

May 30, 2013

To: Lamoine Board of Selectmen  
From: Lamoine RSU Withdrawal Committee

In Re: Lamoine Education Planning Committee

Now that our committee is nearly finished, we support the idea of establishing a citizen committee to help the town weigh its educational choices for the future. We would like to emphasize that this committee cannot develop a budget without also examining curriculum, staffing, facilities, and especially the kind of school district the town might form or join.

At our meeting May 28, we developed the following suggestions. At Stu's request, we are sending this in written form. Please don't hesitate to call on us in future months if we can assist.

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Lamoine Education Planning Committee

**Purpose:** to help Lamoine citizens evaluate educational choices for the town presented by the vote to withdraw from RSU 24.

**Tasks:**

**1. Summer 2013**

Gather information on educational programs, management services, and costs relating to:

- a. operation of Lamoine Consolidated School to serve the needs of Lamoine families and students.
- b. high school choices to serve the needs of Lamoine families and students
- c. services provided to (a) and (b) by a school district office and/or by collaborating with other towns or districts (administration and business management, special education, food service, transportation, educational technology, curriculum and assessment, facilities management).

**2. September 1 - November 5**

Share information with Lamoine citizens in writing and in public discussions that allow the town to evaluate the following options:

- Option A. Lamoine remains a member of RSU 24, possibly without Ellsworth and Hancock.
- Option B. Lamoine becomes a stand-alone school district
- Option C. Lamoine forms a partnership school district with Hancock, Ellsworth, and/or Otis

Option D. Lamoine contracts with RSU 24 for certain services (listed in 1c)  
[This can be a part of Options B and C.]

These activities will precede the **Select Board's** public hearing on the Withdrawal Vote **at least 10 days prior to the vote** (expected to be November 5)

**Recommended Membership:**

Lamoine citizens who are knowledgeable about the school, educational programs, and the costs associated with them and who have the time and commitment to lead the town in an objective examination of our choices.

**Important Note:** Costs for all the Options above can only be estimated. If the town votes to withdraw from RSU 24, final budget decisions can only be made by the New Lamoine School Committee and the Lamoine Town Meeting. Final costs of leaving the RSU will not be known until July 2014. (See Withdrawal Agreement.)