



## Lamoine Budget Committee

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### Minutes – June 7, 2022

Chair Merle Bragdon called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Present were: Budget Committee Members Merle Bragdon, Mark Harris, Jeff Cosulich and Tiffany McMullen. Superintendent Katrina Kane.

Minutes: Mark made note of a few clerical errors. Under social & cultural services, correction to read “received on” (third line) and correction “was” to “were” (fifth line). Mark made a motion to approve the minutes, Tiffany 2nd, vote in favor 4-0.

School Budget Proposal Review: Katrina Kane presented the committee with version 3 of the school board approved budget. She thanked the school staff for all of their work. School budget total increase is 11.42%. Reasons for increase were wage increases for teachers to be comparable to current work force competition, wages and benefits for principal, administration and bus drivers, athletic uniforms needed, software/hardware, additional AP staff member, and expected increased in heat and electricity. Special education was down due to decrease in out of district placements.

The nutrition program will continue for another year providing breakfast and lunch for free funded by the State’s COVID fund. The budget would have been reduced without capital renewal money included. Board members discussed needs for maintenance projects to the school including the roof, landscaping, siding, potential for solar panels and purchasing a second portable. Merle asked for further clarification on line 29 Instructional Supplies as it is down 15.51%. Merle concerned teachers using their own money to buy supplies. Katrina advised this is what was asked for.

Principal Dawn McPhail said materials are bundled when purchased that a teacher may have left over supplies from a previous year and does not need to order as many. Merle wanted to know what is being done about security at the school. Prior to COVID, there were lockdown practices. It has been a topic added to the school board meeting to discuss at more length.

Principal Dawn McPhail suggested going away from key & lock and using a swipe card system. The card system would not be just for security but would provide better logs of who is coming and going and convenience. There is money and resources already available to make this upgrade. Additional cameras by the doors were also suggested.

Mark made a motion to recommend to the select board the school budget presented of \$3,582,650.14, Jeff 2nd, no discussion, vote in favor 4-0. Tiffany made a motion to recommend to the select board the total school revenue of \$855,726.94, Mark 2nd, no discussion, vote in favor 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany McMullen, budget committee member