

**Oyster River Cooperative School District
Special Deliberative Session I
Oyster River High School
February 4, 2021 7:00 PM**

School Board Members:

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

Moderator: Richard Laughton

Clerk: Jessica Laughton

Legal Consultant: Anthony Muir

Superintendent: Dr. James Morse

Business Administrator: Susan Caswell

Student Board Representative: not present

32 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.

School Board Member Yusi Turell presented the Distinguished Service Award to GO VOTE COMMITTEE.

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

I, Wendy DiFruscio, certify that on January 25, 2021, 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 Middle School 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:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Oyster River High School in said district on the 4th day of February 2021, 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 09, 2021:

Town of Durham	Oyster River High School	7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Town of Lee	Lee Transfer Station (via drive-in only)	7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Town of Madbury	Madbury Town Hall	11:00 am to 7:00 pm

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

ARTICLE 2: To choose three At-Large School Board members one each for Durham, Lee and Madbury for the ensuing three years, and one At-Large Board member for one year.

Allan Howland read Article 3 as follows:

ARTICLE 3: 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 \$50,173,045. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$50,080,250 (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 = \$48,707,995 (regular operating budget); Fund 21 = \$824,050 (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 3 as written. Seconded by Tom Newkirk.

Allan Howland presented information on this article.

Moderator Laughton called for discussion on Article 3.

Moderator Laughton called for further 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 Bus Drivers Association and the Oyster River School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

2021-2022 \$18,070

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 18,070 for the 2021-2022 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 Michael Williams.

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.

Daniel Klein read Article 5 as follows:

ARTICLE 5: 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 Para-Educators and Support Staff and the Oyster River School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

2021-2022 \$63,853

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 63,853 for the 2021-2022 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 5 as written. Seconded by Allan Howland.

Daniel Klein presented information on this article.

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.

Brien Cisneros read Article 6 as follows:

ARTICLE 6: Shall the District vote in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II to increase. Indefinitely until rescinded, the retention of any unused portion of the year-end unassigned general funds from the preceding fiscal year's net assessment under RSA 198:5 for the purpose of having funds on hand to use in subsequent fiscal years? *The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

Motion made by Brian Cisneros to accept Article 6 as written. Seconded by Denise Day.

Brian Cisneros presented information on this article.

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.

Michael Williams read Article 7 as follows:

ARTICLE 7: Shall the District vote and raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be added to the Facilities Development, Maintenance, and Replacement Trust which was established in March of 2017. The sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. *The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)* No amounts to be raised from taxation.

Motion made by Michael Williams to accept Article 7 as written. Seconded by Yusi Turell.

Michael Williams presented information on this article.

Moderator Laughton called for 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 of polling times and places on Tuesday, March 09, 2021.

John Parsons moved to adjourn. Kim Laughton seconded the motion.

Moderator Laughton adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Laughton, School Clerk,
Oyster River Cooperative School District