

MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MILLER PLACE, NEW YORK  
BOARD MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 16, 2022

**Kind of Meeting:** Business Meeting  
**Place of Meeting:** Miller Place High School  
**Time:** 8:00 P.M.

**Those Present:**

Board President:	Mrs. Johanna Testa
Board Vice President:	Mrs. Lisa Reitan
Board Trustee:	Mr. Keith Frank
Board Trustee:	Mr. Bryan Makarius
Superintendent of Schools:	Dr. Marianne Cartisano
Deputy Superintendent:	Mr. Seth Lipshie
Assistant Superintendent:	Ms. Susan Craddock
School Business Official:	Mrs. Colleen Card
Executive Director for Educational Services:	Mrs. Sandra Wojnowski
District Clerk:	Mrs. Patricia Morbillo

**Those Absent:**

Board Trustee: Mr. Richard Panico

**PLEASE NOTE: THE MINUTES, AS WRITTEN, ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE NOT CONSIDERED AN OFFICIAL RECORD UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE MARCH 30, 2022, BUSINESS MEETING.**

Mrs. Testa called the meeting to order at 8:13 P.M. Mrs. Testa acknowledged the veterans that were in the audience. No media was present. She reminded everyone that they are required to wear a mask as per the District's Opening Schools Plan for 2021-22.

**I. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS MESSAGE**

Good evening. Before we start our Board meeting this evening, we have two very important announcements to make. As some of you may already know, Dr. Cartisano has informed the Board that after 10 wonderful years of being our Superintendent of Schools, she will be retiring at the conclusion of the current school year. While we are sad to see her go, we are excited for her to embark on this new chapter of her life, and on behalf of the Board of Education and the entire Miller Place School District family, we thank Dr. Cartisano for a decade of dedicated, inspired leadership that has moved our District forward and created a culture of educational excellence, and a nurturing environment in which our students continue to grow and achieve.

At the start of this school year, the Board approached Dr. Lutz, Chief Operating Officer of Eastern Suffolk BOCES, to discuss options open to the Board in selecting our District's next educational leader. Dr. Lutz laid out two possible paths the Board could take in selecting the individual who the Board would appoint to assume the position of Superintendent of Schools and help us build on the solid foundation that has been developed in our District over the past ten years under the leadership of Dr. Cartisano.

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The first path, if we felt it was necessary, was to engage with a superintendent search firm and conduct a formal superintendent search process. This option is a lengthy process that would cost the District anywhere from \$20,000 - \$30,000.

The second option, or path, Dr. Lutz laid out for us and a path a good number of districts have opted for over the past several years, was to look internally – to consider the educational leaders we have right here in our District to see if the Board felt there was an individual who had the administrative experience, the leadership qualities, the respect of their fellow central and building administrators as well as our teachers, and who has displayed the ability to bring people together in a collaborative fashion to push forward programs to benefit our students and our community, and has developed the trust of parents and other community stakeholders.

I am happy to announce this evening that we believe the individual to lead our district into the future, the educator who checks all the boxes I have just outlined for you, is right here in our district. He has been an integral part of the forward-thinking innovations that have set our District apart in educational excellence on Long Island. He has been at every level within our District, from teacher to principal to a valuable member of central administration. He is, quite simply, the perfect choice as the next superintendent of the Miller Place School District. It is my esteemed pleasure to introduce you to our next superintendent, effective July 1, 2022, Mr. Seth Lipshie.

Mr. Lipshie thanked the Board and stated that he was excited and motivated for the opportunity to continue his service to the Miller Place School District in his new role as Superintendent. He stated that he is looking forward to using his 32 years of experience in Miller Place to transition the students, staff, parents, and community in providing the best possible education for our students.

## **II. SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dr. Cartisano welcomed everyone to the meeting, then gave her message. She reminded everyone that the Miller Place High School Panther Player productions of the Wizard of Oz is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup>. Information regarding purchasing tickets will be available on-line and the link is being posted to the high school web page.

Dr. Cartisano stated that congratulations are extended to three of our winter athletic teams the first in Fencing - The Newfield and Miller Place Boys & Girls Fencing Teams which both won the County Championships. The team members from Miller Place who participated in the Girls Fencing Program was Meadow Dalberg and the Boys Fencing program were Ryan Southworth, Nick Southworth, Anders Dalberg, Christian Renna & Marc Lindemann. The second winter team was the Swimming team where three Miller Place athletes qualified to participate: Liam Preston, Zander Klaric, John Casalnuovo, Liam Preston – 200M and 500M Champion & Outstanding Swimmer for Meet. The team placed 12th with only 3 swimmers. Finally, the Wrestling Team hosted the League Tournament at Miller Place High School on November 5, 2021. There were three champions from the District: Nick Bloom at 110 lbs, Justin Klein at 145 lbs, and Gavin Cirolli at 152 lbs. There were two Runner-ups and nine 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes. There were 14 wrestlers have qualified for County Championship play, Matt Kaszubski was voted League 6 Varsity “Coach of the Year”, and Dom LoRe & Nic Castellano shared League 6 “JV Coach of the Year”. The Suffolk County D1 Individual Championships took place at Bay Shore HS on February 12 and February 13. The Miller Place had a champion, Justin Klein, at 145lbs (NYS Qualifier),

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a runner-up – Gavin Cirolli at 152lbs (NYS Qualifier), two 3rd Place finishers - Michael Giugliano at 126lbs (NYS Qualifier) and Rob Cunningham at 160lbs (NYS Qualifier) and a 5th Place finisher - Anthony Bartolotto at 172lbs. Overall, the wrestling team finished 2nd out of 41 total schools. Dr. Cartisano stated that all 6 Winter Varsity Teams qualified as Winter Scholar Athlete Teams, including Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Boys Winter Track, Girls Winter Track and Cheer (in order to qualify, 75% of the team rosters average must be 90.0 GPA or better).

