

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**2014**  
**SCHOOL WARRANT**

To the Inhabitants of the Oyster River Cooperative School District of Durham, Lee, and Madbury qualified to vote upon District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Oyster River High School in said district on the 5th day of February 2014, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for Session I of the Annual School District Meeting for discussion of Articles 3 through 7 and for any amendments thereto. Warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended and no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article at Session I.

Official ballot voting for school district officers (articles 1 and 2) and on articles 3-7 will occur at town polling locations on Tuesday, March 11, 2014:

Town of Durham	Oyster River High School	7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Town of Lee	Lee Safety Complex	7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Town of Madbury	Madbury Town Hall	11:00 am to 7:30 pm

ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

ARTICLE 2: To choose two at large School Board members for the ensuing three years.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the District vote to approve within the provisions of New Hampshire RSA 273-A:3 the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Oyster River Teachers' Guild (GUILD) and the Oyster River School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

2014-2015	\$	319,827
2015-2016	\$	441,969
2016-2017	\$	429,169

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$319,827 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increases in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? *The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 4: Shall the district raise and appropriate as a supplemental appropriation in the current fiscal year, \$1.00 for the purpose of constructing an addition and renovations to add a cafeteria to the Moharimet School. The cost of the addition is estimated at \$500,000 with that amount to come from the unexpended appropriations in the district's 2013-2014 budget as a result of an insurance premium holiday from the Local Government Center on the District's health insurance premiums. *The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

**Explanation:** The proposed twenty-foot addition on to the back of the Moharimet School provides the space to create a cafeteria separate from the gymnasium to become the new cafeteria. The section of the current gym directly in front of the stage is to be partitioned from the gym by a folding wall. ORCSD has received from a lawsuit filed against the Local Government Center \$688,000 of which approximately \$188,000 belongs to employees and \$500,000 belongs to ORCSD. No new taxes are necessary to do this project.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the District vote to appoint the School Board as agents to expend from the Facilities Development Capital Reserve Fund previously established March 9, 1999.

*The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 6: Shall the District vote to approve a tuition agreement between the Oyster River Cooperative School District and Barrington School District, as negotiated by the School Board which provides for an initial term beginning on July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2025 and with the term to be extended from year to year provided that on June 30, 2021, and thereafter this contract may be terminated by either party after providing 4 years written prior notice of the date of termination, and further to authorize the School Board to submit the Agreement to the State Board of Education for approval pursuant to RSA 194:22, and to authorize the School Board to take such other and further acts necessary to give effect to this resolution, including the adoption of minor amendments to the Agreement, from time to time during its term, without further action by the School District Meeting.

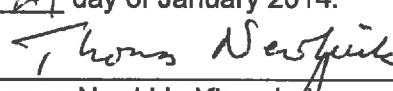
*The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required)*

**Explanation:** The proposed tuition agreement with Barrington is for 10 years with a minimum of 125 students to grow incrementally up to a maximum of 200 students. The agreement allows for a gradual transition of Barrington students and provides us with guaranteed revenue. This revenue will be used to maintain and expand programs and lower tax impact.


ARTICLE 7: Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$ 39,325,985 distributed as follows: Fund 10 = \$ 38,061,624 (regular operating budget); Fund 21 = \$ 603,361 (expenditures from food service revenues); Fund 22 = \$ 655,000 (expenditures from federal/special revenues); Fund 23 = \$ 6,000 (expenditures from pass through funds)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$ 37,511,593 (Default Budget) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the district or by law; or the district may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X, and XVI to take up the issue of the revised operating budget only. *The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

Given under our hands at said Durham NH this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014:

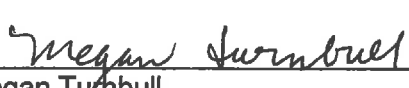
  
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Thomas Newkirk, Vice-chair

  
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