

MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MILLER PLACE, NEW YORK
BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2021

Time: 8:00 P.M.
Kind of Meeting: Business Meeting
Place of Meeting: Zoom Meeting

Those Present:

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| 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 |

Mrs. Testa called the meeting to order at 8:10 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 and so that everyone is able to attend.

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 continuing difficult time. She reminded members that they can view the Q&A information. She stated that the District would like to recognize members of the media in attendance and 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.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Cartisano stated that she will have a presentation later regarding positive COVID cases and her recommendation for the Board of Education regarding the instructional model for secondary students. Dr. Cartisano advised the Board of the following information:

Dr. Cartisano reviewed the Athletic Program and stated that this is the final week of the modified winter season and we appreciate the opportunity for our athletes to return to the court and mats. Congratulations to Liam Preston – Miller Place boys independent swimmer who was named county champion in the 200 and 500 meter freestyle events and congratulations to Lief Dahlberg, Miller Place athlete who fences with the combined Newfield HS team was named Newfield Athlete of the Month. As per the directive of Suffolk County, each week we have COVID tested our high-risk athletes. Under the guidance of Mr. Petrie, with the support of our school nurses and Port Jefferson EMT, we have conducted over 360 athlete and coaches testing with 1 positive test result. That is a minute amount of a percent. Next Monday, March 1st begins our modified fall season. Pending a change in requirement from the Suffolk County Department of Health, we are continuing to implement COVID testing of athletes and coaches for high-risk teams. In addition, we expect guidance is forthcoming regarding

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allowing indoor and outdoor spectators for home and away contests. When that information is received we will share it with our school community.

Dr. Cartisano stated regarding traditional spring student events that the District is developing multiple plans based on various scenarios for events such as award ceremonies and concerts. Theatrical performances will be recorded. Specifics regarding viewing the performances will be sent via Connect Ed messages and posted on the District website. Information regarding moving up ceremonies and graduation is not being released yet as the District anticipates changes in the coming months regarding gatherings. Miller Place High School Graduation Day is still scheduled for Friday, June 25th with times and logistics still to be determined. Regarding High School Proms, we have received some updated guidance regarding catering hall venues. We have some concerns in being able to book a venue which has a 500-person capacity which is needed for the 50% capacity rule of 250 attendee capacity is in effect. Mr. Slavin has been working closely with our class advisors to review catering venue options and we are looking forward to those venues being in a place to book additional social events. We have confirmed there cannot be dancing (DJ) or “contact activities” such as photo booths. In addition, we have confirmed that each student must be COVID tested just prior to attending the event and we are in the process of coordinating that effort. Additional information will be provided as soon as it is available.

Dr. Cartisano thanked everyone here for attending this important Board meeting where the Superintendent’s Proposed 2021-22 Budget will be presented to be discussed by Mrs. Card. Also to be discussed tonight, as part of the business agenda in my recommendation to the Board regarding the 2021-22 school calendar.

Dr. Cartisano gave a presentation regarding positive COVID-19 cases in the secondary schools and her recommendation to the Board of Education regarding the instructional model for returning to school. Dr. Cartisano’s presentation is posted on the District website. After the presentation the Board Members had some questions and comments for Dr. Cartisano regarding the presentation.

Dr. Cartisano, stated that she would like to discuss with the Board, our administrators beginning to resume in-person parent information meetings, as long as we meet our safety guidelines on a case by case basis. In April we normally meet with parents as their children change schools – incoming K, as well as next year’s 3rd grade, 6th grade, and 9th grade. We may schedule them in smaller groups, in gymnasiums, outside, or remain on Zoom. I am looking for feedback so we can begin to plan accordingly. I would also like to discuss the Board’s plans to return to in-person meetings in the future. Mrs. Testa, Mrs. Reitan and Mrs. Dunlop stated resuming meetings in April would be good as long as everyone agrees at the time and safety guidelines are followed. Mrs. Dunlop stated she would prefer the meetings to be outside whenever possible.

II. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS MESSAGE

Mrs. Testa greeted everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting. She asked that the Public be Heard be moved to the end of the meeting to give the Board Members and attendees the chance to state their opinions on the Re-adoption of the Re-opening of Schools Plan that would be voted on this evening. She asked all attendees having questions or comments to type in their name, address and comment or question which would be read later in the meeting. She then asked to proceed to the Consent Agenda.

