

MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MILLER PLACE, NEW YORK
BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2022

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

Those Present:

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

Those Absent:

Board Trustee:	Mr. Richard Panico
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PLEASE NOTE: THE MINUTES, AS WRITTEN, ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE NOT CONSIDERED AN OFFICIAL RECORD UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE FEBRUARY 16, 2022, BUSINESS MEETING.

Mrs. Testa called the meeting to order at 8:02 P.M. Mrs. Testa acknowledged the veterans that were in the audience. No media was present. She reminded everyone that they are required to wear a mask as per the District's Opening Schools Plan for 2021-22.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Cartisano stated that since this is the first time we are meeting publicly since the holidays, we wish everyone a healthy and happy 2022 and she gave special thanks to all our students and staff who supported our school community during the holiday season with various fundraising events.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the Administrative staff, Dr. Cartisano congratulated all our students and faculty who participated in our District wide in-person winter concert series and look forward to their spring performances. She stated that January and February are exciting months for the district including student clubs that have begun at Andrew Muller Primary School and Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School, and our many Character Education Program assemblies and presentations.

The District buildings welcomed parents back into our classrooms for events such as mystery readers and elementary students have returned to their roles of being assigned classroom jobs such as assisting teachers with handing out papers and supplies. Birthdays are now being celebrated in classrooms and students can share items other than food with classmates. The buildings are planning elementary field trips to take place although they may look a bit different based on bussing constraints. Field days and concerts are planned for parents and families to attend. The spring 2022 Drivers Education Program has

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begun, and we are proud of the program in now offered in three sessions, summer, fall and spring. The MPHS drama program is well into their rehearsals of the Wizard of Oz, and they are actively recruiting munchkins from the elementary school to perform as cast members. The high school administrative staff is preparing our typical winter parent meetings beginning with a virtual presentation for incoming September 2022 9th grade students.

We look forward to presenting our 2022-23 budget to the Board at our meeting on February 16, 2022, and continuing our discussions with the March 2022 community budget workshops.

Dr. Cartisano spoke about the flurry of legal activity regarding mask wearing for indoor settings – this included school buildings. As of tonight, the school mask mandate is still in place with the appeal oral arguments continuing in court on Friday. The educational community does not anticipate the judge ruling on the merits of the stay from the bench. We expect the stay decision to be released early next week. Once the decision is released, we will follow the advice of counsel and advise the school community accordingly.

II. PUBLIC BE HEARD - None

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

III. 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 December 7, 2021 Executive Session – Early; December 7, 2021 Executive Session – Late; December 8, 2021 Business Meeting; December 13, 2021 Executive Session, December 21, 2021 Executive Session, January 5, 2022 Executive Session – Business Meeting; January 9, 2022 Executive Session.”

B. FINANCE/FACILITIES:

1. Treasurers Reports:

Enclosed are the Treasurers Reports as submitted by Mr. Donald Pearce for the periods ending November 30, 2021, and December 31, 2021.

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 Reports for the periods ending November 30, 2021, and December 31, 2021.”

2. Financial Reports:

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Enclosed are the Financial Reports as submitted by Ms. Darlene Levi for the periods ending November 30, 2021, and December 31, 2021.

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 periods ending November 30, 2021, and December 31, 2021.”

3. Extra Classroom Activity Report:

Enclosed are the Extra Classroom Activity Reports as submitted by Ms. Carrie Sandt for the periods ending November 30, 2021, and December 31, 2021.

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 periods ending November 30, 2021, and December 31, 2021.”

4. Claims Auditor Report:

Enclosed are the Claims Auditor Reports as submitted by MacDonald & Rand LLP - Certified Public Accountants for the periods ending November 30, 2021, and December 31, 2021.

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 Reports for the periods ending November 30, 2021, and December 31, 2021.”

5. 2022-23 Educational Data Services, Supplies and Materials Contract Bid #23-02:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting approval of the following resolution to continue our agreement with the Educational Data Services, Inc., for participation in the New York Cooperative Bid group for the purpose of bidding and purchasing services, supplies and materials Bid #23-02.

