

**OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT THE
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
2017
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 7th day of February 2017, 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 14, 2017:

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 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)*

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.

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.

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.

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).

ARTICLE 8: BY PETITION: Shall the district establish a football program at the Oyster River High School with the object of moving toward a varsity team in coordination with the rules and regulations of the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA)? Budgeted start-up costs of \$34,000 include; \$15,000 raised by a community based "booster" club, \$5,000 contribution from the school district and the balance of approximately \$14,000 paid by the players (larger number of players the lower cost per player) at 35 players it would be \$400 per player.

The School Board does not recommend this article.

Given under our hands at said Durham NH this 18th day of January 2017:

Thomas Newkirk

Thomas Newkirk, Chairperson

Kenneth Rotner

Kenneth Rotner

Daniel Klein

Daniel Klein

Sarah W. Farwell

Sarah Farwell

Denise Day

Denise Day, Vice-chair

Maria Barth

Maria Barth

Allan Howland

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