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III. PUBLIC BE HEARD

For this meeting, it was agreed by the Board of Education that the Public be Heard be moved to the end of the meeting prior to the vote on Discussion and Action Item D., Reopening of Schools Plan Re-adoption. This item was tabled at this time as stated above to give the Board Members and attendees a chance to state their opinions before the vote.

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 11, 2021 Executive Session; January 13, 2021 Business Meeting; January 27, 2021 Executive Session/Business Meeting; February 1, 2021 Business Meeting/Executive Session.”

B. FINANCE/FACILITIES:

1. Treasurers Report:

Enclosed is the Treasurers report as submitted by Mr. Donald Pearce for the period ending December 31, 2020.

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, as presented, the Treasurers Report for the period ending December 31, 2020.”

2. Financial Reports:

Enclosed are the Financial Reports as submitted by Ms. Darlene Levi for the period ending December 31, 2020.

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, as presented, the Financial Reports, for the period ending December 31, 2020.”

3. Extra Classroom Activity Report:

Enclosed are the Extra Classroom Activity Reports as submitted by Ms. Carrie Sandt for the period ending December 31, 2020.

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, as presented the Extra Classroom Activity Reports for the period ending December 31, 2020.”

4. Claims Auditor Report:

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Enclosed is the Claims Auditor Report as submitted by MacDonald & Rand LLP - Certified Public Accountants for the period ending December 31, 2020.

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, as presented, the Claims Auditor Report for the period ending December 31, 2020.”

5. 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 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 report dated June 30, 2020 and audit letter dated February 8, 2021 which have been submitted by the District’s External Auditors, Cullen and Danowski, LLP, along with the District’s response to these documents dated February 12, 2021:

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

6. Donation – Senior Scholarships and Awards:

Dr. Cartisano and Mr. White are requesting your approval of the following resolution to accept donations for the Senior Scholarships and Awards Fund:

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 monetary donation for the Miller Place School District Senior Scholarships and Awards Fund:

- Mrs. Christine Pendergast \$1,000.00.”

7. Donation – Rocky Point Rotary and Rosse Family Foundation:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to accept the donation of personal protective equipment (PPE). The donation of PPE is 40 boxes of masks (2,000) and this donation will be used in support of the students of the District.

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 with gratitude the donation of personal protective equipment from the Rocky Point Rotary and Rosse Family Foundation to be used in support of the students of the District.”

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8. **Donation – Suffolk County School Superintendents Association:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to accept the donation of personal protective equipment (PPE) in recognition of the leadership and support that Dr. Cartisano has provided to this organization. The donation of PPE includes 30 boxes of masks (600), 20 thermometers, and 11 boxes of hand sanitizer and this donation will be used in support of the students of the District.

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 with gratitude the donation of personal protective equipment from the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association to be used in support of the students of the District.”

9. **Contract – D.J. Tommy’s Tunes, Inc.:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following contract with D.J. Tommy’s Tunes, Inc. for the Senior Prom on Thursday, June 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 contract with D.J. Tommy’s Tunes, Inc. for the Senior Prom on Thursday, June 24, 2021 and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

10. **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.”

11. **Health Service Contracts:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following health service contracts 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 2020-21 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

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furthermore authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign such contracts with the following school districts:

- Middle Country Central School District
- Riverhead Central School District
- West Islip Union Free School District.”

12. Obsolete Equipment:

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.”

13. Acceptance of Donation and Increasing the 2020-21 Expenditure/ Revenue Budgets:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to accept the donations of:

Tri-M Music Honor Society - \$1,698.75 donated from the Tri-M Club Account
Driver’s Education - \$3,228.06 donated from the Driver’s Education Account.

