

MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MILLER PLACE, NEW YORK  
BOARD MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 28, 2024

**Kind of Meeting:** Business Meeting  
**Place of Meeting:** Miller Place High School

**Those Present:**

Board President:	Ms. Lisa Reitan
Board Vice President:	Mr. Bryan Makarius
Board Trustee:	Mr. John Galligan
Board Trustee:	Ms. Andrea Spaniolas
Superintendent of Schools:	Mr. Seth Lipshie
Assistant Superintendent:	Ms. Susan Craddock
School Business Official:	Ms. Colleen Card
Executive Director for Educational Services:	Ms. Sandra Wojnowski
Director of Human Resources	Mr. Christopher J. Herrschaft
District Clerk	Ms. Patricia Morbillo

**Those Absent:**

Board Trustee: Ms. Johanna Testa

**PLEASE NOTE: THE MINUTES, AS WRITTEN, ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE NOT CONSIDERED AN OFFICIAL RECORD UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE MARCH 27, 2024, BUSINESS MEETING.**

**A. BOARD SESSION**

**1. Open Business Meeting and move to Executive Session – MPHS – 6:30 PM**

Ms. Reitan called the business meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and stated that the board needed a motion to move directly into executive session for the purpose of discussing specific personnel and specific legal matters. She noted that following the executive session, the Board will reconvene at approximately 8:00 p.m. to continue with the board agenda.

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to move into executive session for specific legal and specific personnel matters.

Ms. Spaniolas moved, seconded by Mr. Makarius, to move into executive session for specific legal and specific personnel matters.

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

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to exit the executive session and reconvene the business meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Galligan moved, seconded by Mr. Makarius, to exit the executive session.

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

**2. Ms. Reitan reviewed the emergency procedures.**

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**B. RECOGNITION**

**1. Recognition of Veterans**

Ms. Reitan acknowledged the veterans, and their families present at the meeting.

**2. Recognition of Media**

There was no media present at the meeting.

**3. Recognition**

- Academic Advisory Chair – College Board Academic Advisory Council  
Mr. Lipshie introduced Mr. Slavin, MPHS Principal to recognize Mr. Brian Sztabnik, English Teacher who has been appointed to serve as the Academic Advisory Chair on the Academic Advisory Council for English for the College Board. This is a prestigious three-year appointment to serve on the Council and is a testament to his valuable insights, expertise and the endorsements received from his peers. The Academic Assembly Council plays a crucial role in shaping the direction of education by addressing issues, conducting research, formulating policies, developing programs, and setting standards to ensure universal access to high teaching and learning standards. The Board of Education and Administration congratulated Mr. Sztabnik on this accomplishment, and he received a certificate of recognition.
- MPHS Science Olympiad Team  
Mr. Lipshie introduced Mr. Nick Corletto, Curriculum Specialist for Math and Science to recognize the Miller Place High School Science Olympiad Team who participated in the regional Science Olympiad competition. Our dedicated students competed in 21 out of 22 events, facing off against 60 other teams under the expert guidance of Dr. Ronald Skolnick and finished in 17th place this year. He noted that several students placed as follows: Virginia O’Hanlon and Bianca Zou finished in 7th Place in Astronomy; Taylor McHugh and Stephen Ye finished in 6th Place in Fermi Questions; and Lucy Chang and Nailah Rahman finished in 1st Place in Write It Do It. The Board of Education and Administration congratulated all of the students on these amazing accomplishments, and they received certificates of recognition.

**C. MESSAGES**

**1. Superintendent Message**

Ms. Reitan introduced Mr. Lipshie to give his message. He noted that tonight, will be the first of three scheduled budget workshops. He highlighted the events and activities that have taken place since last month. He said that each building in the district observed P.S. I Love You Day by wearing purple and it’s mission is dedicated to spreading kindness within our community and raise awareness about the importance of mental health, combat bullying, and fostering an inclusive environment. At North Country Road Middle School and Miller Place High School, students purchased purple P.S. I Love You bracelets and the proceeds were donated directly back to the P.S. I Love You Foundation.

