

**MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2018**

Date: March 23, 2018
Time of Meeting: 5:45 P.M.
Kind of Meeting: Executive Session / Business Meeting
Place of Meeting: Administration Building

Those Present:

Board President:	Mrs. Johanna Testa
Board Vice President:	Mr. Richard Panico
Board Trustee:	Mrs. Noelle Dunlop (Arrived 5:57 P.M.)
Board Trustee:	Mr. Keith Frank
Board Trustee:	Mrs. Lisa Reitan
Superintendent of Schools:	Dr. Marianne Cartisano
Deputy Superintendent:	Mr. Seth Lipshie
School Business Official:	Mrs. Colleen Card
Executive Director for Educational Services:	Mrs. Sandra Wojnowski

Those Absent:

Assistant Superintendent:	Mrs. Susan Hodun
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Invitees:

Summit Security Services, Inc.	6:15 P.M.
Titan Global LLC	7:10 P.M.
Platinum Protection Services, Inc.	7:50 P.M.

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 APRIL 25, 2018 BUSINESS MEETING.

Meeting Called to Order

Mrs. Testa called the public meeting to order at 5:55 P.M.

I. Appointment of Clerk Pro Tem

Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to appoint Mrs. Testa as Clerk Pro Tem.

Mr. Panico moved, seconded by Mr. Frank to appoint Mrs. Testa as Clerk Pro Tem.

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

II. Move into Executive Session

Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to move into Executive Session for matters concerning public safety.

Mrs. Reitan moved, seconded by Mr. Panico to approve moving into Executive Session for matters concerning public safety.

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

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III. Move into Public Session at 9:40 P.M.

IV. Resolution Concerning School Resource Officers (SROs)

Dr. Cartisano is requesting your consideration to approve the following resolution regarding School Resource Officers (SROs)

WHEREAS, Article XI Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of New York provides that the legislature shall provide for the maintenance and support of a system of free common schools, wherein all the children of the State may be educated;

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of New York provides the legal authority given to the Board of Regents and to the Legislature to provide for the maintenance and support of public schools;

WHEREAS, the New York State Board of Regents and the State Education Department exercise the powers and functions delegated to them through the Education Law;

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents and the State Education Department establish policy by adopting rules and regulations within the limitations of State law;

WHEREAS, Article IV Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of New York outlines the powers and duties of the Governor;

WHEREAS, with the amount of violence taking place in the current school environment, it is imperative that the focus becomes more precisely on the safety and security of the students, faculties and staff. It is our responsibility to ensure that those tasked with protecting our students are the most experienced and highly trained former military, police and sheriffs;

WHEREAS, retired police officers, sheriffs and veterans with their years of experience and training would make for optimal school safety and security officers, but are limited to the amount of income they make due to current restrictions in state law, further limiting them from being fully immersed in the school community, understanding the school culture, and overall familiarity within educational facilities.

WHEREAS, current proposed law(s) in both the Senate Bill S2946 and Assembly Bill A8327 would allow for retired police officers to be employed by a school district, or other government agency such as a police department or sheriff department, as a school safety officer, school security officer or any other substantially similar position and continue to receive their full retirement benefits, and not be limited to \$30,000 income;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District demands that the Governor take serious action against school violence by placing the best qualified men and women in the position of protecting our children; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District demands that the Governor endorse Senate Bill S2946 and Assembly Bill A8327 and allow for its quick passage through the legislative process; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District demands that the Governor of the State of New York ensure that all students in all schools in the State of New York are protected by the same trained professionals that we entrust our lives with every day, on this Friday, March 23, 2018, and directs the District Clerk of the Miller Place Union Free School District upon receipt of this resolution to forward this resolution to the Governor's Office, State of New York.

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

V. Adjournment of Meeting

Mrs. Testa asked for a motion to adjourn meeting.

Mr. Frank moved, seconded by Mrs. Dunlop to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 P.M.

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

Respectively submitted by, Mrs. Testa, Clerk Pro Tem.