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 acknowledges the donation of \$4,926.81 from above listed group’s accounts; and

WHEREAS; that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby accepts the donations which will fund the expenditures for the above listed groups in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the 2020-21 budget of \$75,713,895.00 did not make provisions for the District to meet certain unanticipated expenses and provide a revenue source in the amount of \$4,926.81 for the above accepted donations; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District approves increasing the 2020-21 expenditure budget of \$75,713,895.00 by \$4,926.81 for these unanticipated obligations, thereby totaling the 2020-21 budget at \$75,718,821.81

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District approves increasing the 2020-21 miscellaneous revenue section of the overall revenue

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budget of \$75,713,895.00 by \$4,926.81 for these unanticipated revenues, thereby totaling the 2020-21 revenue budget at \$75,718,821.81; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District approves the Superintendent of Schools to expend the specific budget expenditure appropriation of \$4,926.81 to meet these certain unanticipated obligations.”

14. 2021-22 Property Tax Levy Cap:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the estimated tax levy cap calculation for the 2021-22 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 2021-22 tax levy cap calculation which will be amended based on final information pending from Eastern Suffolk BOCES, for the 2021-22 budget and further directs the School Business Official to transmit the property tax levy cap calculation as required by March 1, 2021.”

15. Budget Vote Workers:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card recommends and requests your approval of the following list of Vote Workers for the Miller Place Union Free School Budget Vote on Tuesday, May 18, 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 following list of Vote Workers: Rosario Barry; Jennifer Bennett, Karen Burkhart; Colleen Card; Cecily Cardinale; Natalie Cea; Patricia Chapin; Myriam Crino; Laura Danetra; Shanna Doyle; Anne DuBois; Rosemary Eisenhardt; Pamela Hagermann; Mary Lou Kash; Linda Lee; Darlene Levi; Christina Miller: Coreen Moschella; Andrew Montalbano; Ann Montalbano; Carol Moor; Antoinette Nocera; Mary Pallas; Carrie Sandt; Bonnie Sannito; Lynn Scolfield; Mary Scully; Nadine Steffens; Giovanna Warsaw; Krystle White.”

16. Adoption of Legal Ads:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the proposed legal notice for the 2021-22 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 18, 2021 Budget Vote which may be updated over the course of publication, if necessary based on legal advice:

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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 York, in said District on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 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 2021-22 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 18, 2021.
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 27, 2021, 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 Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008, Section 495 was added to the Real Property Tax Law, and 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 18, 2021, 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:

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1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2021-22 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect one (1) member of the Board of Education for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2024.
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 Free Library for such library services for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and to expend therefore during the District's fiscal year 2021-22 a sum of money not exceeding \$2,352,999.83 (Two Million, Three Hundred and Fifty Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars and Eighty Three 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 2021-2022, 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 27, 2021, 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 19, 2021, 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 61 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

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Drive, Miller Place, New York, on Thursday, May 13, 2021, 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 May 13, 2021. 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 May 13, 2021, 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 15, 2021, by appointment, and at the polling place(s) on the day of the vote.

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 23, 2021.

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 23, 2021. 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 18, 2021 showing a cancellation mark of the United States Postal Service or a foreign country's postal service, or

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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 18, 2021 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 18, 2021, 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 2022, 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 18, 2021.

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 19, 2021; 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 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 18, 2021.

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 13, 2021, 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 18, 2021, 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 19, 2021, 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 151 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

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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: Miller Place, New York
February 24, 2021

By Order of the
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
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SCHOOL DISTRICT
Miller Place, New York

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, 4 de mayo de 2021, a las 7:00 pm, hora prevalecte, para la transacción de negocio a lo autorizado por la Ley de Educación, que incluye los siguientes elementos:

1. Para presentar a los electores una declaración detallada (presupuesto) de la cantidad de dinero, que se requiere para el 2021-22 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, 18 de mayo de 2021.
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 27, 2021, 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 SE HA DADO UN AVISO ADICIONAL, que de conformidad con el Capítulo 258 de las Leyes de 2008, la Sección 495 se agregó a la Ley del Impuesto sobre Bienes Inmuebles, y 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 la cantidad de el valor evaluado total en la tirada de evaluación final utilizada en el proceso presupuestario está exento de impuestos, enumera cada tipo de exención otorgada, identificada por la autoridad estatutaria, y muestra: (a) el impacto acumulativo de cada tipo de exención expresado como un