AMPS STEAM night was held in January and approximately 215 students participated in STEAM-related classroom activities which were facilitated by faculty members, along with special guests from the Tesla Science Center, Mt. Sinai Nature Center, and ESBOCES. The Expo

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Center hosted a variety of organizations including SCOPE Educational Services, One River Art School, Brookhaven National Lab, Miller Place Robotics, the North Country Road Science Club, and our local public libraries facilitating activities.

LADSBS students participated in the Million Word Challenge. Students have been making every word count and Mr. Mas' third grade students reached the goal of reading one million words. The next challenge is to see what class can read the most words by March 1, 2024. Students and staff were invited to donate non-perishable food items for a local food bank with a Super Bowl theme. as a community we were able to collect almost 400 cans to donate. The school hosted its second annual math escape room event for 4th graders hosted by the School Improvement Team. The students started the evening with a building-wide scavenger hunt where they were asked to solve various math problems to find the next clue. Students were then grouped into eight different "Escape Rooms" where they worked together to solve math problems in order to "escape" and "save the penguins."

NCRMS students, faculty and staff were treated to amazing performances by the Vocal Jazz, String Ensemble and the Jazz Band which highlighted their talents that have been developed through hard work and dedication. The Middle School Jazz Band participated in a JAZZ Day where students played in front of an adjudication that measured their playing and provided some constructive feedback, played with other people and got to listen to peers from other schools. The Lego League Team finished their season recently by competing at Huntington High School in the regional qualifying tournament which consisted of a robot game, robot design, adherence to core values, and a formal presentation. The team performed well and received their highest score to date in their final round of competition. The grade six field trip to the Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium provided an opportunity that connects to both the Social Studies and Science curriculums.

MPHS Living Environment classes had an enriching 'Skype a Scientist' session with Dr. Katherine Furniss, a geneticist from the University of Minnesota's Biotechnology Institute who introduced genetics and discussing the impact and nuances of genetic mutations. This interactive session allowed students to engage directly with a leading expert in the field, enriching their understanding of complex scientific concepts and their real-world applications. MPHS Senior, Emma Rosequist won an Honorable Mention Award at the SCALA - All County Art Exhibition for her mixed media drawing "Beyond the Glass" and this competitive art show featured work created by high school students throughout Suffolk County.

STEAM Night for our secondary students was held in February where approximately 90 students participated in STEAM-related classroom activities and an additional 50 middle school and high school students helped facilitate activities. Each classroom activity was facilitated by faculty members, along with special guests from the Tesla Science Center and Eastern Suffolk BOCES.

In Athletics, the combined Newfield-Miller Place Boys Fencing Team, including Miller Place starters Saaim Imran and Marc Lindemann, claimed the Suffolk County Fencing Boys Championship. Marc Lindemann won the deciding bout that clinched the title against Brentwood. and then in the Individual Suffolk County Championships three Miller Place fencers had podium

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finishes including Marc Lindemann who received a Gold in Boys' Foil, Meadow Dalberg, who received a Silver in Girls Foil, and Saaim Imran who placed 5th in Boys Saber. While in Girl's wrestling, Jiselle Menjivar-Robles placed 4th in the 126lbs class at the LI Girls Invitational Championship where Jiselle represented both MPHS and the combined Girls Team hosted by Rocky Point. This is the second consecutive year that Jiselle has placed in this event. The Boys MPHS Wrestling Team had ten members place at the League 6 Championships, including 3 Individual League Champions; three Miller Place wrestlers placed at Section XI Division I Suffolk County Individual Tournament including Freshman, Anthony Perrino in 6th Place at 108lbs; Senior Michael Giugliano in 2nd Place at 131lbs (NYS Championship Qualifier); and Senior Brian Schreck in 1st Place Champion at 160lbs (NYS Championship Qualifier).

He reviewed upcoming events including the MPHS Drama Production – Once Upon a Mattress; MPHS Varsity and Junior Varsity Spring Sports Begin; Foreign Language Honor Society Induction; Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation; MPHS Variety Show; and that NCRMS spring sports begin. Please remember that as the need arises District's monthly calendar will be adjusted and those updates will be made in red.

