

MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MILLER PLACE, NEW YORK
BOARD MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Kind of Meeting: Business Meeting

Place of Meeting: Zoom Meeting

Those Present:

Board President:	Mrs. Johanna Testa
Board Vice President:	Mr. Richard Panico
Board Trustee:	Mrs. Noelle Dunlop
Board Trustee:	Mr. Keith Frank
Board Trustee:	Mrs. Lisa Reitan
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

Invited Guests:

School Attorney, Guercio & Guercio: Mr. Eric Levine

Mrs. Testa called the meeting to order at 8:03 P.M.

The Board of Education Meeting was conducted via Zoom so that it could be held in public within the guidelines of safe distancing due to the Governor’s Executive Order putting the state on “Pause”.

Mrs. Testa and everyone present said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Testa stated that the District would like to recognize all veterans for their service and that the District would also like to thank all essential workers for their service during this difficult time. She stated that the District would like to recognize members of the media in attendance. She asked that they type in the Q&A box their name and media affiliation to be recognized. There were no media present who identified themselves as being present.

Mrs. Testa asked the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Cartisano, to give her message at this time.

I. SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

Dr. Cartisano gave a presentation going over the Miller Place UFSD’s Reopening Schools Plan and some enhancements and adjustments made to date and continue to do. The Board of Education will be approving this updated plan later in the board agenda. The board asked several questions and public questions pertaining to the presentation were addressed during the Public Be Heard portion of the meeting. The board agreed to revisit adding additional instructional time for the secondary level at the January board meeting. The Reopening School Plan is posted to the District’s webpage. Dr. Cartisano wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

II. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS MESSAGE

Mrs. Testa thanked everyone for attending the scheduled Board Meeting tonight. This meeting is being conducted as a Zoom meeting so that the public may attend virtually and follow the guidelines

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of safe distancing due to the Governor's Executive Orders. Thank you everyone for your dedication to our schools and for your input and support as we work to provide the best and safest educational environment for our students.

III. RECOGNITION - None

IV. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Mrs. Testa asked the community to please submit your questions in the Q&A box with your full name not your screen name. If you do not identify yourself, we will not be reading the question and that in the interest of time, we will not be answering repeat questions. The members of the public present asked questions in the Q&A box about the reopening plan and return to school protocols for the future. Some of the other questions that were addressed were board emails, ventilation, winter sports, how mental health is being addressed, and the yellow zone cluster designation. The questions were read by the various facilitators. Dr. Cartisano and the Board of Education answered the questions depending upon who the question pertained to. The Board then moved to the consent agenda for approval.

V. 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 October 28, 2020 Audit Committee, October 28, 2020 Executive Session-Early; October 28, 2020 Business Meeting; November 12, 2020 Executive Session Meeting."

B. FINANCE/FACILITIES:

1. Request for Proposal Award – Psychoeducational Evaluations & Psychological Re-Evaluations #21-16:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) award for Psychoeducational Evaluations & Psychological Re-Evaluations #21-16.

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 award the Psychoeducational Evaluations & Psychological Re-Evaluations RFP #21-16, for the 2020-2021 school year."

2. MTI Production Contract:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following contract with MTI Production for the Miller Place High School Drama Club production.

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

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District hereby approves the contract with MTI Production for the Miller Place High School Drama Club production and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

3. School Datebooks Contract:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the contract with School Datebooks for student agenda books for Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School for the 2020-21 school year.

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 contract with School Datebooks for student agenda books for Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School for the 2020-21 school year and furthermore, authorizes the Board President to sign such contract.”

4. Obsolete Assets:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to declare the attached District owned asset list as obsolete and its possible sale, and/or disposal.

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 District owned assets on the attached list as obsolete and its possible sale, and/or disposal.”

C. PERSONNEL:

1. Personnel List:

Dr. Cartisano and Mr. Lipshie recommend and request your approval of the attached personnel list of November 18, 2020.

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 November 18, 2020, as presented. For any probationary appointment for a class room 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 class room 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.”

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.

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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 10-29-20 LADSSBS; CPSE 10-29-20 LADSBS (2); CSE 10-16-20 AMPS; CSE 10-29-20 AMPS; CSE 10-20-20 MPHS; CSE 10-22-20 MPHS CSE 10-27-20 MPHS; CSE 11-2-20 OOD;CSE 11-5-20 LADSSBS; CSE 11-6-20 OOD.”