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dólar cantidad del valor evaluado o como porcentaje del valor evaluado total en la tirada; (b) el monto acumulado que se espera recibir de los destinatarios 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, 18 de mayo de 2021, 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 2021-22 y para autorizar la porción necesaria de los mismos para ser criados por los impuestos sobre la propiedad gravable del Distrito.
2. Para elegir un (1) miembro de la Junta de Educación para una que comienza el plazo de tres años 1 de julio de 2021 y el 30 de junio de 2024.
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 Gratis de Port Jefferson. para este tipo de servicios bibliotecarios para el período del 1 de julio de 2021 a 30 de junio, 2022 y para gastar, por lo tanto, durante el año fiscal del Distrito 2020-21 de una suma de dinero que no exceda de \$2,352,999.83 (dos millones, trescientos cincuenta y dos mil novecientos noventa nueve dólares con ochenta y tres 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 2021-22, 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, 27 de abril de 2021, 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 19 de abril, 2021, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, hora prevaleciente. 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 61 votantes calificados del Distrito (representando el mayor de 25 votantes calificados o el 2% del número de votantes que votaron en la elección anual

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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 13 de mayo de 2021, 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 13 de mayo de 2021. 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 13 de mayo de 2021, 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 para la elección, excepto el domingo y el sábado 15 de mayo de 2021, 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 23 de abril de 2021.

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

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Place, Nueva York. Para que un votante militar reciba una boleta militar, se debe recibir una solicitud de boleta militar valida en el Oficina de le Secretaria de Distrito a mas tardar a las 5:00 p.m., el 23 de abril de 2021. Las solicitudes de boleta militar recibidas de acuerdo con lo anterior se procesaran de la misma manera que una solicitud de boleta no militar bajo Sección 2018-a dela Ley de Educación. La solicitud de boleta 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 boleta 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 18 de mayo de 2021 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 18 de mayo de 2021 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, 18 de mayo de 2021, 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 2022, 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 votar en la elección escolar para la cual se preparó dicho Registro, o cualquier reunión especial del distrito celebrada después del 18 de mayo de 2021 .

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 19 de abril de 2021; 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 18 de mayo de 2021.

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 13 de mayo 2021, entre las horas de 9:00 am y 3:00 pm los días hábiles antes del día establecido para la elección anual y el 18 de mayo de 2021, 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.

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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 19 de marzo de 2021, a las 3:00 pm, hora prevaeciente; 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 151 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.

Fechado: Miller Place, Nueva York
024 de febrero de 2021

Por orden de la
JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN DE LA
UNIÓN MILLER PLACE GRATIS
DISTRITO ESCOLAR
Miller Place, Nueva York
Patricia Morbillo, Secretaria Del Distrito.”

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 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.”

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2. **Stipulation Agreement with The Miller Place UFSD Operations Unit, CSEA, Inc. Local 1000 – Employee #916:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mr. Lipshie are requesting your approval of the Stipulation Agreement with the Miller Place UFSD Operations Unit, CSEA, Inc. Local 1000 for Employee #916.

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 Stipulation Agreement with the Miller Place UFSD Operations Unit, CSEA, Inc. Local 1000 for Employee #916 and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to sign such agreement.”

3. **Stipulation Agreement with The Miller Place UFSD Operations Unit, CSEA, Inc. Local 1000 – Employee #3110:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mr. Lipshie are requesting your approval of the Stipulation Agreement with the Miller Place UFSD Operations Unit, CSEA, Inc. Local 1000 for Employee #3110.

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 Stipulation Agreement with the Miller Place UFSD Operations Unit, CSEA, Inc. Local 1000 for Employee #3110 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 12-21-20 AMPS; CSE 1-14-21 OOD; CSE 1-19-21 OOD & MPHS; CSE 1-12-21 LADDIE; CSE 1-12-21 NCR; CSE 1-14-21 NCR; CSE 1-15-21 MPHS; CSE 1-19-21 AMPS; CSE 1-20-21 AMPS; CSE 1-21-21 LADDIE; CSE 1-27-21 MPHS; CSE 1-29-21 AMPS; CSE 2-4-21 NCR; CSE 1-22-21 MPHS; CSE 2-3-21 MPHS.”

2. **Contract – Rocky Point Union Free School District:**

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Wojnowski are requesting your approval of the following Special Education Instructional Services Contract with Rocky Point Union Free School District for student identification number 600042017 for the period September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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 authorizes the contract with Rocky Point Union Free School District for student identification number 600042017 for the period September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and

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furthermore authorizes the President of the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Textbook Selection and Adoption:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Craddock are requesting your approval for the following selection and designation of the new social studies textbooks to be used in the North Country Road Middle School and Miller Place High School.