## **2. Board Members Message**

Ms. Reitan addressed some questions from previous meetings that have not been addressed before. A community member wanted to know more about our equity policy and that policy is still in review. The district started by using a NYSBBA sample policy as a starting point to form a policy for our district. She noted that the board is looking at what components work for us and what components do not work for the district. She noted that the board welcomes the community's input. Once the final version of the policy is approved then a committee will be formed to help understand the policy implementation within our district. Ms. Reitan stated that Ms. Card and Mr. Lipshie will be presenting the Superintendent's proposed budget to the community tonight. She noted that the Governor announced the proposed state budget which has negative impacts to school districts statewide. The board past and present is committed to advocating for our district and we have sent in a group advocacy letter electronically in conjunction with NYSBBA to Governor Hochul, Senator Palumbo, and Assemblywoman Giglio advocating for all school districts in the state for financial equity in the budget. The governor has taken out some major funding that will reverse years of progress towards full funding of Foundation Aid formulas (of which this board advocated for over the years) by eliminating certain hold harmless provisions and lowering the inflationary factor during a time of high economic inflation. Governor Hochul is also trying to rush requirements of zero emissions school buses which we are asking her to look at and extend the deadlines. Some of the other things we are advocating for are universal free meal programs for all schools and increased reimbursements to schools for preschools. In addition, this Board is developing a letter that we hope to get out by the end of this week advocating specifically those budget items that are and will affect Miller Place. It's important for the state to know that even though we have declining enrollment, the cost of education has gone up exponentially. Once the letter is complete, we will publish it on our web site.

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**D. PUBLIC BE HEARD**

Comments are limited to 2 minutes per person and a total of 30 minutes **related to agenda items only**, state name, resident or non-resident. All comments are to be directed to the Board of Education.

There were no comments about the agenda items.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA – MINUTES**

**1. 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 13, 2023 Business Meeting and February 15, 2024 Business Meeting.”

**F. CONSENT AGENDA – FINANCE/FACILITIES**

**1. Treasurer Reports**

This resolution accepts the Treasurer Reports for the period ending February 29, 2024.

**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 Treasurer Reports for the period ending February 29, 2024.”

**2. Financial Reports**

This resolution accepts the Financial Reports for the period ending February 29, 2024.

**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 February 29, 2024.”

**3. Extra Classroom Activity Reports**

This resolution accepts the Extra Classroom Activity Reports for the period ending February 29, 2024.

**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 Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for the period ending February 29, 2024.”

**4. Claims Auditor Reports**

This resolution accepts the Claims Auditor Reports as submitted by MacDonald, Rand & Vollaro LLP - Certified Public Accountants for the period ending February 29, 2024.

**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 period ending February 29, 2024.”

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**5. Health Service Contract**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the health service contract 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 2023-24 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 contract for the 2023-24 school year and furthermore authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign such contracts with the Middle Country Central School District."

**6. Donation – Miller Place PTO**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to accept a donation from the Miller Place PTO.

**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 donation of \$2,500.00 from the Miller Place PTO for Athletics (Adapted Students)."

**7. Property Tax Levy Cap**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the estimated tax levy cap calculation for the 2024-25 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 2024-25 tax levy cap calculation, for the 2024-25 budget and further directs the School Business Official to transmit the property tax levy cap calculation as required by March 1, 2024."

**8. Accept External Audit Report:**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to accept the External Federal Single Audit Report and related documents.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION: "BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby accepts the Federal Single Audit Report dated June 30, 2023 and audit letter dated February 9, 2024 which have been submitted by the District's External Auditors, Cullen and Danowski, LLP, to the District on February 15, 2024 along with the District's response to these documents dated February 15, 2024:

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

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**G. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL**

**1. Personnel List**

Mr. Lipshie and Mr. Herrschaft recommend and request your approval of the attached personnel list.

**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 28, 2024, 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 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.”

**H. CONSENT AGENDA – SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. CSE and CPSE Recommendations**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Wojnowski are requesting your approval of the CSE and CPSE recommendations.

**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 recommendations of the CSE’s and CPSE’s dated: CPSE AMPS 1-17-24; CPSE AMPS 1-22-24; CPSE-CSE AMPS 1-31-24; CSE LADSBS 1-22-24; CSE MPHS 2-1-24; CSE NCR 2-7-24.”

