

Minutes of the Special Town Meeting May 21, 2024

Deputy Town Clerk Stuart Marckoon called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. There were 16 registered voters in attendance along with officials from the Lamoine School Department.

1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting. **It was moved and 2nd to select Maurice “Joe” Marshall as moderator. There were no other nominations. On a written ballot, Mr. Marshall was elected unanimously, and signed his oath of office before Mr. Marckoon.**
2. To see if the town will vote to apply the net proceeds from the sale of a portion of Map 3 Lot 2 to the outstanding 2023 bond balance from Machias Savings Bank. (The Select Board recommends \$15,000 be transferred to the Community Center Fund and \$124,429.87 be allocated to make a principal payment on the outstanding loan with Machias Savings Bank) **(The Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval). It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. The motion passed on a voice 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 \$1,556,243.69**
 - K-2 Regular Elementary Instructional Services
 - 3-8 Regular Elementary Instructional Services
 - 9-12 Regular Secondary Program
 - After School Instruction
 - Gifted and Talented Program**It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. The motion passed on a voice vote.**
4. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$744,330.83**
 - K-12 Special Education Services**It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. The motion passed on a voice vote.**
5. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$44,964.98**
 - Elementary Co-Curricular
 - Elementary Athletics**It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. The motion passed on a voice 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 \$316,588.60**

- Social Work
- Health Services
- Curriculum
- Instructional Staff Training
- Library
- Instructional Technology
- Student Assessment

It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. The motion passed on a voice vote.

7. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$184,942.09**
- School Committee
 - Office of the Superintendent
 - Business Services

It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. The motion passed on a voice vote.

8. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$194,493.03**
- Office of the Principal

It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. The motion passed on a voice 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 \$216,887.89**
- School Transportation

It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. The motion passed on a voice vote.

10. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$278,541.62**
- Operations and Maintenance
 - Capital Renewal

It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. The motion passed on a voice vote.

11. 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 \$2,158,313.30**) 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 \$1,925,839.15**

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 per 20-A MRSA §15690 (5)

It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote of 16-0.

12. Shall the Town of Lamoine raise and appropriate **\$1,023,829.03** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$1,023,829.03** as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend **\$1,023,829.03** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$1,023,829.03**

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.

Must be a recorded vote per 20-A MRSA §15690 (5)

It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote of 16-0.

13. To see what sum the municipality will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 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: \$3,536,992.73**

Must be a recorded vote per 20-A MRSA §15690 (5)

It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote of 16-0.

14. 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 2024-2025 fiscal year? **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend approval.**

It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. The motion passed on a voice vote.

15. 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.**

It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. The motion passed on a voice vote.

16. In the event that the School Department receives 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, § 15671A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Committee? **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend approval.**

It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. The motion passed on a voice vote.

17. 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?

The **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 per 20-A MRSA §15690 (5)


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.

It was moved and 2nd to approve the article as recommended. Prior to the vote, those in attendance gave a round of applause as thanks to Interim Superintendent of Schools Rob Liebow who will retire at the end of June. The motion passed on a hand vote of 16-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer M. Kovacs-Lord, Town Clerk