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 adopts the following social studies textbooks to be used in the North Country Road Middle School and Miller Place High School

7th & 8th Grade My World Interactive American History National Survey Edition, 2019, Sawas/Pearson

Grades 9-12 World History Interactive High School Survey 2022, Savvas/Pearson
United States History Interactive High School Survey,
2020 Savvas/Pearson
The American Pageant AP Edition, 2020, Cengage/National Geographic.”

F. OTHER – None

There were no board trustee questions or comments on the consent agenda. Mrs. Testa thanked Mrs. Christine Pendergast for her wonderful donation towards the school district’s Scholarships and Awards fund. She thanked the Rocky Point Rotary and Ross family for their donation of masks and the Suffolk County Schools Superintendent Association for their generous donation of medical supplies in recognition of Dr. Cartisano’s in recognition of the leadership and support that Dr. Cartisano has provided to this organization. Mrs. Testa stated new Social Studies textbooks to replace the outdated textbooks currently being used in the secondary schools that the Board will be approving tonight.

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

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V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. MPHS Executive Council Student Representative Comments

Student Representative, Marena Capocci, gave an update on some of the great things that have been happening in the high school these past few weeks. The students were happy to have the winter sports start as they weren't expecting it and some of the teams had senior nights which were very exciting. This past week, a miniature spirit week was held where the students had a pajama day and a spirit day where the senior class wore the jerseys of their colleges and the other classes wore their themed class T shirts. The foreign language honor society induction was held through a video recording. The seniors voted for senior superlatives, took pictures, have been planning the prom and seeing they can do to make it happen in the best way possible. The service club wrote Valentine's Day cards for veterans and members of assisted living homes. They have been in the process of planning more fundraisers and events, one of which is a March madness type event with the varsity basketball team against the teachers in a free throw contest to raise money for Stony Brook Children's Hospital. We hope to stay creative and come up with some more events in the future.

B. Board of Education Committees

Health and Safety Committee

Mrs. Testa gave an overview of the Health and Safety Committee meeting. She stated that Mr. Warsaw discussed the guidance regarding cracking windows for additional air circulation when able due to the colder temperatures, cafeteria table shield installation, winter sports and cleaning implications, snow removal cleaning protocols, required early dismissal drills, broken floor tile at AMPS, potential usage of athletic lockers, and an intermittent issue with the PA system that Mr. Clark raised.

Curriculum Committee

Mrs. Testa gave an overview of the Curriculum Committee meeting. She discussed the AMPS mystery reader that read a story on the Google classroom. ENL staff is preparing for the ELL achievement assessment to see student's progress. At the MPHS, 120 Juniors and Seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society, new AP classes planned for next year were discussed and also discussed was the athletics mentoring program. At LADSBS, 4th grade students read books for character education and self esteem and used a heart project to be hung in the hallways, computer literacy teachers discussed how students are learning and implementing what is being taught in Google docs. At the NCRMS, 6th grade, is working on a school pen pal website connecting students around the world and time capsules to commemorate the current difficult times, while 63 students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society in a virtual ceremony and finally an ALS memorial garden is being planned as well as the MS play.

Wellness Committee

Mrs. Dunlop gave an overview of the Wellness Committee meeting. She stated that the committee was introduced to the food service director and to a student trainer. The committee discussed the weekly student health screening requirement that parents complete, replacement NARCAN kits distribution, and COVID testing of athletes in high-risk sports for the truncated sports seasons.

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C. District-Wide Comprehensive School Safety Plan Public Hearing

The District is required each year to review the District-wide Comprehensive School Safety Plan at a Public Hearing, which was conducted at the September 30, 2021 BOE meeting and adopted at the board meeting on October 28, 2021. This plan is mandated by NYSED in accordance with the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) legislation. This plan has now been updated for additional protocols in response to the declared public health emergency involving a communicable disease. The board will accept this plan at the March 24, 2021 board meeting through a board resolution.