**2. Contracts – Shoreham Wading River Central School District**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Wojnowski are requesting your approval of the Shoreham Wading River Central School District contracts for students #000100996, 000101813, 000102347.

**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 Shoreham Wading River Central School District contracts for students #000100996, 000101813, 000102347 and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools to sign such agreements.”

**3. Contracts – Little Flower UFSD**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Wojnowski are requesting your approval of the Little Flower Union Free School District contracts for students #600041013.

**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 Little Flower Union Free School District contracts for students #600041013 and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools to sign such agreements.”

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**I. CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION – None**

**J. CONSENT AGENDA – OTHER – None**

**1. Budget Vote Workers**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. 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 21, 2024.

**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: Courtney Biondo; Karen Burkhart, Colleen Card; Cecily Cardinale; Patricia Chapin; Elaine Devaux; Kelly Dobias; Shanna Doyle; Anne DuBois; Rosemary Eisenhardt; Pamela Hagermann; Margaret Larom; Richard Larom; Laurette Ligonde; Michel Ligonde; Carrie Little; Andrew Montalbano; Ann Montalbano; Coreen Moschella; Antoinette Nocera; Debra Rasweiler; Bonnie Sannito; Lynn Scolfield; Cathy Schretzmayer; Jennifer Smith; Donna Talleur; Peter Thaw; Carol Ward.”

**2. Adoption of Vote Legal Ads**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the proposed legal notice for the 2024-25 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 proposed legal notices for the Tuesday, May 21, 2024 Budget Vote and Trustee Election which may be updated over the course of publication, if necessary based on legal advice or for needed translation corrections:

**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 7, 2024, 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 2024-2025 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 21, 2024.
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.

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A copy of the proposed budget shall be made available, upon request, to residents of the school district beginning Tuesday, April 30, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Office of District Clerk, Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, the School District is 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 21, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the gymnasium of the North Country Road Middle School, 191 North Country Road, Miller Place, New York, during which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025 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, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2027.
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, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and to expend therefore during the District's fiscal year 2024-2025 a sum of money not exceeding \$2,300,073.00 (Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Seventy Three Dollars and Zero 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 2024-2025, 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 30, 2024, 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 22, 2024, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated; must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 qualified voters or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual

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election); must state the name and residence of each signer, and, must state the name and residence of the candidate.

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

The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law in the Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, on Thursday, May 16, 2024, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. Registration is also conducted daily at the Office of the District Clerk, Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Prevailing Time, Monday through Friday. The last day to register shall be Thursday, May 16, 2024. The register so prepared pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk, Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on Thursday, May 16, 2024, 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 18, 2024, 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 25, 2024.

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 25, 2024. 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

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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 21, 2024 showing a cancellation mark of the United States Postal Service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States Government; or received not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024 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 21, 2024, 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 2025, 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 21, 2024.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that absentee and early mail voting will be permitted in accordance with Sections 2018-a and 2018-e of the Education Law. All applications for absentee and early mail ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk beginning Monday, April 22, 2024; 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 or their designated agent. If an applicant or their agent delivers an application for an early mail ballot after May 14, 2024 and not later than the day before the election, the District Clerk shall deliver the early mail ballot when the applicant and/or their agent appears in the District Clerk's office. Absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

A list of persons to whom absentee and early mail 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 16, 2024, 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 21, 2024, 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.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that beginning Thursday, May 16, 2024, a list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available during regular Office hours in the Office of the District Clerk (between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time) on each of the five days prior to the day of the election except Sunday or holidays, and available on Saturday by appointment only.

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No absentee or early mail voter's ballot shall be canvassed, unless it shall have been received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., Prevailing Time, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, the day of the election.

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 22, 2024, 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 56 qualified voters of the District (representing 5% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); and must legibly state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, which is unlawful or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition, or where other valid reason exists for excluding the proposition from the ballot.

