

**Oyster River Cooperative School District  
Special Deliberative Session I  
Oyster River High School  
February 7, 2014 7:00 PM**

**School Board Members:**

Maria Barth (chairperson)  
Edwin Charle  
Al Howland  
Ann Lane  
Thomas Newkirk (absent)  
Kenneth Rotner  
Megan Turnbull

**Moderator:** Richard Laughton

**Clerk:** William Leslie

**Legal Consultant:** Barbara Loughman

**Superintendent:** Dr. James Morse

**Business Administrator:** Susan Caswell

**Student Board Representative:** absent

110 members of the public in attendance in the auditorium.

**Moderator Laughton** called meeting to order at 7:12 pm, read the emergency announcement and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Superintendent Morse** presented the Distinguished Service Award to Armida Geiger.

**Moderator Laughton** read the certification for posting of MS-26 as follows:

I, Wendy DiFruscio, certify that on January 24, 2014, I posted the MS-26, the default budget and the written warrant attested by the School Board of the Oyster River Cooperative School District: in the Town of Durham at Oyster River High School, the place of meeting; in the Town of Lee at the Mast Way School; and in the Town of Madbury at the Moharimet School.

**Moderator Laughton** read the School Warrant as follows:

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.

**Al Howland** read Article 3 as follows:

**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)*

**Al Howland** presented information on this article.

**Motion** made by Al Howland to accept Article 3 as written. Seconded by Ken Rotner.

**Moderator Laughton** called for discussion on Article 3. There was none.

**Moderator Laughton** called for a vote on Article 3 as written. Article 3 passed.

**Ann Lane** read Article 4 as follows:

**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*

**Ann Lane** presented information on this article.

**Motion** made by Ann Lane to accept Article 4 as written. Seconded by Al Howland.

**Moderator Laughton** called for discussion on Article 4.

**David Taylor**, of Durham, asked for accurate estimate of total project cost.

**Superintendent Morse** responded that the estimated cost is approximately \$545,000.

**David Taylor**, of Durham, made a motion to amend Article 4 to clarify cost of cafeteria, seconded by John Collins, of Lee, as follows:

.....The cost of the addition is estimated at \$545,000 with \$500,000 of that amount to come from....

**Moderator Laughton** called for discussion on amendment to Article 4.

Discussion ensued on amendment.

**Moderator Laughton** called for further discussion on amendment to Article 4. There was none.

**Moderator Laughton** called for vote on amendment to Article 4. Amendment passed.

**Moderator Laughton** called for discussion on Article 4, as amended.

Discussion ensued on this article, as amended.

**Tobin Farwell**, of Durham, made a motion to amend the amendment to Article 4 to add in maximum cost of cafeteria, seconded by Ann Wright, as follows:

.....The cost of the addition is not to exceed \$545,000 with \$500,000 of that amount to come from....

**Moderator Laughton** called for discussion on amendment to amended Article 4.

Discussion ensued on amendment to amended Article 4.

**Moderator Laughton** called for further discussion on amendment to amended Article 4. There was none.

**Moderator Laughton** called for vote on amendment to amended Article 4. Amendment failed.

**Moderator Laughton** called for further discussion on Article 4, as amended. There was none.

**Moderator Laughton** called for vote on Article 4, as amended. Article 4, as amended, passed.

Article 4, as amended, reads as follows:

**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 \$545,000 with \$500,000 of 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*

**Ann Lane** read Article 5 as follows:

**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)*

**Ann Lane** presented information on this article.

**Motion** made by Ann Lane to accept Article 5 as written. Seconded by Ken Rotner.

**Moderator Laughton** called for discussion on Article 5.

Discussion ensued.

**Moderator Laughton** called for further discussion on Article 5. There was none.

**Moderator Laughton** called for a vote on Article 5 as written. Article 5 passed.

**Kenny Rotner** read Article 6 as follows:

**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.

**Kenny Rotner** presented information on this article.

**Motion** made by Kenny Rotner to accept Article 6 as written. Seconded by Ann Lane.

**Moderator Laughton** called for discussion on Article 6.

Discussion ensued.

**Moderator Laughton** called for further discussion on Article 6. There was none.

**Moderator Laughton** called for a vote on Article 6 as written. Article 6 passed.

**Al Howland** read Article 7 as follows:

**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).*

**Al Howland** presented information on this article.

**Motion** made by Al Howland to accept Article 7 as written. Seconded by Ken Rotner.

**Moderator Laughton** called for discussion on Article 7.

**Ann Shump**, of Durham, made a motion to amend Article 7 to add in building para at high school, seconded by Lindsay Raynes, as follows:

.....for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$ 39,358,985 distributed as follows:.....

**Moderator Laughton** called for discussion on amendment to Article 7.

Discussion ensued on amendment.

**Moderator Laughton** called for further discussion on amendment to Article 7. There was none.

**Moderator Laughton** called for vote on amendment to Article 7. Amendment failed.

**Moderator Laughton** called for further discussion on Article 7.

**Ann Wright**, of Durham, made a motion to amend Article 7 to add in Spanish teacher at high school, seconded by John Collins, as follows:

.....for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$ 39,357,502 distributed as follows:.....

**Moderator Laughton** called for discussion on amendment to Article 7.

Discussion ensued on amendment.

**Moderator Laughton** called for further discussion on amendment to Article 7. There was none.

**Moderator Laughton** called for vote on amendment to Article 7. Amendment failed.

**Moderator Laughton** called for further discussion on Article 7.

Discussion ensued.

**Lindsay Raynes**, of Madbury, made a motion to amend Article 7 to add in Resource Officer at Moharimet School and Mast Way School, seconded by Brian Raynes of Madbury, as follows:

.....for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$ 39,378,581 distributed as follows:.....

**Moderator Laughton** called for discussion on amendment to Article 7.

Discussion ensued on amendment.

**Moderator Laughton** called for further discussion on amendment to Article 7. There was none.

**Moderator Laughton** called for vote on amendment to Article 7. Amendment failed.

**Moderator Laughton** called for further discussion on Article 7.

**Richard Weichert**, of Durham, made a motion to amend Article 7 to add in Full-Day Kindergarten, seconded by Ann Lane, as follows:

.....for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$ 39,400,985 distributed as follows:.....

**Moderator Laughton** called for discussion on amendment to Article 7.

Discussion ensued.

**Moderator Laughton** called for further discussion on amendment to Article 7. There was none.

**Moderator Laughton** called for vote on amendment to Article 7. Amendment failed.

**Moderator Laughton** called for further discussion on Article 7.

Discussion ensued on generators at the elementary schools.

**Moderator Laughton** called for further discussion on Article 7. There was none.

**Moderator Laughton** called for a vote on Article 7 as written. Article 7 passed.

**Moderator Laughton** reminded everyone on polling times and places on Tuesday, March 11, 2014:

**John Parsons** moved to adjourn. Kitty Marble seconded the motion.

**Moderator Laughton** adjourned the meeting at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



William R. Leslie, School Clerk,  
Oyster River Cooperative School District