Over the past month, we have continued our community health and wellness initiative by distributing COVID-19 home testing kits that New York State has provided to us to: staff, families for our students, first responders – EMP and Fire Departments, local preschools, Vineyards Over 55 Community, St. Louis De Montfort Church, Hope House Ministries, private schools, First Student transportation, local Rotary and Lions Club, and North Shore Youth Council.

Last month there was a question from a resident regarding the 2022-23 calendar and if there would be a practice virtual day for students and staff – there is not one planned on the school calendar. I would like to thank everyone here for attending this important Board meeting where the Superintendent’s proposed 2022-23 budget will be presented and discussed publicly.

Dr. Cartisano discussed the current COVID-19 mandates that are required by the Governor and New York State Department of Health. It is recommended and the Board agreed that once indoor mask wearing is no longer mandated by NYSDOH, Miller Place School District will move directly to mask optional for all students and staff. There is no information to share with the Board and community regarding COVID isolation and quarantine requirements. The plan regarding daily temperature taking of students upon arrival at school will be terminated approximately two weeks after we return from the winter recess vacation week. This will be based on the COVID positivity rate of the MP school community (monitoring if there is a surge in cases). It is recommended, and the Board agrees, the cafeteria tables at AMPS, LADSBS, and NCRMS are planned to be returned for student use on or about March 14 – 18, 2022. This will be based on the COVID positivity rate of the MP school community (monitoring if there is a surge in cases). Return to traditional elementary classrooms, (student desks, meeting spaces, play centers, use of cubbies) approximately one to two weeks after we return from the winter recess vacation week. This will be based on the COVID positivity rate of the MP school community (monitoring if there is a surge in cases). The board reviewed each item with the Superintendent and all of Board members individually stated agreement with each of the above items. Dr. Cartisano also stated that at this time, masks on school buses are still required for all routes. Mrs. Reitan asked if masks will be required for the Washington, DC trip in May. Dr. Cartisano said that masks maybe required depending on guidelines in DC but the students are staying at a hotel in Virginia.

### III. PUBLIC BE HEARD

(Comments are limited to 2 minutes per person and a total of 30 minutes **related to agenda items only**, state name, resident or non-resident)

There were several comments and/or questions from the public. The public comments included thanks to the Board of Education for Pathway and Metric for COVID-19 Mandate Relief letter that was sent to Governor Hochul, whether board members were for or against school nurses giving vaccinations, question on federal stimulus funds (addressed in later presentation), mystery readers, potential bullying when masks become optional, and handwashing, both pro and cons of children wearing masks in school,

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student's mental health, digital learning day, the mask optional day due to fluctuating requirements, mask exemptions, and candidates for board trustee election.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. MINUTES:**

This resolution is to approve the meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION: "BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby accepts, as written, the minutes of the January 25, 2022 Executive Session – Early; January 25, 2022 Executive Session – Late; January 26, 2022 Executive Session; January 26, 2022 Business Meeting; January 27, 2022 Executive Session; January 27, 2022 Business Meeting."

**B. FINANCE/FACILITIES:**

**1. Accept External Audit Report:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to accept the External Federal Single Audit Report and related documents.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION: "BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby accepts the following report dated June 30, 2020, and audit letter dated January 19, 2022 which have been submitted by the District's External Auditors, Cullen and Danowski, LLP, to the District on February 2, 2022 along with the District's response to these documents dated February 3, 2022:

- Federal Single Audit Report with Independent Auditor's Report;
- School District's response to the Federal Single Audit Report."

**2. Contract – Miller Place High School Yearbook – Walsworth Publishing Company:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are recommending your approval of the attached extended contract with Walsworth Publishing for the publishing of the Miller Place High School 2021-22 yearbooks.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION: "BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the attached extended contract with Walsworth Publishing Company for the publishing services of the Miller Place High School yearbooks for the 2021-2022 school year, and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement."

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3. **Health Service Contracts:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the health service contracts with the West Islip Union Free School District, Middle Country Central School District, Smithtown Central School District and Uniondale Union Free School District as required per educational law, section 912, with the school districts providing health services to the District's resident students who attend private or parochial school for the 2021-22 school year that are reimbursed for these services.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** "BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the health service contracts for the 2020-21 school year and furthermore authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign such contracts with the following school districts:

- West Islip Union Free School District
- Middle Country Central School District
- Smithtown Central School District
- Uniondale Union Free School District."

4. **BOCES-Cannon Network Copiers:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to approve the attached agreement with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for network copiers.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** "WHEREAS that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District (District) and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (BOCES), desire, pursuant to §109 and §119 of the General Municipal Law, Section 1950(4) (aa) of the Education Law and Comptroller's Opinion #79-557, to undertake a Technology Project consisting of the acquisition and installation of network copiers and other services as indicated in said Technology Project, and

**WHEREAS,** the cost of the Administrative Equipment Project #MP-25-011222-2021-2026/Network Copiers is to be paid in equal installments over a four-year period.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Education of the District as follows: The President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to execute and deliver the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement; the execution thereof by the President of the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

The officers, employees and agents of the District are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the District to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement, including all acts and things necessary to ensure the payments due thereunder, and deliver all additional certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further

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acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officers, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purpose of the foregoing resolution and to cause compliance by the District with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement, binding upon the District.”