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION - None

F. OTHER – None

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

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

VI. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. MPHS Executive Council Student Representative Comments

Dr. Cartisano introduced and welcomed the new Student Representative, Marena Capocci, and recognized Marena’s achievements to date including Executive Council President. Marena thanked the Board of Education, Superintendent, teachers and staff on behalf of the student body that they are glad they are back in school and able to regain a sense of normalcy throughout all of this chaos. Marena then gave an update on the High School activities. Clubs have restarted in person. They are excited to have a spirit week approved and have something to look forward to and beneficial to all students. Student government is organizing a spirit day and they are very excited to be working with all of you to make this happen. Spirit week will be six days so that both cohorts have a chance to participate. Dr. Cartisano noted that we are still trying to organize a homecoming in the spring and that there will be spirit weeks at the other buildings as well.

**B. Board of Education Committees
Audit Committee Meeting**

Mrs. Testa gave an overview of the Audit Committee meeting that the District held with the internal audit firm Nawrocki Smith. The Audit Partner and Audit Manager were in attendance to discuss the audit function and reports. The audit partner reviewed the cycle report and the key control reports that were finalized for the 2019-20 school year. The cycle report reviewed the internal controls in detail while the key control report looks at a specific Department functions that were audited. The Committee reviewed the required Risk Assessment report which reviews the overall internal controls of the District. This completed these reports for the 2019-2020 school year. The Committee then reviewed the internal audit plan for 2021-22 school year. The Board accepted the internal audit reports at October’s meeting. Mrs. Testa stated that the Board was pleased with the results of the audit and the hard work of the Business Office.

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Health and Safety Committee Meeting

Mrs. Testa gave an overview of the Health and Safety Committee Meeting. The committee reviewed the minutes from the prior committee meeting. The committee reviewed safety work that was completed at AMPS with lighting and new issues due to the pandemic including an HVAC review and inspection, staff being reassigned temporarily from grounds and part-time staff to cleaning duties and additional staff has been hired to assist in the cleaning protocols, desk shields have been added at the elementary level and other barriers have been added to staff desks and other high traffic areas to create more separation. The committee reviewed the replacement of some broken and outdated pieces of Kindergarten playground equipment. The committee also reviewed some questions about the district safety plans, active shooter training, and about keeping doors and windows open during the winter months.

Wellness Committee Meeting

Mr. Panico reviewed the Wellness Committee meeting. The committee reviewed social emotional learning including the availability of help for students on a regular basis, the staff Narcan training that was conducted and about 50 staff members took advantage of this training, the District sponsored a staff flu and T-Dap vaccines day where the vaccines administration was available at each of the buildings, employee health screening which started in July has now moved to an electronic format for all staff. Sports have started off season workouts for many sports with 30-35 students per team. Physical Education teachers are working with the classroom teachers to provide recess based meaningful activities for the students.

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Real Property Law, section 467 Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to allow the Miller Place Union Free School District to continue providing the tax exemptions to certain qualified owners of qualified real property who are senior citizens. The Town of Brookhaven is now requiring the Board of Education to adopt this resolution every year to reapprove the exemptions that have been authorized for district taxpayers who qualify.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the following Real Property Law, section 467 Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens Resolution:

Resolution: To grant a reduction in the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying senior citizens who (1) is owned by persons 65 years of age or older, or by certain other persons (contact Assessor for ownership requirements), whose income does not exceed the maximum established by local option (see income limit chart below), (2) is used exclusively for residential purposes, and (3) has been owned by at least one of its owners for a minimum of 12 consecutive months prior to application for exemption or for a period of time considered to be the equivalent of 12 consecutive months (contact Assessor for required construction start date or other time requirement) is partially exempt from general municipal taxes. No exemption may be granted by a school district to property where a resident child attends a public elementary or secondary school.

- **Local option 1:** Exemption and maximum income: For the basic 50 percent exemption, the law allows each county, city, town, village or school district to set the maximum income limit at any

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figure between \$3,000 and \$29,000. Localities have the further option of giving exemptions of less than 50 percent to persons with disabilities whose incomes are more than \$29,000. Under the “sliding scale” options, a qualifying owner can have a yearly income as high as \$37,399.99 and get a 5 percent exemption in places where they are using the maximum limit. (see chart below)

- **Local option 2: Sliding scale of exemption:** For each \$1,000 increase in income, a reduced exemption ranging from 45% to 35% of assessed value and, for each further \$900 increase in income, a reduced exemption ranging from 30% to 5% of assessed value. (see chart below)
- **Local option 3:** To allow that portion of a cooperative apartment corporation held by an otherwise eligible senior citizen tenant/stockholder to be eligible for an exemption from real property taxes. Eligible stockholders would receive an adjustment to their monthly maintenance fees by the cooperative apartment corporation to reflect the benefit of the exemption.

