

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Martha Nickerson was appointed and sworn in as Ballot Clerk by Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs

Ballot Clerk Martha Nickerson checked in 33 voters at the open town meeting.

Deputy Town Clerk Stuart Marckoon opened the annual town meeting at 6:35 PM 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.***

Mr. Marckoon established that he would operate according to the Maine Moderator's Manual.

It was moved and 2nd to allow non-voters/non-residents to speak at the moderator's discretion. The motion passed by a greater than 2/3rds majority on a hand vote.

Prior to the start of business:

Superintendent Katrina Kane explained the warrant briefly and the improvements done to the school.

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2. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$1,200,035.38 It was moved and 2nd to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
3. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$406,994.06 It was moved and 2nd to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
4. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$17,116.57 It was moved and 2nd to approve article as recommended. Carol Korty asked what is other instruction. Superintendent Kane explained it was for K-8 activities and athletics. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
5. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$99,760.78 It was moved and 2nd to approve article as recommended. Carol asked what is student and staff support. Superintendent Kane said school nurse and guidance. Carol asked how many days the school nurse is at the school. Principal McPhail said one full day. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
3. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$115,218.93 It was moved and 2nd to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
4. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$137,402.20 It was moved and 2nd to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
5. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$169,860.87 It was moved and 2nd to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote. Selectmen Heather Fowler asked what is out of district transportation. Superintendent Kane explained that it was**

the cost for special transportation with and ed tech that is out of the district area. The motion passed on a hand vote.

6. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$170,595.81 It was moved and 2nd to approve article as recommended. Selectmen Nathan Mason asked what the extra cost was for. Mrs. Kane said for doors, windows, ramps, and skirting. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
7. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$54,804.16 It was moved and 2nd to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
8. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$45,082.83 It was moved and 2nd to pass article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
9. 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 \$ 1,644,318.80**) 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 \$1,557,445.05**

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 2nd to raise and appropriate \$1,644,318.80. The motion passed on a written ballot 31 yes 0 no.

10. Shall the Town of Lamoine raise and appropriate \$560,722.41 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$524,862.22 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee and budget committee recommend \$560,722.41 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$524,862.22

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 to raise and appropriate \$560,722.41. The motion passed on a written ballot 31 yes 0 no.

11. Shall the Town of Lamoine raise and appropriate \$45,082.83 for local nutrition allocation purposes (the school lunch program)? **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$45,082.83 It was moved and 2nd to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

12. To see what sum the municipality/district/unit will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 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. The School Committee and Budget Committee **Recommend: \$2,416,871.59 It was moved and 2nd to pass as recommended. The motion passed on a written ballot 32 yes 0 no.**

There being no further business to transact, Moderator Marckoon declared the town meeting adjourned at 7:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kovacs, Town Clerk