

Town Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2014

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Ballot Clerk Kathleen DeFusco checked in 99 voters at the open town meeting.

Deputy Town Clerk Stuart Marckoon opened the town meeting at 6:30PM at the Lamoine School

1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting. ***It was moved and 2nd to select Stuart Marckoon as moderator. Two ballots were cast and the vote for Mr. Marckoon was unanimous. Town Clerk Kovacs administered the oath of office to Mr. Marckoon.***
2. To see if the town will appropriate \$2,800.00 from undesignated fund balance to add to the 2013/14 Parks/Recreation/Cemetery Care budget. (*The Budget Committee & Selectmen recommend a yes vote*).***It was moved and 2nd to approve as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.***
3. To see if the town will appropriate \$8,000.00 from the Education Fund to add to the 2013/14 Education Transition Budget (*The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend a yes vote*).***It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$8,000.00. The motion passed on a hand vote.***

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4. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. ***The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$1,251,293 It was moved and 2nd to pass with the recommended amount. Judith Lucarelli explained the tasks the principal will have and that the administrative assistant will be shared with the Ellsworth School Department. The motion passed on a hand vote.***
5. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. ***The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$319,277 It was moved and 2nd to pass with the recommended amount. The motion passed on a hand vote.***
6. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. ***The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$15,902 It was moved and 2nd to pass article with the recommended amount \$15,902. The motion passed on a hand vote.***
7. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. ***The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$113,968 It was moved and 2nd to pass article with the recommended amount \$113,968. The motion passed on a hand vote.***
8. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. ***The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$124,061 It was moved and 2nd to pass article with the recommended amount \$124,061. There was a small discussion on what was part of system administration. Gerald Jordan asked where the superintendent's office would be. Judith Lucarelli explained that they would share office space with Ellsworth if approved. The motion passed on hand vote.***
9. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration. ***The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$137,432 It was moved and 2nd to pass article with recommended amount \$137,432. The motion passed on a hand vote.***
10. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. ***The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$139,000 It was moved and 2nd***

to pass article with recommended amount \$139,000. Gerald Jordan asked what the cost for the school buses.

Judith Lucarelli said about 112,000. The motion passed on a hand vote.

11. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$145,976 It was moved and 2nd to pass article with recommended amount \$145,976. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
12. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$300,246 It was moved and 2nd to pass article with recommended amount \$300,246. A small discussion about debt service. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
13. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$25,000 It was moved and 2nd to pass article with recommended amount \$25,000. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
14. To see what sum the municipality 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 (**The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$ 1,608,365.97**) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality'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 & Budget Committee recommend \$1,533,710.75**

Explanation: The school administrative unit'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.

It was moved and to pass with the recommended amount. Carol Korty asked how this article

relates to article 4. Judith Lucarelli explained the \$74,655 subsidy. Gerald Jordan how much are taxes going to go up. Stuart Marckoon said about 11% depends on valuation. Judith Lucarelli

said about 7% for the school budget. The motion passed by written ballot 73yes 4no and 1 blank.

15. Shall the Town of Lamoine raise and appropriate \$649,241.25 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$574,586.03 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee recommends \$649,241.25 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$574,586.03

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit'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 (municipality/district) budget for educational programs.

It was moved and 2nd with recommended amount. Judith Lucarelli gave a short explanation of article. The motion passed by a written ballot 69yes 0no.

16. To see what sum the municipality/district/unit will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 from the school administrative unit'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. **Recommend:** \$2,572,154 It was moved and 2nd with recommended amount. The motion passed by a written ballot 70yes 1blank.

There being no further business to transact, Moderator Marckoon declared the town meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kovacs, Town Clerk