

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 at the Lamoine Consolidated School Gymnasium in said town on Wednesday, the 24th day of May, 2023 at six o'clock in the evening (6:00 PM) then and there to act on articles 1 through 24 all of said articles being set out below, to wit:

1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.
2. To see if the town will appropriate \$21,500 from undesignated fund balance (surplus) to combine with encumbered funds and a donation from the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department to resurface the floor at the fire station for Fiscal Year 2022/23. *(The Budget Committee recommends approval)*
3. To see if the town will appropriate \$8,000 from the Fire Department Emergency Repair fund to repair damage to the apparatus bay ceiling for Fiscal Year 2022/23. *(The Budget Committee recommends approval)*
4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$350,000 to purchase a parcel of land, more particularly described as Tax Map 3 Lot 2, described by a deed recorded at Hancock County Registry of Deeds Book 1528, Page 194) to be used for municipal purposes, using \$15,000 from the Community Center Fund, and to authorize the Select Board to borrow up to \$335,000 over 5 years for the remainder. *(The Budget Committee and the Facilities & Infrastructure Committee recommend the town authorize the land purchase as proposed)*

MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT
(30-A MRSA § 5404(1-A & 5772(2-A))
Town of Lamoine

1. Total town indebtedness:

1. Bonds Outstanding and unpaid as of May 24, 2023	\$240,000.00
2. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$0.00
3. Bonds to be issued if this question is approved:	\$335,000.00
Total	\$575,000.00
2. At an estimated maximum interest rate of 5%, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Five(5) Years (2023-2028)	
Principal:	\$335,000.00
Interest	50,250.00
Total	\$385,250.00
3. Validity. The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service or the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.



Stuart Marckoon, Treasurer
Town of Lamoine, Maine

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$33,750 for fiscal year 2023/24 and to appropriate from \$50,000 from undesignated fund balance for the first payment on the land purchase bond. Total bond repayment estimated at \$83,750. *(The Budget Committee recommends approval)*
6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$68,435.90 from the Road Fund to add to the 2023/24 Road Budget. The appropriation will cover the snow plowing contract.

Education Budget 2023-24

7. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$1,552,905.95**
 - K- 2 Regular Elementary Instructional Services
 - 3-8 Regular Elementary Instructional Services
 - 9-12 Regular Secondary Program
 - Gifted and Talented Program
8. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$596,462.51**
 - K-12 Special Education Services
9. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$32,841.15**
 - Elementary Co-Curricular
 - Elementary Athletics
10. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$186,464.11**
 - Guidance
 - Health Services
 - Curriculum
 - Instructional Staff Training
 - Library
 - Instructional Technology
 - Student Assessment
11. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$157,915.91**
 - School Board
 - Office of the Superintendent
 - Business Services
12. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$192,236.91**
 - Office of the Principal
13. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$210,543.60**
14. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$335,782.72**
 - Operations and Maintenance

- Capital Renewal
- 15. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$36,000.00**
- School Nutrition Program
- 16. 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 \$2,077,735.14**) 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 \$1,873,943.71**

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***

- 17. Shall the Town of Lamoine raise and appropriate **\$832,454.52** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$832,454.52** as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee and budget committee recommend **\$832,454.52** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$832,454.52**

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***

- 18. Shall the Town of Lamoine raise and appropriate **\$36,000.00** for local nutrition allocation purposes (the school lunch program)? **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$36,000.00**

- 19. To see what sum the municipality will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 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: \$3,301,152.86**

****Must be a recorded vote***

- 20. 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 2023-2024 fiscal year? **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend approval.**

21. In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school and other program purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated? **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend approval.**
22. In the event that the School Department received more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Committee be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Committee, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Committee, and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, § 15671(A)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Committee? **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend approval.**
23. In addition to the amounts approved above for the school operating budget, shall the Town raise and appropriate \$50,000 in additional local funds for Special Education, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$50,000** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee; and authorize the School Committee to establish and transfer that sum to the **Special Education Reserve Fund**, and to expend from said Reserve Fund as needed at the discretion of the School Committee? **School Committee recommends \$50,000**, and gives the following reasons for exceeding the essential programs and services funding model by \$50,000: to address unanticipated Special Education costs not included in the budget. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend approval.**

***Must be a recorded vote.**

Note: Approval of this Article authorizes adjustment to the school operating budget articles previously approved, as well as the transfer and use of funds if needed.

State Mandated Explanation: The additional local funds are those local 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 school budget for educational programs.

24. In addition to amounts approved above for the school operating budget, shall the Town raise and appropriate \$50,000 in additional local funds for Regular Education, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$50,000** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee; and authorize the School Committee to establish and transfer that sum to the **Regular Education Reserve Fund**, and to expend from said Reserve Fund as needed at the discretion of the School Committee? **School Committee recommends \$50,000** and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$50,000: to address Regular Instruction program costs that are not met by the state funding model and to mitigate tax impacts in future years.

The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend approval.

***Must be a recorded vote.**

Approval of this Article authorizes adjustment to the school operating budget articles previously approved, as well as the transfer and use of the funds if needed.

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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 school budget for educational programs.

Voting on articles 1 through 24 will take place in open town meeting at the Lamoine Consolidated School beginning at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, May 24, 2023. The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 during regular business hours at the Lamoine Town Hall to correct any error in, or change a name or address on the voting list, and to accept registration of any person eligible to vote. A person who is not registered as a voter in the Town of Lamoine may not vote in any municipal election.

Signed at the Town of Lamoine

/s/ Gary McFarland

/s/ S. Josephine Cooper

/s/ Kathleen Rybarz

/s/ Larissa Thomas

/s/ Nathan C. Mason III

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