**5. Request for Proposal Extension #23-18-Universal Pre-K Program:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to extend the Request for Proposal (RFP) award for a Universal Pre-K Program #23-18 for the 2022-23 school year and approve the related agreement.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the Universal Pre-K Program Request for Proposal (RFP) #23-18 Extension for the 2022-23 school year, approve the related agreement, and hereby authorizes the Board of Education President to sign the agreement.”

**6. 2022-23 Property Tax Levy Cap:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the estimated tax levy cap calculation for the 2022-23 Budget.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby accepts the attached 2022-23 tax levy cap calculation which will be amended based on final information pending from Eastern Suffolk BOCES, for the 2022-23 budget and further directs the School Business Official to transmit the property tax levy cap calculation as required by March 1, 2022.”

**7. Adoption of Legal Ads:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the proposed legal notice for the 2022-23 Budget Vote. The District is required to adopt and publish this legal notice in both English and Spanish. These legal notices may be updated over the course of publication, if necessary based on legal advice.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby accepts the following proposed legal notices for the Tuesday, May 17, 2022, Budget Vote which may be updated over the course of publication, if necessary based on legal advice:

**Legal Notice in English:**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION  
OF THE MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MILLER PLACE, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that a Public Hearing of the qualified voters of the Miller Place Union Free School District, Miller Place, Suffolk County, New York, will be held in the Miller Place High School of the Miller Place Union Free School District, 15 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New

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York, in said District on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the transaction of business as authorized by the Education Law, including the following items:

1. To present to the voters a detailed statement (proposed budget) of the amount of money, which will be required for the 2022-23 fiscal year.
2. To discuss all the items hereinafter set forth to be voted upon by voting machines at the Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to Education Law of the State of New York and acts amendatory thereto.

A copy of the proposed budget shall be made available, upon request, to residents of the school district beginning Tuesday, April 26, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Office of District Clerk, Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law requires the School District to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted, identified by statutory authority, and show: (a) the cumulative impact of each type of exemption expressed either as a dollar amount of assessed value or as a percentage of the total assessed value on the roll; (b) the cumulative amount expected to be received from recipients of each type of exemption as payments in lieu of taxes or other payments for municipal services; and (c) the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. The exemption report shall be posted on any bulletin board maintained by the District for public notices and on any website maintained by the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that said Budget Vote and Election will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the gymnasium of the North Country Road Middle School, 191 North Country Road, Miller Place, New York, during which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2022-23 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2025. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to such three-year term, and shall also be deemed elected to fill the remainder of the unexpired term that expires on June 30, 2022, preceding the full term, to succeed Noelle Dunlop, who resigned on July 7, 2022, with such candidate receiving the highest number of votes being eligible to take office immediately upon being elected and duly qualified.
3. That for the purpose of enabling the residents of this District to have the benefit of full library services, the Board of Education of Miller Place Union Free School District is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Comsewogue Public Library and the Port Jefferson

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Free Library for such library services for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and to expend therefore during the District's fiscal year 2022-2023 a sum of money not exceeding \$2,408,030.56 (Two Million, Four Hundred and Eight Thousand, Thirty Dollars and Fifty Six Cents) and that the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefore.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2022-2023, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, April 26, 2022, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at the Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, and at each schoolhouse in the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at the Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, not later than Monday, April 18, 2022, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated; must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 qualified voters or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); must state the name and residence of each signer, and, must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election. If a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law in the Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, on Thursday, May 12, 2022, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. Registration is also conducted daily at the Office of the District Clerk, Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Prevailing Time, Monday through Friday. The last day to register shall be Thursday, May 12, 2022. The register so prepared pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk, Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on Thursday, May 12, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the election, except Sunday, and on Saturday, May 14, 2022, by appointment, and at the polling place(s) on the day of the vote.



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AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the Miller Place Union Free School District by requesting and returning a registration application to the District Clerk in person, by mail to Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, by email to pmorbill@millerplace.k12.ny.us or fax sent to 631-331-8832. The request for the registration application may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the registration application by either mail, fax or email. Military voter registration application forms must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2022.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the Miller Place Union Free School District, may request an application for a military ballot from the District Clerk in person, by mail to Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, by email to pmorbill@millerplace.k12.ny.us or fax sent to 631-331-8832. In such request, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application by mail, fax or email. A military voter must return the original military ballot application by mail or in person to the office of the District Clerk at Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York. In order for a military voter to be issued a military ballot, a valid military ballot application must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., on April 21, 2022. Military ballot applications received in accordance with the foregoing will be processed in the same manner as a non-military ballot application under Section 2018-a of the Education Law. The application for military ballot may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the military ballot by mail, fax, or email.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, a military voter's original military ballot must be returned by mail or in person to the office of the District Clerk at Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York. Military ballots shall be canvassed if they are received by the District Clerk before the close of polls on May 17, 2022 showing a cancellation mark of the United States Postal Service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States Government; or received not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2022 and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Registration will meet on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the gymnasium of the North Country Road Middle School, 191 North Country Road, Miller Place, New York to prepare the Register of the School District to be used at the Budget Vote and Election to be held in 2023, and any special district meetings that may be held after the preparation of said Register, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register provided that at such meeting of said Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school election for which said Register is prepared, or any special district meeting held after May 17, 2022.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk beginning Monday, April 18, 2022; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be

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delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the Office of the District Clerk, Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, on and after Thursday, May 12, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 17, 2022, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter then present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds by making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with §2035 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the District Clerk, Board of Education at the Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, in sufficient time to permit notice of the proposition to be included with the Notice of the Public Hearing, Budget Vote and Election required by Section 2004 of the Education Law or on or before March 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the District Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 58 qualified voters of the District (representing 5% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); and must legibly state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, which is unlawful or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition, or where other valid reason exists for excluding the proposition from the ballot.

