

**Oyster River Cooperative School District
Special Deliberative Session I
Oyster River High School
February 6, 2018 7:00 PM**

School Board Members:

Thomas Newkirk (chairperson)
Michael Williams
Denise Day
Brian Cisneros
Allan Howland
Daniel Klein
Kenneth Rotner

Moderator: Richard Laughton

Clerk: William Leslie

Legal Consultant: Diane Gorrow

Superintendent: Dr. James Morse

Business Administrator: Susan Caswell

Student Board Representative: not present

48 members of the public in attendance in the auditorium.

Moderator Laughton called meeting to order at 7:00pm, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

I, Wendy DiFruscio, certify that on January 25, 2018, 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.

School Board Member Brian Cisneros presented the Distinguished Service Award to Brian Turnbull.

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 6th day of February 2018, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for Session I of the Annual School District Meeting for discussion of Articles 3 through 5 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 3-5 will occur at town polling locations on Tuesday, March 13, 2018:

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 three School Board members one each for Durham, Lee and Madbury for

the ensuing three years.

Daniel Klein 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 Bus Drivers Association and the Oyster River School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

2018-2019 \$ 54,083
2019-2020 \$ 36,855
2020-2021 \$ 41,223

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 54,083 for the 2018-2019 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)

Motion made by Daniel Klein to accept Article 3 as written. Seconded by Denise Day.

Daniel Klein presented information on this article.

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.

Denise Day read Article 4 as follows:

ARTICLE 4: 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 Paraeducators and Support Staff and the Oyster River School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

2018-2019 \$ 64,876
2019-2020 \$ 64,939
2020-2021 \$ 75,239

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 64,876 for the 2018-2019 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)

Motion made by Denise Day to accept Article 4 as written. Seconded by Allan Howland.

Denise Day presented information on this article.

Moderator Laughton called for discussion on Article 4. There was none.

Moderator Laughton called for a vote on Article 4 as written. Article 4 passed.

Allan Howland read Article 5 as follows:

ARTICLE 5: 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 \$45,625,555. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$ 45,555,984 (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 = \$ 44,199,061 (regular operating budget); Fund 21 = \$ 785,494 (expenditures from food service revenues); Fund 22 = \$ 600,000 (expenditures from federal/special revenues); Fund 23 = \$ 41,000 (expenditures from pass through funds).

Motion made by Allan Howland to accept Article 5 as written. Seconded by Brian Cisneros.

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

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

Moderator Laughton reminded everyone of polling times and places on Tuesday, March 14, 2016.

John Parsons moved to adjourn. Ann Shump seconded the motion.

Moderator Laughton adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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