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 approves the agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc. for participation in the New York Cooperative Bid for the purpose of bidding and purchasing services, supplies and materials Bid #23-02 during the 2021-22 fiscal year and to be utilized for ordering school supplies in the 2022-23 fiscal year and furthermore the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement.”

6. Contract – Tommy’s Tunes:

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Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to approve the contract with Tommy's Tunes for the Senior Prom to be held on June 23, 2022.

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 contract with Tommy's Tunes for the Senior Prom and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement."

7. Miller Place PTO Donations:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to approve the donation from the Miller Place PTO to be used in support of the District as follows:

MPHS – Senior BBQ	\$1,500.00
NCRMS – Field Trips	600.00

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 \$2,100.00 from the Miller Place PTO to be used in support of the students of the District."

8. 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 2022-23 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 2022-23 school year and furthermore, authorizes the Board President to sign such contract."

9. MySchoolBucks Agreement (Heartland Payment Systems):

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the contract with MySchoolBucks (Heartland Payment Systems) for use to collect school fees online for extraclass activities (yearbook, laptop repairs, etc.). The District currently utilizes this service for cafeteria payments and would like to expand the usage.

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 authorizes the contract with MySchoolBucks (Heartland Payment Systems) and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement."

10. Donation - General Mills / Box Tops for Education:

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Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to approve the donation from General Mills / Box Tops for Education to be used in support of the students at the Andrew Muller Primary 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 accepts the \$25.50 donation from General Mills Box Tops for Education in support of the students at the Andrew Muller Primary School.”

11. Donation - BSN Sports:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to approve the donation from BSN Sports to be used in support of the students at the North Country Road Middle 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 accepts the \$42.00 donation from BSN Sports in support of the students at the North Country Road Middle School.”

12. Apportionment of Building Aid Applications:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Card are requesting your approval of the Apportionment of Building Aid Applications.

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 and approves the following:

- a. Applications for Apportionment of Building Aid Summary
- b. Applications for Apportionment of Building Aid
- a. For the District Architect to file such documents with the State Education Department allowing for the Commissioner’s issuance of Certificates of Apportionment.”

C. PERSONNEL:

1. Personnel List:

Dr. Cartisano and Mr. Lipshie recommend and request your approval of the attached personnel list of January 26, 2022.

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 January 26, 2022, as presented. For any probationary appointment for a classroom teacher or building principal that except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law §§3012-c

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and/or 3012-d of either E or H in at least three of the four preceding years and if the classroom teacher or building principal receives an I composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at this time.”

D. SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. CSE Recommendations:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Wojnowski are requesting your approval of the following CSE 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 dated: CPSE 1-20-22 AMPS; CSE 1-5-22 NCR; CSE 1-6-22 MPHS; CSE 1-6-22 OOD; CSE 1-11-22 AMPS; CSE 1-11-22 LADSBS; CSE 1-20-22 MPHS; CSE 10-19-21 NCR; CSE 12-1-21 NCR; CSE 12-3-21 AMPS; CSE 12-3-21 OOD; CSE 12-6-21 NCR; CSE 12-7-21 MPHS; CSE 12-8-21 OOD; CSE 12-10-21 MPHS; CSE 12-14-21 LADSBS; CSE 12-15-21 NCR; CSE 12-16-21 LADSBS; CSE 12-21-21 OOD; CSE 12-22-21 OOD; CSE 12-22-21 OOD.”

2. Contract with East Moriches Union Free School District:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Wojnowski are requesting your approval of the following Special Education Instructional Services Contract with the East Moriches Union Free School District for Special Educational Services from January 3, 2022, through June 30, 2022, for student identification numbers 600041575.

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 the East Moriches Union Free School District for Special Educational Services from January 3, 2022 through June 30, 2022 for student identification numbers 600041575 and furthermore, authorizes the President of the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education to sign such agreements.”

3. Contract with Three Village Central School District:

Dr. Cartisano and Mrs. Wojnowski are requesting your approval of the following Special Education Instructional Services Contract with the Three Village Central School District for Special Educational Services from September 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, for student identification numbers 102233, 101714, 600041587.

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 the Three Village Central School District for Special Educational Services from September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for student identification numbers 102233, 101714, 600041587 and furthermore, authorizes the President of the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education to sign such agreements.”