Dated: February 16, 2022  
By Order of the  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Miller Place, New York  
Patricia Morbillo, District Clerk

**Legal Notice in Spanish (Aviso legal en español):**

**AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA, VOTO DE PRESUPUESTO Y ELECCIÓN  
DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR MILLER PLACE UNIÓN LIBRE MILLER  
PLACE, CONDADO DE SUFFOLK, NUEVA YORK**

A continuación se da el aviso de que una audiencia pública de los votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Miller Place Unión Libre, Miller Place, Condado de Suffolk, Nueva York, se llevará a cabo en la Escuela Secundaria Miller Place del Distrito Escolar Miller Place Unión Libre, 15 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, en dicho distrito el martes, 3 de mayo de 2022, a las 7:00 pm, hora prevaleciente, para la transacción de negocio a lo autorizado por la Ley de Educación, que incluye los siguientes elementos:

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1. Para presentar a los electores una declaración detallada (presupuesto) de la cantidad de dinero, que se requiere para el 2022-23 año fiscal.
2. Para analizar todos los elementos que se enumeran a continuación para ser votados por las máquinas de votación en la Votación de Presupuesto y Elección que se celebrará el martes, 17 de mayo de 2022.
3. Para tramitar cualquier otro asunto que pueda presentarse adecuadamente antes de la reunión, de conformidad con la Ley de educación del estado de Nueva York y los actos de enmienda a la misma.

Una copia del presupuesto propuesto estará disponible, a solicitud, para los residentes del distrito escolar a partir del martes, abril 26, 2022, entre las horas de 9:00 am y 3:00 pm, hora predominante, en la Oficina del Secretario de Distrito, Edificio de Administración, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York.

Y POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADICIONALMENTE que, de conformidad con la Sección 495 de la Ley del Impuesto sobre Bienes Inmuebles, se requiere que el Distrito Escolar adjunte a su presupuesto propuesto un informe de exención. Dicho informe de exención, que también formará parte del presupuesto final, mostrará cuánto del valor total de tasación en la lista de tasación final utilizada en el proceso presupuestario está exento de impuestos, enumerará cada tipo de exención otorgada, identificada por la autoridad legal, y mostrar: (a) el impacto acumulativo de cada tipo de exención expresado ya sea como un monto en dólares del valor tasado o como un porcentaje del valor tasado total en la lista; (b) la cantidad acumulada que se espera recibir de los beneficiarios de cada tipo de exención como pagos en lugar de impuestos u otros pagos por servicios municipales; y (c) el impacto acumulativo de todas las exenciones otorgadas. El informe de exención se publicará en cualquier tablón de anuncios mantenido por el Distrito para avisos públicos y en cualquier sitio web mantenido por el Distrito.

Y ADEMÁS LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA, que dijo que el presupuesto y votación de la elección se llevará a cabo el martes, 17 de mayo de 2022, entre las 6:00 am y las 9:00 pm, hora que prevalece, en el gimnasio de la Carretera del Norte Escuela secundaria, 191 Norte Country Road, Miller Place, Nueva York, durante la cual las urnas estarán abiertas para votar por la máquina de votación en los siguientes elementos:

1. Aprobar el presupuesto anual del distrito escolar para el año fiscal 2022-23 y para autorizar la porción necesaria de los mismos para ser criados por los impuestos sobre la propiedad gravable del Distrito.
2. Elegir dos (2) miembros de la Junta de Educación por un período de tres años que comienza el 1 de julio de 2022 y finaliza el 30 de junio de 2025. El candidato que reciba el mayor número de votos será elegido para dicho período de tres años, y también se considerará elegido para ocupar el resto del mandato no vencido que vence el 30 de junio de 2022, anterior al mandato completo, para suceder a Noelle Dunlop, quien renunció el 7 de julio de 2022, y el candidato que reciba el mayor número de votos será elegible tomar posesión de su cargo inmediatamente después de ser elegido y debidamente calificado.
3. Con el propósito de permitir que los residentes de este Distrito tengan el beneficio de servicios completos de biblioteca, se autoriza a la Junta de Educación de Miller Place Unión Free School District a firmar un contrato con la Biblioteca Pública de Comsewogue y la Biblioteca

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Gratis de Port Jefferson. para este tipo de servicios bibliotecarios para el período del 1 de julio de 2022 a 30 de junio, 2023 y para gastar, por lo tanto, durante el año fiscal del Distrito 2022-2023 de una suma de dinero que no exceda de \$2.408.030,56 (dos millones, cuatrocientos ocho mil treinta pesos con cincuenta y seis centavos) y que la Junta de Educación esté autorizada para recaudar el impuesto necesario.

Y ADEMÁS LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA, que una copia de la declaración de la cantidad de dinero que se requiere para financiar el presupuesto del distrito escolar por 2022-23, exclusiva de los fondos públicos, se puede obtener por cualquier residente del Distrito entre las horas de 9:00 am y 3:00 pm a partir del martes, 26 de abril de 2022, excepto sábado, domingo o días festivos, en el Edificio Administrativo, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, y en cada escuela en el distrito.

