

Town Meeting Warrant
Town of Lamoine State of Maine

Hancock, ss.

To: Stuart Marckoon, Deputy Town Clerk, Town of Lamoine, Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Lamoine, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Lamoine Fire Station in said town on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at 7:00 PM then and there to act on articles 1 through 19, all of said articles being set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting. (Election, by state law, must be by written ballot).

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,000 from undesignated fund balance, allocating \$400 to Public Safety/Fire Costs and \$600 to be added to the Animal Control Account, for FY 2007/08 due to unanticipated expenses within the public safety budget.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to rescind its action of April 2, 2008 raising and appropriating \$60,000 to a newly created fund called "Road Improvement Fund", and instead appropriate \$0.00 to said fund. (*The Budget Committee recommends passage as written.*)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an additional \$30,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance to reduce the municipal tax commitment for FY 2008/09. (*The Budget Committee recommends passage as written.*)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to rescind article 3 passed at the annual town meeting on April 2, 2008 and replace it with the following: "To see if the town will vote to set the date that property taxes will be due in two equal payments on October 31, 2008 and February 28, 2009, and to fix the rate of interest to 11.00% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning November 1, 2008 and March 1, 2009 respectively, and to fix the rate of interest paid for overpayments at 7.00% per annum."

EDUCATION ARTICLES

**ARTICLES 6 THROUGH 16 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST
CENTER CATEGORIES**

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. *(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$1,369,951.80)*

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Special Education. *(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$381,864.24)*

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education. *(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$0.00)*

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. *(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$17,672.24)*

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. *(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$51,632.87)*

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration. *(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$73,982.86)*

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for School Administration. *(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$100,328.24)*

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. *(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$138,141.00)*

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities. *(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$131,247.31)*

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Debt Services and Other Commitments. *(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$0.00)*

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. *(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$24,500.00)*

ARTICLES 17 THROUGH 19 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 17: To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend a total of \$1,675,186.36 with a local contribution of \$1,496,020.00 and a state contribution of \$179,166.36.)

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 18: (Written ballot required) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model.

The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$596,034.20 for additional local funds and give the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$555,301.57: The Essential Programs and Services funding formula, as implemented under LD #1 and LD #499, is structured to reward larger, more urban districts and penalize smaller and more rural districts with the policy objective of persuading the smaller districts to consolidate. If student enrollments remain static or decline, and/or property valuations continue to increase at a rate faster than the state average, the formula will calculate lower EPS total allocations and/or higher local contributions.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 19 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 19: To see what sum the Town will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$2,289,420.56

Voting on articles 1 through 19 will take place in open town meeting at the Lamoine Consolidated School beginning at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, July 9, 2008. The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours at the Lamoine Town Hall on July 9, 2008 from 10AM until 4PM to correct any error in, or change a name or address on the voting list, to accept registration of any person eligible to vote, and to accept new enrollments. A person who is not registered as a voter in the Town of Lamoine may not vote in any election.

Signed at the Town of Lamoine June 26, 2008

_____ S. Josephine Cooper

_____ Cynthia Donaldson

_____ Richard Fennelly, Jr.

_____ Brett Jones

_____ Chris Tadema-Wielandt

*The Lamoine Board of Selectmen,
Municipal Officers of the Town of Lamoine*

Attest: A True Copy

_____ Stuart Marckoon, Deputy Town Clerk