D. Superintendent's Proposed 2021-22 Budget Presentation

Mrs. Card gave an overview and presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for the 2021-22 school year. Mrs. Testa asked Mrs. Card about the estimated solar savings which Mrs. Card shared the projections. Mr. Panico asked about the District's Combined Wealth Ratio as compared to our neighboring districts. Mrs. Card stated that she would have this information at the Budget Workshop on March 10. The Board and community members present had several remarks and questions about the budget which were answered by Mrs. Card and Dr. Cartisano. The Board Members thanked Dr. Cartisano, Mrs. Card and the Administration for keeping the budget under the tax levy cap while retaining programs and class sizes. All of the budget information is posted on the District website for easy access and review. Mrs. Card stated that the next Budget Workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00pm. Dr. Cartisano thanked Mr. Frank for his service as a Board of Education Member. Mr. Frank's seat is up for re-election and Mr. Frank has announced his intention to seek run again for the Board of Education. Board Member Candidate packets are available for pickup starting on Monday, March 15, 2021 by making an appointment with the District Clerk, Mrs. Morbillo.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Acceptance of the Miller Place School District Calendar 2021-22:

Dr. Cartisano is requesting your approval of the following resolution to adopt the Miller Place Union Free School District calendar for the 2021-22 school year.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby adopts the school calendar for the 2021-22 school year as presented."

Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to approve the Miller Place School District Calendar 2021-22 as presented.

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

Mrs. Testa stated that the calendar would be posted on the District website shortly. Dr. Cartisano reviewed the calendar with the Board.

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B. Suffolk County Board of Elections Contract:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your acceptance of the following resolution to approve the Suffolk County Board of Elections Contract.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve that the Suffolk County Board of Elections have polling places at the North Country Road Middle School and Miller Place High School for the following dates Tuesday, June 22, 2021; Tuesday, November 2, 2021; June 2022-TBD; Tuesday November 8, 2022 elections and any special elections as required and furthermore, authorizes the Miller Place Union Free School District Board President to sign such agreement for the 2021-22 school years.”

Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to approve the Suffolk County Board of Elections contract as presented.

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

C. Reopening of Schools Plan Re-Adoption:

Dr. Cartisano is requesting your re-approval of the updated Miller Place UFSD Reopening Schools Plan for the 2020-21 school year. Mrs. Testa stated the Board previously re-approved the school reopening plan at the January board meeting. The Board now needs to re-approve the plan for the following changes: ability to opt into full-time livestreaming option through end of February with return on March 1, 2021; full-time live livestreaming option through the end of the third quarter, April 16, 2021 with return on April 19, 2021, if an event occurs where students are not reporting to school and the reduction of the NYS 14-day travel quarantine to 10-day travel quarantine.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the updated Re-Opening Plan with the changes as described above 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

D. Reopening of Schools Plan Re-Adoption:

Dr. Cartisano is requesting your re-approval of the updated Miller Place UFSD Reopening Schools Plan for the 2020-21 school year with the change for 6th-12th grade students to return to the classroom five days per week effective March 1, 2021.

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the updated Re-Opening Plan with the change as described above 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.

Mrs. Testa explained that this additional item was to approve the sixth grade to twelfth grade students to return to the classroom five days per week as of March 1, 2021. She asked all of the Board Members if they had any questions or comments before the vote.

Mrs. Reitan:

Mrs. Reitan stated that when we first approved the March 1st back to school, we talked about the four or five days, is that what this one is about? Mrs. Testa stated, that’s what this resolution is about going back five days per week for students.

Mrs. Reitan stated, she was a baseball Mom and is going to use that analogy. It has been a very tough year not only for the school community and kids but as board members. So my baseball analogy is you know they have these little signs that they have to give each other and imagine being a baseball player on the a baseball field and going out and the coach is changing signs and you can’t get through the game you are throwing the ball, your passing the balls being missed and the pitcher throws the wrong pitches and so my point is everything changes every single day and we’ve really done, I want to say a good job. I want to commend my fellow board members, Dr. Cartisano and the administration for working their butts off during a really difficult time. I feel, though, at this point that I can’t in good faith vote for five days back. I really would have liked four days back in for the first four weeks. Everyone heard all the questions that I asked but I want to preface with the CDC recommendations of six feet and masks, all of the data that Dr. Cartisano just presented to us, which thank you for all that information. We’ve done a great job in our community with COVID rates down and in schools, but that’s been with the six foot distancing and the hybrid plan, so we have to keep that in mind as well. It’s hard for me to say no to something that I know our kids need eventually but I would have liked to have seen it with a four day gradual increase of days to the five days after we got the feel of procedures in the cafeterias, gyms and music programs. I don’t understand what the rush is. I understand what the rush is for the children, but we are a community and the community includes teachers, custodians, teacher assistants and monitors but it is a big responsibility. I’d like to see everybody have a chance to be vaccinated and that extra four weeks for a gradual return, when we first talked about March 1st, I would have liked to see us do four days and given that extra day for a thorough cleaning of the building, whether it be on a Monday or Wednesday, whatever administration would have decided. So, at this point, unfortunately, I’m going to be voting ‘no’ for five days return only because I would have liked it to be a gradual increase and full return by April 1, 2021.