**Dated: February 28, 2024**

**By Order of the**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE**

**MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Miller Place, New York**

**Patricia Morbillo, District Clerk**

**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**

POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que una Audiencia Pública de los votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Libre Miller Place Unión, Miller Place, Condado de Suffolk, Nueva York, se llevará a cabo en la Escuela Secundaria Miller Place del Distrito Escolar Libre Miller Place Unión, 15 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, en dicho Distrito el martes 7 de mayo de 2024, a las 7:00 p.m., hora vigente, para la transacción de negocios autorizados por la Ley de Educación, incluyendo los siguientes artículos:

1. Presentar a los electores una declaración detallada (propuesta de presupuesto) de la cantidad de dinero que se requerirá para el año fiscal 2024-2025.
2. Discutir todos los puntos que a continuación se establecen para ser votados mediante máquinas de votación en la Votación y Elección del Presupuesto a realizarse el martes 21 de mayo de 2024.
3. Tramitar otros asuntos que puedan presentarse adecuadamente ante la reunión de conformidad con la Ley de Educación del Estado de Nueva York y las leyes que la modifican.

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Una copia del presupuesto propuesto estará disponible, previa solicitud, para los residentes del distrito escolar a partir del martes 30 de abril de 2024, entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora predominante, en la Oficina del Distrito. Secretario, Edificio de Administración, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York.

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

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que dicha Votación y Elección del Presupuesto se llevará a cabo el martes 21 de mayo de 2024, entre las 6:00 a. m. y las 9:00 p. m., hora predominante, en el gimnasio de North Country Road Middle School, 191 North Country Road, Miller Place, Nueva York, tiempo durante el cual las urnas estarán abiertas para votar mediante máquinas de votación sobre los siguientes puntos:

1. Adoptar el presupuesto anual del Distrito Escolar para el año fiscal 2024-2025 y autorizar que la porción requerida del mismo se recaude mediante impuestos sobre la propiedad sujeta a impuestos del Distrito.
2. Elegir un (1) miembro de la Junta de Educación por un período de tres años que comenzará el 1 de julio de 2024 y finalizará el 30 de junio de 2027.
3. Que con el fin de permitir que los residentes de este Distrito tengan el beneficio de los servicios bibliotecarios completos, la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Libre Miller Place Unión está autorizada a celebrar un contrato con la Biblioteca Pública de Comsewogue y la Biblioteca Pública de Port Jefferson. Biblioteca Gratuita para dichos servicios bibliotecarios durante el período del 1 de julio de 2024 al 30 de junio de 2025 y para gastar durante el año fiscal 2024-2025 del Distrito una suma de dinero que no exceda los \$2,300,073.00 (Dos Millones Trescientos Mil Setenta y Tres Dólares con Cero Centavos) y que la Junta de Educación esté autorizada a imponer el impuesto necesario para ello.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que cualquier residente del Distrito puede obtener una copia de la declaración de la cantidad de dinero que se requerirá para financiar el presupuesto del Distrito Escolar para 2024-2025, excluyendo los fondos públicos, entre las horas de 9:00 a.m. y 3:00 p.m. a partir del martes 30 de abril de 2024, excepto sábados, domingos o feriados, en el Edificio Administrativo, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, y en cada escuela del Distrito.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que las peticiones para nominar 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 del 22 de abril de 2024, entre las 9:00 y las 17:00 horas, horario vigente. Las vacantes en la Junta de

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Educación no se consideran cargos separados y específicos; los candidatos se postulan en libertad. Las peticiones de nominación no describirán ninguna vacante específica en la Junta para la cual se nombra al candidato; debe dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito; debe estar firmado por al menos 25 votantes calificados del Distrito (que representen el mayor entre 25 votantes calificados o el 2% del número de votantes que votaron en la elección anual anterior); debe indicar el nombre y residencia de cada firmante, y debe indicar el nombre y residencia del candidato.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que se requiere el registro personal de los votantes de conformidad con el artículo 2014 de la Ley de Educación o de conformidad con el Artículo 5 de la Ley Electoral. Si un votante se ha registrado hasta ahora de conformidad con la Sección 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, él o ella es elegible para votar en esta elección. Si un elector está registrado y tiene derecho a votar en virtud del artículo 5 de la Ley Electoral, también tiene derecho a votar en esta elección. Todas las demás personas que deseen votar deben registrarse.