Y SE HA PRESENTADO UN AVISO ADICIONAL, que las solicitudes de nominación de candidatos para el cargo de miembro de la Junta de Educación se presentarán ante el Secretario de dicho Distrito Escolar en el Edificio de Administración, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, a más tardar el lunes 18 de abril, 2022, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, hora prevaeciente. Las vacantes en la Junta de Educación no se consideran oficinas separadas, específicas; los candidatos se ejecutan en general las peticiones de nominación no deben describir ninguna vacante específica en la Junta para la cual se nominó al candidato; debe ser dirigido al Secretario del Distrito; debe estar firmado por al menos 25 votantes calificados del Distrito (representando el mayor de 25 votantes calificados o el 2% del número de votantes que votaron en la elección anual anterior); debe indicar el nombre y la residencia de cada firmante, y debe indicar el nombre y la residencia del candidato.

Y SE HA DADO UN AVISO ADICIONAL, que se requiere el registro personal de los votantes, ya sea de conformidad con la §2014 de la Ley de Educación o el Artículo 5 de la Ley de Elecciones. Si un votante se ha registrado hasta ahora de conformidad con la §2014 de la Ley de educación y ha votado en una reunión anual o especial del distrito dentro de los últimos cuatro (4) años calendario, es elegible para votar en esta elección. Si un votante está registrado y es elegible para votar conforme al Artículo 5 de la Ley de Elecciones, él o ella también es elegible para votar en esta elección. Todas las demás personas que deseen votar deben registrarse.

La Junta de Registro se reunirá con el propósito de registrar a todos los votantes calificados del Distrito de conformidad con la §2014 de la Ley de Educación en el Edificio de Administración, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, el jueves 12 de mayo de 2022, entre las horas de 10:00 a.m. y 2:00 p.m., hora de vencimiento, para agregar cualquier nombre adicional al Registro que se usará en la elección mencionada anteriormente, momento en el cual cualquier persona tendrá derecho a que se coloque su nombre en dicho Registro, siempre que, en dicha reunión de la Junta de Registro, se conozca o se demuestre, a satisfacción de dicha Junta de Registro, el derecho a votar en la elección para la cual se prepara el registro. El registro también se realiza diariamente en el Oficina de le Secretaria de Distrito, Edificio de Administración, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 3:00 p.m. hora predominante, de lunes a viernes. El último día para inscribirse será el jueves 12 de mayo de 2022. El registro así preparado de conformidad con la §2014 de la Ley de Educación se archivará en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito, Edificio de Administración, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, y estará abierto para inspección por cualquier votante calificado del Distrito que comienza el jueves 12 de mayo de 2022, entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 3:00 p.m., hora de la semana, los días hábiles y cada día anterior al día establecido

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para la elección, excepto el domingo y el sábado 14 de mayo de 2022, con cita previa, y en los lugares de votación el día de la votación.

Y ADEMÁS LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA, que los votantes militares que no están registrados actualmente pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados de del Distrito Escolar Miller Place Unión Libre solicitando y devolviendo una solicitud de registro al Secretario del Distrito en persona, por correo electrónico a Edificio de Administración, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, por correo electrónico a pmorbill@millerplace.k12.ny.us o fax enviado a 631-331-8832. La solicitud de la solicitud de registro puede incluir la preferencia del votante militar para recibir el registro solicitud por correo, fax o correo electrónico. Los formularios de solicitud de registro de votante militar deben recibirse en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito a mas tardar a las 5:00 p.m. en 21 de abril de 2022.

Y ADEMÁS LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA, que los votantes militares que son votantes calificados de del Distrito Escolar Miller Place Unión Libre, puede solicitar una solicitud de boleta militar as Secretario del Distrito en persona, por correo a Edificio de Administración, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, por correo electrónico a pmorbill@millerplace.k12.ny.us, o fax enviado a 631-331-8832. En dicha solicitud, el votante militar puede indicar su preferencia por recibir la solicitud por correo, fax o correo electrónico. Un votante militar debe devolver la solicitud de boleta militar original por correo o en persona a la oficina del Secretario de Distrito en Edificio de Administración, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York. Para que un votante militar reciba una bolete militar, se debe recibir una solicitud de bolete militar valida en el Oficina de le Secretaria de Distrito a mas tardar a las 5:00 p.m., el 21 de abril de 2022. Las solicitudes de bolete militar recibidas de acuerdo con lo anterior se procesaran de la misma manera que una solicitud de bolete no militar bajo Sección 2018-a dela Ley de Educación. La solicitud de bolete militar puede incluir la preferencia del votante militar para recibir la boleta militar por correo, fax o correo electrónico.

Y ADEMÁS LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA, la bolete militar original de un votante militar debe devolverse por correo o en persona a Oficina de le Secretaria de Distrito a Edificio de Administración, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York. Las boletas militares serán escrutadas si son recibidas por el Secretario del Distrito antes del cierre de las urnas el 17 de mayo de 2022 mostrando una marca de cancelación del Servicio Postal de los Estados Unidos o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o mostrando un endoso de recepción fechado por otra agencia del gobierno de los Estados Unidos; o recibido a mas tardar a las 5:00 p.m. en 17 de mayo de 2022 y firmado y fechado por el votante militar y un testigo del mismo, con una fecha que se determina que no debe ser posterior al día anterior a la elección.

