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SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

OFFICIAL BALLOT
OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING - SESSION II
MARCH 12, 2013

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">FOR MODERATOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (1 year term) more than ONE</p> <p>RICHARD LAUGHTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOR SCHOOL BOARD At-Large</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3 year term) more than TWO</p> <p>THOMAS NEWKIRK <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CARL PIEDMONT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KENNETH ROTNER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	
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ARTICLES

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

2013-2014	\$ 22,330
2014-2015	\$ 34,770
2015-2016	\$ 26,707

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YES
NO

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 22,330 for the 2013-2014 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 the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of supporting initiatives requested by the Oyster River Sustainability Committee. These requests include: \$15,000 for the food service to procure and process food from local farmers, \$5,000 for education and outreach, and up to \$20,000 in stipends to fund four sustainability coach team leaders, and one district coordinator to oversee school district sustainability initiatives (at \$4,000 each). *The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

YES
NO

ARTICLE 5: Shall the District vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, the retention of year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II for the purpose of having funds on hand to use as a revenue source for emergency expenditures and over expenditures under RSA 32:11 which are approved by the Department of Education or as a revenue source to reduce the tax rate. *(Majority vote required)*

YES

NO

(EXPLANATION: The limit on the fund is 2.5% of net appropriations. That amount is determined annually. The fund, however, is not cumulative. In any particular year the amount of the fund may not exceed that statutory cap of 2.5% of net assessment for the District. Maintaining some money on the books helps to meet cash flow demands. An adequate unassigned fund balance reduces the impact of an unanticipated revenue short fall after the tax rate has already been established. Unassigned fund balance is available for contingencies and emergencies under the provisions of RSA 32:11 as a source of revenue to cover unusual circumstances that may arise after a budget is adopted. Expenditures from this fund require School Board or Commissioner of Education approval.)

ARTICLE 6: 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 \$38,815,855 distributed as follows: Fund 10 = \$37,658,821 (regular operating budget); Fund 21 = \$640,718 (expenditures from food service revenues); Fund 22 = \$510,316 (expenditures from federal/special revenues); Fund 23 = \$6,000 (expenditures from pass through funds)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$38,546,021 (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)*

YES

NO