La Junta de Registro se reunirá con el fin de registrar a todos los votantes calificados del Distrito de conformidad con la Sección 2014 de la Ley de Educación en el Edificio Administrativo, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, el jueves 16 de mayo de 2024, entre las horas de 10:00 a.m. y 2:00 p.m., hora vigente, para agregar cualquier nombre adicional al Registro a ser utilizado en la elección antes mencionada, momento en el cual cualquier persona tendrá derecho a que su nombre sea incluido en dicho Registro, siempre que en dicha reunión de la Junta de Registro se sepa o se demuestre, a satisfacción de dicha Junta de Registro, que en ese momento o en adelante tiene derecho a votar en la elección para la cual se prepara el registro. La inscripción también se realiza diariamente en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito, Edificio de Administración, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora vigente, de lunes a viernes. El último día para registrarse será el jueves 16 de mayo de 2024. El registro así preparado de conformidad con el artículo 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 a partir del jueves 16 de mayo de 2024, entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora predominante, los días laborables y cada día anterior al día establecido. para la elección, excepto el domingo, y el sábado 18 de mayo de 2024, con cita previa y en el(los) lugar(es) de votación el día de la votación.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, la boleta militar original de un votante militar debe devolverse por correo o en persona a la Oficina del Secretario de Distrito en el Edificio de Administración, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York. Las boletas militares se escrutarán si las recibe el Secretario de Distrito antes del cierre de las urnas el 21 de mayo de 2024 y muestren una marca de cancelación del Servicio Postal de los Estados Unidos o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o muestren un endoso fechado de recepción por parte de otra agencia. del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos; o recibido a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. el 21 de mayo de 2024 y firmado y fechado por el elector militar y un testigo del mismo, con fecha que se determina no posterior al día anterior a la elección.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que de conformidad con el artículo 2014 de la Ley de Educación del Estado de Nueva York, la Junta de Registro se reunirá el martes 21 de mayo de 2024, entre las 6:00 a. m. y las 9:00 p. m., 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 y Elección del Presupuesto que se llevará a cabo en 2025, y

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cualquier reuniones especiales de distrito que puedan celebrarse después de la preparación de dicho Registro, momento en el cual cualquier persona tendrá derecho a que su nombre se incluya en dicho Registro siempre que en dicha reunión de dicha Junta de Registro se sepa o se demuestre que la satisfacción de que dicha Junta de Registro tenga derecho a votar en ese momento o en adelante en la elección escolar para la cual se prepara dicho Registro, o en cualquier reunión especial del distrito celebrada después del 21 de mayo de 2024.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que se permitirá la votación en ausencia y anticipada por correo de conformidad con las Secciones 2018 a y 2018-e de la Ley de Educación. Todas las solicitudes de boleta en ausencia y por correo anticipado se podrán obtener durante el horario comercial escolar a través de la Secretaria del Distrito a partir del lunes 22 de abril de 2024; las solicitudes completas deben ser recibidas por el Secretario del Distrito al menos siete (7) días antes de la elección si la boleta se enviará por correo al votante, o el día antes de la elección, si la boleta se entregará personalmente al votante o a su agente designado. Si un solicitante o su agente entrega una solicitud para una boleta anticipada por correo después del 14 de mayo de 2024 y a más tardar el día antes de la elección, el Secretario del Distrito entregará la boleta anticipada por correo cuando el solicitante y/o su agente se presenten en el Distrito. Oficina del secretario. Las boletas en ausencia y anticipadas por correo deben ser recibidas por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m., hora vigente, del martes 21 de mayo de 2024.

Una lista de las personas a quienes se les emiten boletas de voto en ausencia y anticipadas por correo estará disponible para su inspección para 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. 16 de mayo de 2024, en el horario de 9:00 a. m. y 3:00 p. m. los días laborables anteriores al día fijado para la elección anual y el 21 de mayo de 2024, día fijado para la elección. Cualquier votante calificado presente en el lugar de votación puede oponerse a la votación de la boleta por motivos apropiados haciendo saber su impugnación y las razones por lo tanto al Inspector de Elecciones antes del cierre de las urnas.