Y ADEMÁS LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA, que de conformidad con §2014 de la Ley de Educación del Estado de Nueva York, la Junta de Registro se reunirá el martes, 17 de mayo de 2022, entre las 6:00 am y las 9:00 pm, hora predominante, en el gimnasio de la Escuela Intermedia North Country Road, 191 North Country Road, Miller Place, Nueva York para preparar el Registro del Distrito Escolar que se utilizará en la Votación del Presupuesto y la Elección que se realizará en 2023, y cualquier reunión especial del distrito que pueda celebrarse después de la preparación de dicho Registro, momento en el cual cualquier persona tendrá derecho a que se coloque su nombre en dicho Registro, siempre que en dicha reunión de dicha Junta de Registro sea conocido o demostrado a satisfacción de dicha Junta de Registro tener entonces o posteriormente derecho a

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votar en la elección escolar para la cual se preparó dicho Registro, o cualquier reunión especial del distrito celebrada después del 17 de mayo de 2022.

Y SE HA DADO UN AVISO ADICIONAL, que las solicitudes de boletas de voto en ausencia se podrán obtener durante las horas de oficina del Secretario del Distrito a partir del lunes 18 de abril de 2022; las solicitudes completadas deben ser recibidas por el Secretario del Distrito al menos siete (7) días antes de la elección si la boleta se envía por correo al votante, o el día antes de la elección, si la boleta se entrega personalmente al votante. Las boletas de votación en ausencia deben ser recibidas por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m., hora de vencimiento, el martes 17 de mayo de 2022.

Una lista de las personas a quienes se emiten las papeletas de voto en ausencia estará disponible para la inspección de los votantes calificados del Distrito en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito, Edificio de Administración, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, a partir del jueves 12 de mayo 2022, entre las horas de 9:00 am y 3:00 pm los días hábiles antes del día establecido para la elección anual y el 17 de mayo de 2022, el día establecido para la elección. Cualquier votante calificado que esté presente en el lugar de votación puede objetar la votación de la boleta en los terrenos apropiados presentando su desafío y las razones, por lo tanto, conocidas por el Inspector de Elecciones antes del cierre de las urnas.

Y ADEMÁS, SE OTORGA EL AVISO de que, de conformidad con una norma adoptada por la Junta de Educación de conformidad con la §2035 de la Ley de Educación, cualquier referéndum o propuesta para enmendar el presupuesto, o de lo contrario se presentará para votar en dicha elección, debe ser presentado ante el Secretario del Distrito, la Junta de Educación en el Edificio de la Administración, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, con tiempo suficiente para permitir que la notificación de la propuesta se incluya en la Notificación de la Audiencia Pública, la Votación del Presupuesto y la Elección requerida por sección 2004 de la Ley de Educación o en o antes del 18 de marzo de 2022, a las 3:00 pm, hora prevalectante; debe ser escrito o impreso en el idioma inglés; debe ser dirigido al Secretario del Distrito del Distrito Escolar; debe estar firmado al menos por 58 votantes calificados del Distrito (que representan el 5% del número de votantes que votaron en la elección anual anterior); y debe indicar legiblemente el nombre y la residencia de cada firmante. Sin embargo, la Junta Escolar no aceptará ninguna petición para presentar a los votantes ninguna propuesta cuyo propósito no esté dentro de los poderes de los votantes para determinar, lo cual es ilegal o cualquier propuesta que no incluya una asignación específica cuando el gasto de dinero es requerido por la proposición, o cuando exista otra razón válida para excluir la proposición de la boleta electoral.

Fecha: 16 de febrero de 2022  
Por orden de la  
JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN DE LA  
UNIÓN MILLER PLACE GRATIS DISTRITO ESCOLAR  
Miller Place, Nueva York  
Patricia Morbillo, Secretaria del Distrito.”

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**C. PERSONNEL:**

**1. Personnel List:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mr. Lipshie recommend and request your approval of the attached personnel list of February 24, 2021.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the attached Personnel List of February 24, 2021, as presented. For any probationary appointment for a classroom teacher or building principal that except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the class room teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law §§3012-c and/or 3012-d of either E or H in at least three of the four preceding years and if the classroom teacher or building principal receives an I composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at this time.”

**2. Memorandum of Agreement with the Miller Place Teachers’ Association – Sick Bank for Employee No. 2231:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mr. Lipshie are requesting your approval for the Memorandum of Agreement with the Miller Place Teachers’ Association for a sick bank for Employee No. 2231.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement – Sick Bank for Employee No. 2231 with The Miller Place Teachers’ Association, and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to sign such agreement.”

**D. SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**1. CSE and CPSE Recommendations:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Wojnowski are requesting your approval of the following CSE and CPSE recommendations.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby accepts the following recommendations of the CSE’s and CPSE’s dated: CPSE 1-20-22 AMPS; CPSE 12-15-21 AMPS; CSE 1-12-22 AMPS; CSE 1-20-22 MPHS; CSE 1-20-22 OOD; CSE 1-26-22 AMPS; CSE 1-27-22 AMPS; CSE 1-27-22 LADSBS; CSE 1-27-22 OOD; CSE 2-3-22 NCR.”

**E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION – None**

**F. OTHER – None**

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Mrs. Testa noted that the Consent Agenda includes the UPK contract extension.

Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mr. Frank moved, seconded by Mr. Makarius to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

**Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried**

**V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. MPHS Executive Council Student Representative Comments**

The Board Student Representative, Scott Bisiani, gave his report on the happenings at the High School. Scott discussed that preparations began for the annual variety show and that the Student Council Executive cabinet will be judging auditionee's acts to be included in the show on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. He noted that the school play, the Wizard of Oz would be in early March and encouraged everyone to attend.

**B. Board of Education Committees  
Wellness Committee**

Mrs. Testa gave an overview of the Wellness Committee Meetings. She reviewed that they discussed the Smart Schools report card which reviews the lunchroom services and options and discussed that the new Food Service Director has joined the committee. The committee reviewed that over 8,000 COVID test kits have been distributed to students, staff and the community.