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E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION – None

F. OTHER:

1. District-level DASA Resolution:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED WHEREAS**, pursuant to Board Regulation No. 5020.5-R, the Board of Education shall hear appeals of District-level Dignity for All Students Act (“DASA”) investigations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education received an appeal of a District-level DASA investigation concerning the parties identified in Confidential Schedule “A” and a virtual appeal hearing was held in executive session on January 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education considered the appeal based upon the relevant facts, circumstances, statements, and documentation submitted, which included all written statements and notes rendered by the building-level and District-level DASA investigators, as well as all documents and information submitted by the parties identified in Confidential Schedule “A”;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby denies the appeal and affirms the District-level DASA investigation findings concerning the matter identified in Confidential Schedule “A”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to send a letter to the parties notifying them of the Board of Education’s determination.”

Mrs. Testa thanked the PTO and community members for their donations

Mrs. Testa asked Mrs. Card about Consent Item #9 MySchoolBucks. Mrs. Card explained that this agreement is to expand the usage of the service from food service (cafeteria payments) to other school fees. Mrs. Card stated that parents have asked for the ability to charge some of these fees that are collected for extraclass activities such as yearbook, laptop repairs, field trips, etc. There is a bank fee for using this service to pay for the activity that is not received by the District. The parents will now have the option to pay by credit card as well as still having the option to pay for these activities by check and cash(no bank fee) as they have in the past.

Mrs. Testa stated that Consent Item #12-Appportionment of Building Aid Applications was a procedural item to ensure the receipt of state building aid and she asked Mrs. Card to clarify. Mrs. Card stated that this is a required filing when a new construction project is sent to the state that is required to be filed in order to qualify for state building aid. This particular application is for the approved bond projects at the LADSBS including ventilation, air quality, parking, and access road to NCRMS. Additional applications will be approved by the Board as different submissions continue to NYSED.

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Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.
Mr. Makarius moved, seconded by Mrs. Reitan to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. MPHS Executive Council Student Representative Comments

The Board Student Representative, Scott Bisiani, gave his report on the happenings at the High School. Scott discussed the winter concerts and jazz band. He stated that the Drama Club was rehearsing for this year's production of the Wizard of Oz to be held on March 6th, 7th and 8th. He stated that auditions were being held for the munchkins role and anyone who has child in the elementary schools should have their child try out. He also reported that winter sports are in process and the variety show will be happening this year and there will be more information to follow at the next meeting.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Acceptance of the Miller Place School District Calendar 2022-23:

Dr. Cartisano is requesting your approval of the following resolution to adopt the Miller Place Union Free School District calendar for the 2022-23 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 2022-23 school year as presented."

The Board did not have any questions about the calendar for Dr. Cartisano and she stated that it would be posted to the calendar section of the District website sometime after the Board meeting.

Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to approve the Miller Place School District Calendar 2022-23 as presented.

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

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

B. Opening of Schools Plan Re-Adoption:

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

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

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Mrs. Testa asked what items were updated in the plan document. Dr. Cartisano stated that isolation and quarantine information aligning with current regulations was updated as well as some other minor items.

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

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

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

VI. DISCUSSION – None

VII. BOARD POLICIES

A. First Time Reading:

3300 -- Notification of Release of Sex Offenders

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

3430 -- Professional Development Opportunities and Conference Attendance

4311.1 -- Display of the Flag

4325 -- Remedial Instruction

4325.1 -- Secondary AIS

4730 -- Homework

4730.R -- Homework Regulation

5285 -- Concussion Management

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

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

5463 -- Bicycle Safety

5660 -- Student Gifts and Solicitations

7500 -- Naming Facilities

7500.R -- Naming Facilities Regulation

B. Review: None

C. Action: None

Mrs. Testa stated that the policies in first reading should move to review at the next board meeting if all changes have been received from the attorney.

VIII. OTHER

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IX. PUBLIC BE HEARD

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

There were several comments from the public. The comments included both pro and cons of children wearing masks in school, student's mental health, digital learning day, the mask optional day due to fluctuating requirements, mask exemptions, and candidates for board trustee election.

X. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to adjourn meeting.

Mr. Frank moved, seconded by Mr. Makarius to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 P.M.

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

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