

January 7, 2014 – Minutes of the Special Town Meeting (School Board Election)

Deputy Town Clerk Stuart Marckoon opened the special town meeting at 7:55 AM.

Article 1 – Selection of Moderator – It was moved and 2nd to Elect Stuart Marckoon as moderator. There were no other nominations. On a written ballot, Stuart Marckoon was elected as moderator 2-0. Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs administered the oath of office to Mr. Marckoon.

The moderator appointed Jennifer Kovacs as the Deputy Moderator and administered the oath of office to her. The polls opened at 8:00 AM at the Lamoine Town Hall and closed at 8PM. The outcome of the vote was as follows:

One Year School Committee	
Brann, Michael	43
Stone, Gregory	32
Two Year School Committee	
Jones, Brett	69
Others	3
Three Year School Committee	
Donaldson, Gordon	68
Others	1

Deputy Moderator Kovacs declared Mr. Brann, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Donaldson the election winners.

January 9, 2014

Deputy Town Clerk Stuart Marckoon administered the oath of office for school committee to Michael Brann, Brett Jones and Gordon Donaldson

Moderator Stuart Marckoon reconvened the special town meeting at 7:00 PM at the Lamoine Town Hall. There were 19 registered voters present.

Article 3 - To see if the town will vote to amend the Ordinance Regarding Municipal Elections, Terms of Office and Assumption of Official Responsibilities as follows:

- A. Section 1 – Elected Positions – strike the section reading *Regional School Unit Board Member (3 year term, one position, retroactive to February 12, 2009) effective July 1, 2014*
- B. Section 1 – Elected Positions – strike the section for Selectmen reading: *Beginning at the Annual Town Meeting in March 2005, Selectmen & Overseer of the Poor positions shall be elected to stagger the terms as follows – One (1) to a 1-year term, One (1) to a 2-year term, and One (1) to a 3-year term, with the terms to stagger at the subsequent annual town meetings)*
- C. Section 1 – Elected Positions – add the following wording: *Lamoine School Committee, 5 positions, staggered 3-year terms. Beginning at the annual town meeting on March 11, 2014, within the statutory limits established by 30-A MRSA §2528 two (2) School Committee shall be elected to stagger their terms as follows: One (1) to a 2-year term and One (1) to a 3-year term with the terms to stagger at subsequent annual town meetings. (A 3-member school committee was established by the successful withdrawal vote from RSU 24 on November 5, 2013 and elected on January 7, 2014)*
- D. Section 2 – Assumption of Office – strike the following wording: *The term of the Regional School Unit (RSU) Director(s) shall begin, initially on February 12, 2009, and continue until the end of said term on June 30th of the year of expiration. Following the initial election, the RSU Director shall assume office on the next July 1st following the election. For the purposes of continuity of operations, those duly elected and sworn School Committee members of the Lamoine School Committee in office at the time of the annual town meeting in April, 2009 shall continue in their offices until June 30, 2009, whereupon the formal*

Lamoine School Committee shall be dissolved due to the formation and membership in the RSU.

- E. Section 2 – Assumption of Office – Add the following wording: *Beginning with a special town meeting on January 7, 2014, the three School Committee members elected shall begin their terms upon administration of the oath of office. Beginning at the Annual town meeting on March 11, 2014, the two School Committee members elected shall begin their terms upon administration of the oath of office. Beginning at the annual town meeting in 2015, school committee members shall begin their terms at the first scheduled meeting of the school committee following the annual town meeting.*
- F. Section 2 – Assumption of Office – Replace the words *the Regional School Unit* with *Lamoine School Committee*
- G. Section 3 Salaries – Strike the present section and replace with the following: *Salaries of the Selectmen and Assessors are set at the Annual Town Meeting. Salaries of the School Committee members are to be included in the budget adopted by the Town Meeting and approved by the validation election. An elected official who resigns either voluntarily or statutorily shall be paid a pro-rated share of salary based on the time served during the term. The Lamoine School Department is responsible for School Committee Member compensation. The Town Treasurer is responsible for Selectman and Assessor compensation subject to a valid warrant approved by the Board of Selectmen.*
- H. Section 5 – Effective Date – Add the following language - *Amended January 9, 2014 by a majority vote of a special Lamoine Town Meeting to reflect the withdrawal of Lamoine from Regional School Unit 24 effective July 1, 2014, establish a 5-member school committee, and to better clarify the salary section.*

It was moved and 2nd to pass the article. Moderator Marckoon explained that the ordinance change expands the number of school committee members to five and makes adjustments to remove the RSU Representative when the town withdraws from RSU 24 in July. The motion passed on a hand vote.

- 4. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Education Fund and authorize the Lamoine School Committee to expend until June 30, 2014 for the purposes of establishing the Lamoine School Department, including reimbursement to the Administration Fund those expenditures between December 12, 2013 and January 9, 2014 for the purposes of hiring a school system transition consultant. (*The Local School Advisory Committee, Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$25,000.00 from the Education Fund*)

It was moved and 2nd to appropriate \$25,000 from the Education fund. Newly elected school committee member Gordon Donaldson shared the proposed budget. Carol Korty asked if this included a salary for the school committee. The moderator explained that is dealt with in a subsequent article. The motion passed on a hand vote.

- 5. To see if the town will vote to set the salaries for school committee members at \$100 each per month until June 30, 2014, and to appropriate \$2,400 from the Education Fund for the purposes of school committee member salaries.

It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as read. The motion passed on a hand vote.

- 6. To see if the Town will vote to repeal, effective July 1, 2014, an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Establish the Lamoine Local School Advisory Committee”.

It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as read. The motion passed on a hand vote.

- 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept a check in the amount of \$3,652.88 from the Commissioners of Hancock County, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to direct the Treasurer to disburse to each property owner receiving a Veterans Exemption as of April 1, 2013 \$47.44, either as a cash refund in the event that said property owner’s taxes are paid in full or the same amount to be applied

to any unpaid tax balance and/or interest in the event that a balance remains on said property owner's account as of January 23, 2014.

It was moved and 2nd to pass the article as read. The motion passed on a hand vote.

The moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Marckoon, Deputy Town Clerk/Moderator