Mrs. Testa then discussed community concerns regarding the food service program. She discussed that there have been intermittent supply chain issues with the trays, chicken nuggets, pancakes, cereal, muffins, cinni-minis, etc. This has been a nationwide issue that has impacted the District as well. The food service company has found equal quality alternatives to meet these supply issues and received approval from the Food Service Coordinator for all changes. Mrs. Testa reviewed that the district receives fresh bagels and breads daily from a local supplier that has been used for the past 8 years. The chicken tenders have been replaced by a larger product and the allowed serving size has changed. The District is required to follow all state and federal requirements of the USDA dietary nutritional guidelines based on each age group. Another concern was that sweet potato fries are not available, but the district does intermittently serve as well as several different types of fries. She stated that sweet potato fries do not keep as well as other types of fries. Pretzel meals are extremely popular and sometimes the counts are underestimated once the students arrive in the cafeteria. She noted that participation has increased substantially over the past two years due to the free meals program being extended to all students by the federal government. All federal and state money received for the food service program can only be used for the food service program.

**Curriculum Committee**

Mrs. Reitan gave an overview of the Curriculum Committee Meeting and some of the exciting building learning activities that ongoing in the district. At LADSBS, following vendor showcases and reviewing multiple textbooks, grades K-6 are piloting a new ELA textbook literacy series, waiting for feedback from teacher and students but the early feedback about the first pilot is positive; the reading bookroom is back, a unit on Catch the Wave which focuses on student models, using notebooks for the initial model and creating a new model, a unit on the weather and climate and



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students announced the forecasted weather to the school building. At NCRMS, the students participated in a science project to show the phases of the moon and why/how we see the phases of the moon from earth, and ELA classes – The Giver was studied, and they discussed motif and other complex topics about the novel. At MPHS, the robotics team is moving to the high school, using driving question boards, participating design challenges in CAD and DDP, AP Chemistry is using the new Vernier probe looking at different absorbent values and then students created presentations to explain what was learned, mini lessons on cross cutting concepts (how scientists look at patterns), and a discussion of Science Research class that are working in groups again. In Science, Pi day activities and events are being planned. Science professional development for the new science standards with Emily Kang in-district (a consultant contracted through Adelphi and Eastern Suffolk BOCES) has been positive and well-received, lesson planning and implementing new Science standards has been ongoing. Mrs. Reitan was excited about all of the great things happening in the schools that make Miller Place such a great place to learn and grow.

**Health and Safety Committee**

Mr. Makarius gave an overview of the Health and Safety Committee Meeting. Mr. Makarius stated that the first bond project paperwork has been sent to the state for review and approval. This project includes the LADSBS air quality and ventilation, access road from LADSBS/AMPS to NCMRS, and parking. Mr. Makarius updated the committee on recent heating issues at the MPHS and LADSBS due to freeze ups that occurred at both buildings due to the recent severe cold weather. Classes were relocated as needed and repairs were made quickly to fix the issues.

Mr. Makarius reviewed various community concerns that were discussed at the committee meeting. The cleanliness of MPHS bathrooms and soap availability was reviewed including the additional cleanings that are required to take place throughout the entire building with limited staff. He also noted that some bathrooms are “tired” and that so far, the district has refurbished 4 bathrooms and will continue to refurbish others as funding allows. Soap and paper towels are checked nightly and refilled as needed during the day in bathrooms when it runs out during the school day (if notified or during bathroom checks). There have been some dispensers broken due to vandalism and others due to just normal wear and tear and these are all replaced as needed from the stock on hand.

Mr. Makarius discussed the snow removal procedures that the committee reviewed. He stated that the district balance snow removal (health & safety) with building cleaning. If snow occurs before school the priority is to get the building ready to be safely opened which means that walkways and entrances are cleared or as clear as possible depending on the timing of the snow. If snow occurs during school, then snow at entrances is the priority along with building essentials (cafeteria/bathrooms). Walkways would be cleared as they can be and prior to dismissal as best as can be. If snow occurs after school, then garbage removal and bathroom cleaning are done first, snow removal is then performed, and then as time allows, rooms will start to be cleaned.

**Legislative Workshop**

Mr. Makarius gave an overview on the virtual legislative workshop that several board and staff attended on February 5, 2022. He stated that school districts came together to meet with their local legislators to discuss issues faced by school districts. He stated that there were several presentations, one by the Executive Director of the New York State School Boards Association on the State budget

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and Legislative Priorities and another by Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Julie Lutz called Reshaping the Future of Public Education. Some of the issues addressed to the legislators included continuing free meals, new UPK grants continuing, dedicated grants for mental health, all branches of government working collaboratively together, and relocating polling sites from schools.

**Other Update**

Mrs. Testa then asked Mrs. Craddock to speak regarding the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) state initiative. The NYS Board of Regents launched this initiative in January 2018 to advance DEI in schools across NYS. Mrs. Craddock reviewed that some initial training was completed at the administrative level. A board member asked if the District was ready to form a separate committee at this time and the answer was no the District is not far enough along in the process to form a committee. She stated that the District is currently in the awareness phase of the initiative. She noted that intermittently at future board meetings she would continue to update the Board and public.

**C. Federal Stimulus Grant Update:**

Mrs. Card reviewed the various federal stimulus grants and gave an update on whether the initial proposal was implemented or not this school year as a result of the additional funding.

