

Oyster River Cooperative School District

Proposed 2016-17 School District Budget

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Warrant Article #3

Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.9 Million for the renovation and construction of athletic fields and a track at Oyster River High School, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1.5 Million of bonds or notes to be paid over a 10 year period in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), with \$400,000 to come from the June 30, unassigned fund balance available July 1, 2016 and/or Facilities Development Capital Reserve Expendable Trust Fund, and to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,419 for the first year's principal and interest payment. *The School Board recommends this appropriation. (A three-fifths (3/5) ballot vote required.)*

The Current Proposal

An All-Weather Track Facility

- Allows a safe surface for PE classes
- Saves District over \$4,000 a year in UNH Track rental
- Opportunity to host home track meets
- Chance for Community to utilize the track
- Provides a great training area for all sports programs



The Current Proposal

Artificial Turf Field

- Provides a safe and consistent surface for usage year round
- Allows PE to maximize class offerings
- Creates proper drainage
- Gives teams optimal training and game environment
- Saves District over \$3,000 a year in UNH turf rentals
- Potential for rental revenue to the District
- Allows community groups and ORYA a 1st class facility for usage and events



The Current Proposal

Reconfiguration of Baseball/Softball Fields

- Creates a safer environment for all after school programs
- Aligns both fields correctly with solar orientation
- Allows for both teams to create “HOME FIELD” feel
- Improves drainage and level field surfaces for both programs
- Creates a safe traffic pattern for teams and spectators
- Minimizes out of season over usage of fields to allow growth
- Maximizes grass space for rectangular practice fields



Changes From Last Year

- Ad Hoc Committee established to investigate funding, communication and infill concerns
- Current proposal eliminates tire crumb rubber infill options - EPDM
- The proposed project decreases Bonding amount by \$200,000

Cost Breakdown

- Total Cost for Athletic Field Upgrades: \$2.2M
- Amount Already Appropriated/Fundraised: \$300,000
- Allocated From Health Insurance Lawsuit: \$400,000
- Proposed Bond: \$1.5M

Cost of Bond

Field Upgrade Warrant 1.5 Million Bond – 10 Years				
Year 1	\$22,419	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.02
Year 2	\$186,338	\$0.10	\$0.14	\$0.13
Year 3	\$182,513	\$0.10	\$0.14	\$0.13
Year 4	\$178,688	\$0.10	\$0.13	\$0.13
Year 5	\$174,863	\$0.10	\$0.13	\$0.13
Year 6-10	\$968,850	-	-	-
Total	\$1,713,669	-	-	-

Why ORCSD Needs This Project:

Encouraging participation in extra-curricular activities is key to our success.

- 72% athletic participation rate at the high school
- 50% athletic participation rate at the middle school
- At ORHS student athletes have a 3.44 GPA vs. 3.24 GPA for the student body at large
- Participation is a key component of our efforts to reduce drug and alcohol issues

Why ORCSD Needs This Project: cont'd

Field closures due to unsafe conditions would be virtually eliminated.

- Current field is closed for the entire summer
- Fall teams cannot access the varsity field until first game in September
- Spring teams are not able to access field until mid-April
- 56% voted yes last year which shows a substantial majority supported this project
- Durham Parks and Recreation Committee and ORYA Board of Directors have endorsed the project

Warrant 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 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:

2016-2017 \$ 38,937

2017-2018 \$ 42,332

2018-2019 \$ 45,638

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,937 for the 2016-2017 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)*

Warrant Article #4- Continued

Oyster River Educational Support Personnel (ORESPA)

- Covers Oyster River custodians and secretaries
- Negotiated a three (3) year contract
- Salary Increases:
 - Year 1 \$38,937
 - Year 2 \$42,332
 - Year 3 \$45,638
- Longevity pay increased
- Benefit Changes:
 - Fixed health buyout – was 30% cost
 - Increased Retirement payout for unused sick days from \$20 to \$50
 - Added matching Tax sheltered annuity
 - \$300/year – year 1
 - \$500/year – year 2 & 3

Warrant Article #5

Shall the District authorize the School Board to sell the 24.97acre lot on Orchard Drive in Durham, on such terms and conditions as the School Board determines are in the best interests of the District, and further to raise and appropriate up to \$500,000 from the sale of this property to be placed into the Facilities Development Capital Reserve Fund. *The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

Warrant Article #5 – Continued

- Two vacant residential parcels of land, totaling 24.97 acres on Orchard Drive in Durham
- Only 8 acres available for potential residential use
- Parcels are not suitable for any school purpose

Warrant Article #6

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$500,000 to be added to the Facilities Development Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2016. No amount to be raised by taxation. *The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

Warrant Article #6- Continued

- Capital Reserve Fund established in 1999
- Needs School Board approval to expend
- Funds will help pay for over \$2 million unmet capital needs
- No amount to be raised by taxation
- Current balance of fund - \$41,612

Warrant Article #7

Shall the District establish a non-lapsing Equipment Revolving Fund in accordance with RSA 194:3-c, to be funded by the sale of unused and outdated equipment for the purpose of providing equipment to students in need. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1.00). Withdrawals from the revolving fund will be made at monthly intervals as needed. *The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

Warrant Article #7- Continued

- District will sell unused/old equipment to sustain this fund
- 8% of students in District live in poverty
- This fund will allow the District to supply these students with used or new equipment
- Fund will not exceed \$2,000

Warrant Article #8

Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts 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 \$42,303,815. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$40,892,769, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law; or the governing body 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 = \$40,950,403 (regular operating budget); Fund 21 = \$671,412 (expenditures from food service revenues); Fund 22 = \$621,000 (expenditures from federal/special revenues); Fund 23 = \$61,000 (expenditures from pass through funds).

Warrant Article #8 -

School Board budget goal:

- Budget will not exceed 3% inclusive of all warrants
- The proposed budget, if all warrants pass, is at 2.9%

Default Budget

In the event the FY2016 Proposed Budget fails to be approved by District voters, the Default Budget automatically becomes the budget for FY2016.

Requested Operating Budget	\$40,950,403
Total Default Budget	<u>\$40,892,769</u>
Difference	\$ 57,634

(Default only affects Fund 10 of operating budget.)

Warrant Article #8 - Continued

- Increase of \$16.8% in Health Insurance - \$600,000
- Accounts for over 50% of budget increase

Estimated Increase FY17 Operating Budget Impact to Towns

Assuming all Warrant Articles pass the estimated impact to all 3 towns will be:

Town	Total per \$1,000	Percent of Increase
Durham	\$.60	3.25%
Lee	\$.78	3.74%
Madbury	\$1.09	5.22%

Budget Accomplishments

- Budget came in below Board goal of 3%
 - Actual 2.9%
- Accommodates Health Increase of 16.8%
 - \$600,000
- Includes Full Day Kindergarten by repurposing current funds
- Allows for a Warrant Article on Athletic Fields that asks the voters for \$200,000 less than last year, focuses on student safety, and uses a safe fill.