MAXIMUM LID EXEMPTION EFFECTIVE FOR 2021/22			
UNDER		\$29,000	50%
\$29,001	TO	\$29,999	45%
\$30,000	TO	\$30,999	40%
\$31,000	TO	\$31,999	35%
\$32,000	TO	\$32,899	30%
\$32,900	TO	\$33,799	25%
\$33,800	TO	\$34,699	20%
\$34,700	TO	\$35,599	15%
\$35,600	TO	\$36,499	10%
\$36,500	TO	\$37,399.99	5%

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

Mr. Panico moved, seconded by Mr. Frank and duly put to a roll call vote, which resulted as follows:

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mrs. Johanna Testa, President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Richard Panico, Vice President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Noelle Dunlop, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Keith J. Frank, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Lisa Reitan, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

B. Real Property Law, section 459 C Partial Exemption for Real Property of Persons with Disabilities & Limited Incomes:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to allow the Miller Place Union Free School District to provide tax exemptions to certain qualified owners of qualified real property who are persons with disabilities and limited incomes. The Town of Brookhaven is now

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requiring the Board of Education to adopt this resolution every year to reapprove the exemptions that have been authorized for district taxpayers who qualify.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the following Real Property Law, section 459 C Partial Exemption for Real Property of Persons with Disabilities & Limited Incomes Resolution:

Resolution: To grant a reduction in the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying persons property that (1) is owned by one or more persons with disabilities; by spouses or by siblings, at least one of whom has a disability and whose income, as defined under Ownership Requirements below, is limited by reason of such disability, and (2) is used exclusively for residential purposes is partially exempt from general municipal taxes. Unless allowed by local option, no exemption may be granted by a school district to property where a resident child attends a public elementary or secondary school. This exemption may not be granted to property currently receiving an exemption pursuant to RPTL §467 for the same municipal tax purpose. No exemption is allowed from special ad valorem levies or special assessments.

- **Local option 1:** *Exemption and maximum income:* For the basic 50 percent exemption, the law allows each county, city, town, village or school district to set the maximum income limit at any figure between \$3,000 and \$29,000. Localities have the further option of giving exemptions of less than 50 percent to persons with disabilities whose incomes are more than \$29,000. Under the “sliding scale” options, a qualifying owner can have a yearly income as high as \$37,399.99 and get a 5 percent exemption in places where they are using the maximum limit. (see chart below)
- **Local option 2:** *Sliding scale exemption:* For each \$1,000 increase in income, a reduced exemption ranging from 45% to 35% of assessed value, and for each further \$900 increase in income, a reduced exemption ranging from 30% to 5% of assessed value. (see chart below)
- **Local option 3:** To allow that portion of a cooperative apartment corporation held by an otherwise eligible persons with disabilities tenant/stockholder to be eligible for an exemption from real property taxes. Eligible stockholders would receive an adjustment to their monthly maintenance fees by the cooperative apartment corporation to reflect the benefit of the exemption.

MAXIMUM OVER 65 EXEMPTION EFFECTIVE FOR 2021/22			
UNDER		\$29,000	50%
\$29,001	TO	\$29,999	45%
\$30,000	TO	\$30,999	40%
\$31,000	TO	\$31,999	35%
\$32,000	TO	\$32,899	30%
\$32,900	TO	\$33,799	25%
\$33,800	TO	\$34,699	20%
\$34,700	TO	\$35,599	15%
\$35,600	TO	\$36,499	10%
\$36,500	TO	\$37,399.99	5%

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Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to approve the resolution as presented.
Mr. Panico moved, seconded by Mr. Frank and duly put to a roll call vote, which resulted as follows:

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mrs. Johanna Testa, President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Richard Panico, Vice President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Noelle Dunlop, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Keith J. Frank, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Lisa Reitan, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

C. Real Property Law, section 466 C for Real Property of Volunteer Firefighters/Ambulance Workers Exemption:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to allow the Miller Place Union Free School District to provide tax exemptions to certain qualified owners of qualified real property who are Firefighters/Ambulance workers. The Town of Brookhaven is now requiring the Board of Education to adopt this resolution every year to reapprove the exemptions that have been authorized for district taxpayers who qualify and adds the local option #2 and local option #3 to extend the exemption to spouses of deceased members as these are new options that the District has not previously authorized. According to the Town of Brookhaven there should not be a material impact on the assessed value of the District for extending these additional options.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the following Real Property Law, section 466 C for Real Property of Volunteer Firefighters/Ambulance Workers Exemption Resolution:

