

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING - SESSION II**  
**MARCH 10, 2026**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:**

Susan P. Caswell  
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 not more than ONE)**

Allan Howland   
\_\_\_\_\_ (Write in)

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

William A. Howard   
Colin Blake-Butler   
Elizabeth S. Copley   
Giana Gelsey   
\_\_\_\_\_ (Write in)

**ARTICLE 3: Mast Way/Moharimet Renovation Expansion Project**

Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,827,000 (gross budget) to finance renovations and additions at both elementary schools to include additional classrooms, expanding a cafeteria, and creating appropriate spaces to deliver services to students (the "Project"); and authorize the issuance of not more than \$9,827,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the dates, maturities, interest rate, and other details of such bonds or notes; and authorize the School Board to accept on behalf of the District any federal, state, or private funds that may become available to fund the Project and use such funds toward the Project or to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued for the Project; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$245,675 for the initial debt service payment due during the fiscal year? ***The School Board recommends this Article. (3/5 ballot vote required)***

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE 4: Operating Budget**

The average cost-per-pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75, I (a) is \$24,268. ELA Proficiency: 75%; Math Proficiency: 65%; Science Proficiency: 61%.

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 \$62,365,067. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$60,463,982 (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 = \$60,183,022 (regular operating budget); Fund 21 = \$1,432,045 (expenditures from food service revenues); Fund 22 = \$645,000 (expenditures from federal/special revenues); Fund 23 = \$105,000 (expenditures from pass through funds).

YES   
NO

ARTICLE 5: Approval of the ORPaSS CBA

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:

2026-2027	\$543,972
2027-2028	\$577,025
2028-2029	\$176,733

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$543,972 for the 2026-2027 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 6: Approval of the ORESPA CBA

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 Office Educational Support Personnel Association and the Oyster River School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

2026-2027	\$213,498
2027-2028	\$104,826
2028-2029	\$106,852

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$213,498 for the 2026-2027 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 7: Facilities Trust Fund

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

YES   
NO

ARTICLE 8: Special Education Trust

Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 125,000 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund which was established in March of 1999. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. ***The School Board recommends this appropriation. No amounts to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)***

YES   
NO

ARTICLE 9: Open Enrollment

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 for the purpose of funding the estimated tuition of School District students who attend open enrollment schools/programs located outside of the Oyster River Cooperative School District in accordance with RSA 194-D. ***The School Board recommends this Article. (Majority vote required)***

YES   
NO

ARTICLE 10: Petition Warrant Article

Shall the provisions of RSA 32:14 through 32:24 (Budget Committee) be adopted by the Oyster River Cooperative School District, as provided by RSA 195:12-a? ***The School Board does not recommend this article.***

YES   
NO

ARTICLE 11: Petition Warrant Article

To see if the Oyster River Cooperative School District will vote to rescind the authority previously adopted regarding the retention of year-end unassigned general funds as provided by RSA 198:4-b, II. If adopted, this article mandates that any unassigned general fund balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year be used to reduce the District tax rate. ***The School Board does not recommend this article.***

YES   
NO

ARTICLE 12: Petition Warrant Article

Shall the Oyster River Cooperative School District adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the School Board or Budget Committee shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes by more than 15% above the amount raised in taxes the previous fiscal year. This cap may be overridden by a 3/5 majority vote of the legislative body. ***The School Board does not recommend this article.***

YES   
NO

ARTICLE 13: Petition Warrant Article:

To see if the Oyster River Cooperative School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the purpose of hiring an independent auditing firm to conduct a performance audit of the School District Administration? ***The School Board does not recommend this appropriation.***

YES   
NO