First, the district received a UPK grant for this school year and the funding was specifically for a full day program for 45 students. She stated that we have again received this grant for the 2022-23 school year so that program can continue in the District. She noted that information would be sent out to District residents in early March with the program details.

Mrs. Card reviewed the following programs funded from two federal stimulus grants. Summer programs that included a K-6 summer enrichment program, a AP placement prep program, and special education reading enrichment were discussed as well as if they were implemented or not and that all of these programs are funded for 2022 summer.

Mrs. Card then reviewed the school year programs including ELA and Math Remedial Support grades K-5, increased English Language Learners support (ELL), decreased elementary class size grades K-6, increased elementary ICT classroom grades K-5, increased specials sections to support decreased elementary class size for grades K-6, increased library sections at AMPS, increased Behavior Counselor support, increased nursing support, increased IT support, and increased custodial support that were implemented this school year. There were several proposals that were not implemented because they were either not needed or unable to staff including increased Math Academic Intervention (AIS) services at NCRMS and academic support center, within the instructional day at both NCRMS and MPHS. The funding from these programs were reallocated to allow for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year of other programs including behavior counselors at the secondary level (NCRMS/MPHS), ELA/Math supports at the elementary level and ELL supports.

The board had several remarks regarding the presentation regarding timing of the original grant information late March/early April 2021. The initial plan was approved by the Board of Education in July 2021. The presentation is posted on the District website under the Business Office department section for easy access and review.

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**D. Superintendent's Proposed 2022-23 Budget Presentation:**

Mrs. Card gave an overview and presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for 2022-23 school year with detailed information about budgeted revenues and expenses including several proposed changes. The proposed budget is within the state prescribed tax levy limit formula. The Board had several remarks and question about the budget which were answered by Mrs. Card and Dr. Cartisano. Mrs. Card noted several upcoming budget dates and stated that the next Budget Workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. She reminded everyone that all of the budget information is posted on the District website under the Business Office department section for easy access and review. Mrs. Testa thanked the administrative staff for their hard work on the budget proposal.

Mrs. Craddock then discussed the Discontinuation of French in the World Language Course Offerings. She discussed that there has been historically low enrollment in French courses, with only one or two sections per grade each year and that upon completion of Level III language courses (for Advanced Regents Designation) students tend to withdraw from taking Level IV and V language courses, further reducing enrollment at Level IV and V. The district provided an option for French V and AP French students (a combined class) as the result of low enrollment and that six different French courses (teacher preps) French 7 - French V, results in difficulty securing qualified teacher candidates. Another concern is that local college and university teacher preparation programs have confirmed the unavailability of French teacher candidates within their programs. There were several remarks and questions about the presentation which were answered by Mrs. Craddock. The presentation is posted on the District website under the Curriculum department section for easy access and review.

**VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**A. Opening of Schools Plan Re-Adoption:**

Dr. Cartisano is requesting your re-approval of the updated Miller Place UFSD Opening Schools Plan for the 2021-22 school year.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** "BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the updated Opening Plan developed for the Miller Place School District for the 2021-22 school year in response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic."

Mrs. Testa confirmed what items were updated in the plan document. Dr. Cartisano stated that the changes related to changes in isolation requirements and changes to sibling quarantine requirements.

Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Mr. Frank moved, seconded by Mr. Makarius to approve the resolution as presented.

**Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried**

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**B. Appointment of Superintendent of Schools:**

The Board of Education is pleased to appoint Mr. Seth Lipshie as Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2022.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** “**RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby appoints Seth Lipshie as Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2022, approves the attached Employment Agreement with Mr. Lipshie for services as Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2022, and authorizes the Board President to execute said Agreement.

Mrs. Testa stated that Board was pleased to act on her prior announcement of the appointment of Mr. Seth Lipshie as Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2022.

Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to approve appointing Mr. Lipshie as Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Frank moved, seconded by Mr. Makarius to approve the resolution as presented.

**Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried**

**VII. BOARD POLICIES**

**A. First Time Reading – None**

**B. Review:**

3300 -- Notification of Release of Sex Offenders

3300.R -- Guidelines Regarding Notification of Release of Sex Offenders

3430 -- Professional Development Opportunities and Conference Attendance

4311.1 -- Display of the Flag

4325 -- Remedial Instruction

4325.1 -- Secondary AIS

4730 -- Homework

4730.R -- Homework Regulation

5460 -- Child Abuse Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting

5460.R -- Child Abuse Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting – Regulation

5463 -- Bicycle Safety

5660 -- Student Gifts and Solicitations

7500 -- Naming Facilities

7500.R -- Naming Facilities Regulation

**C. Action – None**

Mrs. Testa stated that these are proposed new policies and/or amendments to existing policies as listed. The following policies are currently under review by the Board of Education and will be approved at the next board meeting.

**VIII. OTHER – None**

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**IX. PUBLIC BE HEARD**

(Comments are limited to 2 minutes per person and a total of 30 minutes; state name, resident or non-resident)

There were several comments and/or questions from the public that Mrs. Testa responded to. The public comments included the discontinuation of French, parental choices regarding their children, DEI and information provided during the meeting, toilet paper and soap used in school buildings, and congratulations were offered to Mr. Lipshie on his appointment as Superintendent of Schools starting in July 2022.

**X. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to adjourn meeting to go into Executive Session for matters concerning specific students and specific contractual.

Mr. Frank moved, seconded by Mr. Makarius to adjourn the meeting to go into Executive Session at 10:27 P.M. for matters concerning specific students and specific contractual.

**Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried**

**Respectively submitted by Mrs. Patricia A. Morbillo, District Clerk.**