Resolution: To grant a reduction in the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying persons property who’s primary residence is owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or ambulance service so long as the property owner has been such a member for at least five years. The amount of exemption is limited to 10 percent of the assessed value of the property without any specified dollar limit. The incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or ambulance service **must** provide a list of eligible members to the Assessor’s office by taxable status date certifying the 5 year and 20 years membership. The exemption may be granted in addition to any other exemption authorized by law.

- **Local option 1:** To extend a lifetime exemption to applicants who have been certified as enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or ambulance service for at least twenty years.
- **Local option 2:** To extend the exemption to the unremarried spouse of a deceased member of a volunteer fire company or ambulance company having at least 20 years of active service.
- **Local option 3:** : To extend this exemption to the unremarried spouse of a deceased member of a volunteer fire company or voluntary ambulance service who had been a member of the volunteer fire company or volunteer ambulance service for at least twenty years, and who also had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

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- **Local option 4:** To extend this exemption to the unremarried spouse of a member of a volunteer fire company or volunteer ambulance service killed in the line of duty who had been an member of the volunteer fire company or volunteer ambulance service for at least five years, and who also had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.
- **Local option 5:** To allow that portion of a cooperative apartment corporation held by an otherwise eligible firefighter/ambulance worker tenant/stockholder to be eligible for an exemption from real property taxes. Eligible stockholders would receive an adjustment to their monthly maintenance fees by the cooperative apartment corporation to reflect the benefit of the exemption.”

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

Mr. Panico moved, seconded by Mr. Frank and duly put to a roll call vote, which resulted as follows:

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mrs. Johanna Testa, President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Richard Panico, Vice President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Noelle Dunlop, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Keith J. Frank, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Lisa Reitan, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

D. Real Property Law, section 458A for Real Property of Alternative Veterans’ Exemption:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to allow the Miller Place Union Free School District to provide tax exemptions to certain qualified owners of qualified real property who are alternative veterans. The Town of Brookhaven is now requiring the Board of Education to adopt this resolution every year to reapprove the exemptions that have been authorized for district taxpayers who qualify.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the following Real Property Law, section 458A for Real Property of Alternative Veterans’ Exemption Resolution:

Resolution: To grant a reduction in the amount of property taxes paid for by qualifying veterans or the spouse of the qualifying veteran or the unremarried surviving spouse of the qualifying veteran (1) who is their primary residence (2) who received an expeditionary medal, or under certain conditions: (3) of the merchant marine service, (4) of the American Field Service, or (5) who served as a Pan American World Airways flight crew and aviation ground support employee may be eligible for partial exemption from general municipal taxes.

The percentage exemption that applies to the assessed value of a qualifying property depends on both the nature of the veterans’ service and the local law adopted by the taxing jurisdiction. Veterans who sustained service-related disabilities, as evidenced by receipt of disability compensation rating from the Veterans Administration or the Department of Defense are eligible for a percentage exemption equal to one-half of their disability in addition to the wartime and combat zone exemptions. Veterans who died in service of a service-connected disability are considered to have a disability rating of 100%.

The District has authorized the basic maximum income limit listed in the below chart:

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	Reduced Maximum		Basic Maximum	Increased Maximum							
Wartime	6,000	9,000	12,000	15,000	18,000	21,000	24,000	27,000	30,000	33,000	36,000
Combat	4,000	6,000	8,000	10,000	12,000	14,000	16,000	18,000	20,000	22,000	24,000
Disability	20,000	30,000	40,000	50,000	60,000	70,000	80,000	90,000	100,000	110,000	120,000

- **Local option 1:** To extend this exemption where a school district has adopted the alternative veterans’ exemption, but not the eligible funds veterans' exemption, a veteran who receives the eligible funds veterans’ exemption may apply for the alternative veterans’ exemption solely to receive it for school purposes while continuing to receive the eligible funds exemption for county, city, town, and/or village purposes.
- **Local option 2:** To extend this exemption to military personnel who served in the Reserve component of the United States Armed Forces that were deemed on active duty under Executive Order 11519, dated March 24, 1970, designated as Operation Graphic Hand, if such member was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions, provided that such veteran meets all other qualifications for the exemption.
- **Local option 3:** To extend this exemption to a Gold Star Parent (defined as the parent of a child who died in the line of duty while serving in the United States Armed Forces during a period of war).
- **Local option 4:** To allow that portion of a cooperative apartment corporation held by an otherwise eligible Alternative veteran or unremarried spouse of a veteran tenant/stockholder to be eligible for an exemption from real property taxes. Eligible stockholders would receive an adjustment to their monthly maintenance fees by the cooperative apartment corporation to reflect the benefit of the exemption.”

