. Review of the School Consolidation Referendum held on November 3rd

- A. A discussion was held concerning the past referendum. Gordon Donaldson noted that Lamoine supported repeal, whereas initially, they had favored the move to combine. Gordon stated that the newly created LAC was a good way for community members to express their concerns and views regarding consolidation and operations of schools within the newly created district.

6. Update on Curtailment

Jon Morren distributed handouts detailing the 2009-10 curtailment. Also included were materials detailing impending shortfalls in state general revenue and its impact on the general purpose aid to education for the 2010-11 budget year. Jon detailed the process now being used to meet the current shortfall and noted that things would be rather challenging to meet next year's reduction in state revenue.

7. Discussion About Secondary Tuition Outside RSU24

Jon Morren will meet with Supt. Bill Webster and review what needs to be done for continuing secondary placement of Lamoine students outside of RSU24. It was noted that this is the last year of Lamoine's contract with the Mount Desert Island High School C.S.D.

Val Perkins will gain information about the number of students currently enrolled and projected to be next year, in outside placements.

8. Next Meeting: Monday, January 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall

9. A motion was made to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Val Perkins-Secretary