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Mrs. Dunlop:

Mrs. Dunlop stated she also had some comments. I agree with everything Lisa said. I also think that the cohort model has really served us well as you know we have not closed. Other districts in our very close neighborhoods have closed multiple times and I believe as a parent, that's more disruptive than having a consistent cohort model. I also have personal experience with COVID. I've had friends die, I've had family members test positive and be totally asymptomatic. So, that is a whole other thing that we're not talking about, people may be walking around in our buildings, in our community, and if they are not testing or not required to test, they don't know they have the virus and they're spreading it without even knowing it. And you know, so we don't know where people are getting the virus, we say they're not getting it in schools, but unless we're testing everyone that's going into our school, we don't know who has it. Just from my own family of five, I had two family members test positive, they never had symptoms so unless they were tested, they would never know. That's just my own experience, there are many other families that may have family members that are positive and they don't even know. There's so much about this virus that we don't even know yet and there are variants they are talking about. So, yes, I agree with Lisa that the rules are changing. Day by day this virus is changing. We have to take the conservative approach we said we were going to take, every safety precaution that's recommended. The social distancing, the masking, we were going to be as conservative as possible. And, if we had the space to social distance, sixth through twelfth grade, we would have returned everyone five days like we did in elementary school, so why wouldn't we do that then, there? It was only because we could not physically social distance all of our kids like other school districts. I see other people talking about other school districts, some of them have auditoriums in their secondary schools, some of them have giant auditoriums, we have a very small limited amount of space. We always joke about the café-gym-atorium at AMPS. You know it's like a joke, because we are space cramped, we are space starved. So, that's our reality and every district is making their own choices based on their own realities. So, I mean for everything that Lisa said, from my own personal experience and from the fact that none of us are experts on this virus, if somebody is an expert on this virus and knows how to solve it, raise your hand now. This has been a very hard year for all of us. It's touched all of our lives, some of us more than others, some people have lost loved ones, some people have lost jobs. It has been rough and I think our children understand that and it's been rough for them, too. So, I think the hybrid model has been a very good compromise; it has given our children live instruction and it has kept that social distancing which we thought going into the school year was key. I still think with the numbers way above what they were in September, it is still key. Unless, we have suddenly created more space, it is still important. So, I am going to have to vote 'no' on this unless suddenly have a second auditorium because I don't think we have solved it, yet. I know that we were talking about getting people vaccines and we are doing that but the rollout has been less than stellar. There are teachers and staff members that are waiting for their appointments, so I agree with Lisa, I would be more comfortable with four days because it would give our custodians that day to just deep clean the school buildings. I still think we should be offering the hybrid model because we are talking about our kids' social emotional well-being. To force a child or a family, just because they have somebody who has someone in their family who is elderly or is immune compromised, to make a decision to go full remote, which is very hard. Kids learn better with in person instruction, but it is not like a normal year, we are not just doing this on a whim. This is a pandemic that's killed half a million people here; you cannot

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just pretend it's like a normal year so it's a difficult decision. I'm not saying that my opinion or my thoughts on it are more valid than anyone else's but I'm coming from a place that is genuine and I feel like I speak for many in our community so I'm going to have to vote 'no'.