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

Mr. Panico moved, seconded by Mr. Frank and duly put to a roll call vote, which resulted as follows:

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mrs. Johanna Testa, President	X	_____
Mr. Richard Panico, Vice President	X	_____
Mrs. Noelle Dunlop, Trustee	X	_____
Mr. Keith J. Frank, Trustee	X	_____
Mrs. Lisa Reitan, Trustee	X	_____

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

E. Real Property Law, section 458B for Real Property of Cold War Veterans’ Exemption:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to allow the Miller Place Union Free School District to provide tax exemptions to certain qualified owners of qualified real property who are Cold War Veterans. The Town of Brookhaven is now requiring the Board of Education to adopt this resolution every year to reapprove the exemptions that have been authorized for district taxpayers who qualify.

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the following Real Property Law, section 458A for Real Property of Alternative Veterans’ Exemption Resolution:

Resolution: To the extent allowed by local option, the primary residence of a veteran of the United States armed forces who served during the Cold War is partially exempt from general municipal taxes. The property must be owned by a Cold War veteran, the spouse of a Cold War veteran, or the unremarried surviving spouse of a deceased Cold War veteran.

The percentage exemption that applies to the assessed value of a qualifying property depends on both the nature of the veteran's service and the local law adopted by the taxing jurisdiction. Veterans who sustained service-related disabilities, as evidenced by receipt of disability compensation rating from the Veterans Administration or the Department of Defense are eligible for a percentage exemption equal to one-half of their disability in addition to the wartime and combat zone exemptions. Veterans who died in service of a service-connected disability are considered to have a disability rating of 100%.

The District has authorized the basic maximum income limit listed in the below chart:

	Reduced Maximum		Basic Maximum	Increased Maximum							
Wartime	6,000	9,000	12,000	15,000	18,000	21,000	24,000	27,000	30,000	33,000	36,000
Combat	4,000	6,000	8,000	10,000	12,000	14,000	16,000	18,000	20,000	22,000	24,000
Disability	20,000	30,000	40,000	50,000	60,000	70,000	80,000	90,000	100,000	110,000	120,000

- **Local option 1:** To extend this exemption where a school district has adopted the Cold War veterans’ exemption, but not the eligible funds veterans' exemption, a veteran who receives the eligible funds veterans’ exemption may apply for the Cold War veterans’ exemption solely to receive it for school purposes while continuing to receive the eligible funds exemption for county, city, town, and/or village purposes.
- **Local option 2:** To extend this exemption to remove the 10-year limit on exemption. If a taxing jurisdiction that offers the exemption does not take such action, the Cold War Veterans exemption that it offers will continue to expire after 10 years.
- **Local option 3:** To allow that portion of a cooperative apartment corporation held by an otherwise eligible Cold War veteran or unremarried spouse tenant/stockholder to be eligible for an exemption from real property taxes. Eligible stockholders would receive an adjustment to their monthly maintenance fees by the cooperative apartment corporation to reflect the benefit of the exemption.”

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

Mr. Panico moved, seconded by Mr. Frank and duly put to a roll call vote, which resulted as follows:

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mrs. Johanna Testa, President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Richard Panico, Vice President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Noelle Dunlop, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Keith J. Frank, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Lisa Reitan, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

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F. Reopening of Schools Plan Re-Approval:

Dr. Cartisano is requesting your re-approval of the updated Miller Place UFSD Reopening Schools Plan for the 2020-21 school year.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the updated Re-Opening Plan developed for the Miller Place School District for the 2020-21 school year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to re-approve the Reopening of Schools Plan as presented
Mr. Panico moved, seconded by Mr. Frank to accept the resolution as presented.

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

VIII. DISCUSSION

IX. BOARD POLICIES

- A. First Time Reading:** None
- B. Review:** Policy 6950 Records Management
- C. Action:** None

X. OTHER – None

XI. PUBLIC BE HEARD – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Panico moved, seconded by Mr. Frank to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 P.M.

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

Respectively submitted by: Patricia A. Morbillo, District Clerk