

# SAMPLE BALLOT

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SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION**  
**ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING - SESSION II**  
**MARCH 14, 2017**

**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.

MODERATOR	SCHOOL BOARD AT-LARGE
Vote for not more than ONE (1 year term)	Vote for not more than TWO (3 year term)
RICHARD LAUGHTON <input type="radio"/>	DENISE DAY <input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	MICHAEL WILLIAMS <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>
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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 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)*

YES   
NO

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)*

YES   
NO

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)*

YES   
NO

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.

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**