Mrs. Testa:

Mrs. Testa stated, I guess for myself, it was a really, really, difficult decision. It's one of the hardest times I've ever lived through. Cutting to the chase, I will be voting 'yes' for five days. I feel as comfortable as I can seeing the data of the infection rates and how the contact tracing has gone in school combined with the last three weeks of testing of our student athletes for the high risk sports. I don't envy any of our staff members or any of you who have been put in a position that is not an easy one and I appreciate all of you. Combined with the vaccine being available for those that have chosen to get it or want to get it, some of the research that has come out that says COVID is not being spread in school, the declining infection rate and the added full remote learning option, I will be voting 'yes'. I respect each and every one of you, your opinions and your advocacy efforts.

Mr. Frank:

Mr. Frank stated, I agree that I am not an expert. I have been doing my reading, research and looked at the CDC guidelines. I have looked at the best we can do to keep the kids safe in the school, meanwhile, looking at their social emotional health take that all together as well as the contact tracing, wearing masks, social distance as best as we can, handwashing, cleaning, ventilation. I think we have been on top of all of this and I agree with Noelle and Lisa that we have taken a conservative approach. I think we have gotten ourselves to this position where we now can take that next step. The CDC is suggesting we get back to school and get students back to school. I appreciate and I totally respect where Lisa and Noelle are coming from, but I just have a different opinion, I think this is month is the month to do it, rather than waiting.

Mr. Panico:

Mr. Panico stated, Noelle, I thought you said that very well, but for me it's really about mental health of the children. You know I've been reading up a lot on it and we're 40% that I'm hearing that our kids are coming down with anxiety and depression. There are effective treatments coming out as well, hopefully soon. For me, I think the kids need to get back, we have AP exams coming up for Juniors and Seniors, even Sophomores have one. For them to do well and get college credits, it's also huge financially for families, so I think the time is right, and I think they should be back. We do have the option of not going back, so I'm voting 'yes'.

The vote was tabled until later in the meeting after Public Be Heard

E. Remote Learning Plan Re-Adoption:

Dr. Cartisano is requesting your approval of the updated Miller Place UFSD Remote Learning 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 hereby approves the updated Miller Place

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UFSD Remote Learning Plan for the 2020-21 school year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

F. Contact Tracing and Testing Protocols Plan Re-Adoption:

Dr. Cartisano is requesting your approval of the updated Miller Place UFSD Contact Tracing and Testing Protocols 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 hereby approves the updated Miller Place UFSD Contact Tracing and Testing Protocols Plan for the 2020-21 school year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to re-approve the Contact Tracing and Testing Protocols Plan as presented.

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

VII. BOARD POLICIES

Mrs. Testa noted that the District has one policy in first time reading that has been recommended by the District’s attorney due to a change in regulations. We will review this policy at the meeting in March and then adopt this policy at the meeting in April.

A. **First Time Reading:** Policy #TBD Gender Neutral Restrooms

B. **Review:** None

C. **Action:** None

VIII. OTHER – None

IX. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Mrs. Testa had Mrs. Craddock read the attendees questions and comments. Some of questions and comments included is Washington DC trip still being offered, semi-formal dance for middle school, 6 feet social distancing while unmasked to eat, why 4 days versus 5 days, why is the district not following the CDC and NYS guidelines now, quarantine questions, live streaming options – 3rd and 4th quarters, fire safety plans reevaluated, outdoor spaces added for cafeteria, standard practice for

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all teachers with regards to cameras in classrooms, Regents exams, does budget include all typical run programs, some comments for 5 days and some comments for hybrid. They were answered by various Board of Education Members and Administrators.

Mrs. Testa after the completion of Public be Heard asked the Board of Education Members to formally vote on the Reopening Schools Plan Re-Adoption that was postponed from earlier in the meeting.

D. Reopening of Schools Plan Re-Adoption:

Dr. Cartisano is requesting your re-approval of the updated Miller Place UFSD Reopening Schools Plan for the 2020-21 school year with the change for 6th-12th grade students to return to the classroom five days per week effective March 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the updated Re-Opening Plan with the change as described above 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 Re-Opening Plan as presented
Mr. Panico moved, seconded by Mr. Frank to accept the resolution as presented.

Yes 3; No 2; Motion Carried
(No - Mrs. Dunlop)
(No - Mrs. Reitan)

X. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Frank moved, seconded by Mr. Panico to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 P.M.

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

Respectively submitted by: Patricia A. Morbillo, District Clerk