

## Lamoine Town Meeting Minutes May 26, 2021

Ballot Clerk Marion McDevitt and Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs-Lord checked in 78 voters at the open town meeting.

Prior to the start of business:

Larissa Thomas presented the Conservation Commission award to Judith and Kathy Whitcomb.

Gary McFarland chair of the Board of Selectmen presented the Citizen of the Year award to Carol Duffy.

The Town recognized Harvey Kelly for his many years of moderating as he is retiring after this meeting.

Deputy Town Clerk Stuart Marckoon called the special town meeting to order at 6:10 PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School Gym.

1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting. **It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to nominate Harvey Kelley as the moderator. There were no other nominations. As the aforementioned executive order allowed for hand voting in place of written balloting, Mr. Kelley was elected on a hand count. Harvey Kelley sworn in as moderator by Stuart Marckoon, Deputy Town Clerk. Mr. Kelley established that he would operate according to the Maine Moderator's Manual.**
2. To see if the town will authorize appropriation of \$49,447.68 from undesignated fund balance due to an error in the calculation of the municipal property tax rate for the 2019/2020 budget. (Note: due to the error which involved failure to subtract the total homestead exemption valuation from the total taxable valuation, the total of the property taxes committed was lower by this amount, resulting in a mill rate that was lower than what it should have been). **It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

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3. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$1,609,550.91**
  - a. K- 2 Regular Elementary Instructional Services
  - b. 3-8 Regular Elementary Instructional Services
  - c. 9-12 Regular Secondary Program
  - d. Gifted and Talented Program

**It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Special Education. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$738,560.51**
  - a. K-12 Special Education Services

**It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Other Instruction. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$30,896.10**
  - a. Elementary Co-Curricular
  - b. Elementary Athletics

**It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve article as recommended. Cynthia Donaldson asked if there would be a preK program. Principal Dawn McPhail said not at this time. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

6. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$132,005.52**
  - a. Guidance - Library
  - b. Health Services - Instructional Technology
  - c. Curriculum - Student Assessment
  - d. Instructional Staff Training

**It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

7. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$143,286.69** Lamoine Town Meeting Warrant May 26, 2021

- a. School Board
- b. Office of the Superintendent
- c. Business Services

**It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 School Administration. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$169,464.83**

- a. Office of the Principal

**It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

9. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$174,271.00**  
**It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

10. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$186,283.12**

- a. Operations and Maintenance
- b. Capital Renewal

**It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

11. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$31,014.17**

- a. School Nutrition Program

**It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

12. 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 \$2,091,318.78**) 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 20A, section 15688. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$1,853,740.57**

*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.*

**\*Must be a recorded vote**

**It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a recorded hand vote of 67-0.**

13. Shall the Town of Lamoine raise and appropriate **\$917,999.90** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$917,999.90** as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee and budget committee recommend **\$917,999.90** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$917,999.90**

*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.*

**\*Must be a recorded vote**

**It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a recorded hand vote of 68-0.**

14. Shall the Town of Lamoine raise and appropriate \$31,014.17 for local nutrition allocation purposes (the school lunch program)? **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$31,014.17**  
**It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

15. To see what sum the municipality will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 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: \$3,215,332.85**

**\*Must be a recorded vote**

**It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a recorded hand vote of 67-0.**

16. Shall the Lamoine School Committee be authorized to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2021-2022 fiscal year?

**It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

**Harvey Kelley adjourned the special Town Meeting at 7:10 called for a short break and will resume the March 17, 2021 open town meeting that was recessed.**