

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING - SESSION II**  
**MARCH 14, 2017**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:**

William R. Leslie  
 School District Clerk

- A. To vote, completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the oval.

**ARTICLE 1:**  
**MODERATOR (1-year term)**  
*(Vote for ONE)*

Richard Laughton   
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Write in)

**ARTICLE 2:**  
**SCHOOL BOARD AT-LARGE (3-year term)**  
*(Vote for not more than TWO)*

Denise Day   
 Michael Williams   
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Write in)

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 Teacher's Guild and the Oyster River School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

2017-2018	\$ 527,076
2018-2019	\$ 568,708
2019-2020	\$ 587,169

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 527,076 for the 2017-2018 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)*

YES   
 NO

ARTICLE 4: Shall the District raise and appropriate up to \$ 200,000 to be added to the Benefit Stabilization Fund previously established? This sum to come from the year-end undesignated fund balance. *The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

Explanation: Warrant Article 4 – This fund was established for offsetting unexpected increases in benefit costs. The timing and unpredictability of increases in benefit costs make it difficult for the Board to adjust budgets to account for higher than anticipated increases. This fund allows the Board to access funds to offset the increase allowing them the time to adjust in other areas. Since we anticipate utilizing some of these funds in this budget cycle we are asking for funds to replenish this account. No amount to be raised by new taxation.

YES   
 NO

ARTICLE 5: Shall the District discontinue the Track Fund-District Support created in 1998. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the District's general fund. *The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

Explanation: Warrant Article 5 – This fund was created to build the new track and since we have done this we are recommending that we discontinue this fund. This fund has approximately \$3.00 remaining.

YES   
 NO

ARTICLE 6: Shall the District establish a Facilities Development, Maintenance, and Replacement Trust under the provisions of RSA 198:20c, for maintaining, repairing, and updating the District's buildings, grounds and equipment, and raise and appropriate up to \$18,503 for this purpose with such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance, and further, to name the School Board as agents to expend from the Facilities Development, Maintenance, and Replacement Trust and further to discontinue the following funds:

- a. The School Board Capital Replacement Fund, created in 2011, up to \$13,000.00;
- b. The School Building Maintenance Fund, created in 1995, up to \$5,500.00, and;
- c. The Athletic Facilities Fund, created in 2009, up to \$3.00.

Said funds with the accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the District's general fund. *The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

Explanation: Warrant Article 6 – The District currently has 3 separate funds to address building needs. The funds will be discontinued and become part of the General Fund. A new fund will be established and funded from the undesignated fund balance. No amount to be raised by new taxation.

YES   
NO

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 \$ 43,787,372. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$ 43,995,149 (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)*

Note:

Fund 10 = \$ 42,416,325 (regular operating budget); Fund 21 = \$ 730,047 (expenditures from food service revenues); Fund 22 = \$ 600,000 (expenditures from federal/special revenues); Fund 23 = \$ 41,000 (expenditures from pass through funds).

YES   
NO

ARTICLE 8: BY PETITION: Shall the Oyster River High School continue to provide a wide range of athletic programs, excluding football?

YES   
NO