TENGA EN CUENTA ADEMÁS que, a partir del jueves 16 de mayo de 2024, una lista de todas las personas a quienes se les habrán emitido boletas de voto en ausencia y por correo anticipado estará disponible durante el horario de oficina habitual en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito (entre las y 9:00 a.m. y 3:00 p.m., hora vigente) en cada uno de los cinco días anteriores al día de la elección, excepto domingos o días festivos, y disponible los sábados únicamente con cita previa.

No se escrutará ninguna boleta de votante ausente o anticipada por correo, a menos que haya sido recibida en la Oficina del Secretario de Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m., hora vigente, del martes 21 de mayo de 2024, el día de la elección.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que de conformidad con una regla adoptada por la Junta de Educación de conformidad con la Sección 2035 de la Ley de Educación, cualquier referéndum o propuesta para enmendar el presupuesto, o que de otro modo se presente para votación en dicha elección, debe ser presentada ante el Secretario del Distrito, Junta de Educación en el Edificio Administrativo, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, con tiempo suficiente para permitir que el aviso de la propuesta se incluya con el Aviso de audiencia pública, votación y elección del presupuesto requerido por Artículo 2004 de la Ley de Educación o en o antes del 22 de marzo de 2024, a las 3:00 p.m., hora vigente; debe estar mecanografiado o impreso en idioma inglés; debe dirigirse al

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Secretario del Distrito Escolar; debe estar firmado por al menos 56 votantes calificados del Distrito (que representen el 5% del número de votantes que votaron en la elección anual anterior); y debe indicar de manera legible el nombre y residencia de cada firmante. Sin embargo, la Junta Escolar no considerará ninguna petición para presentar ante los votantes ninguna propuesta cuyo propósito no esté dentro del poder de los votantes para determinar, que sea ilegal o cualquier propuesta que no incluya una asignación específica donde el gasto de dinero es requerido por la propuesta, o cuando existe otra razón válida para excluir la propuesta de la boleta.

**FECHA: 28 de febrero de 2024**

**Por Orden del**

**JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN DE LA**

**DISTRITO ESCOLAR LIBRE DE MILLER PLACE UNION**

**Miller Place, Nueva York**

**Patricia Morbillo, Secretaria de Distrito.”**

**3. Waiver and Liability Release – Town of Brookhaven**

Mr. Lipshie and Mr. Petrie are requesting your approval of the waiver and liability release from the Town of Brookhaven for utilizing some of the town fields for competitions for some spring sports competitions due to issues with daylight and the start time of events being later.

**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 waiver and liability release and furthermore authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign such contracts with the Town of Brookhaven.”

**K. CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL**

Ms. Reitan thanked the Miller Place PTO for their generous donation.

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Makarius moved, seconded by Mr. Galligan, to accept the Consent Agenda.

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

**L. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Student Representative Report**

The Board Student Representative, Shane Lomascolo, commented on the MPHS happenings including the FBLA carnation flower sale for Valentines Day, the upcoming production of Once Upon a Mattress, the start of spring sports and the upcoming Talent Show.

**2. Board Committees**

Mr. Makarius reviewed the Health and Safety Committee meeting that was held in January. The committee reviewed the 2021 bond project work, the NCRMS north driveway speed hump that

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was installed to slow down traffic, the temporary repair made at LADSBS women's bathroom, early evacuation drill held in November, the AMPS plumbing issues that Mr. Lipshie reviewed at the January meeting.

Mr. Galligan reviewed the Wellness Committee meeting that was held in February. The committee reviewed the Food Service self-assessment scorecard, nutritional advisory meetings with students that have been completed, the upcoming nutritional audit, the new athletic training graduate student working in the district with Ms. Hannah Kuemmel, Aaron's Law, PS I love you day to support those suffering from mental health issues, substance abuse and addiction prevention advocacy, the presentation by Dr. Patcher on drug issues in December and the upcoming presentation, and the upcoming health and wellness presentations at Port Jeff School.

**3. Bond 2021 Update**

Ms. Reitan asked Ms. Card to update the board on the 2021 bond projects. She stated that the NCR ventilation project, NCR Family and Consumer Science classroom and LADSBS art room project planning continues. The work on the NCR ventilation project has begun with the installation of piping. The NCR Family and Consumer Science classroom and LADSBS art room will begin during the April break and continue after the break with the intended goal of having the classrooms ready for the September opening of school if everything goes well. The LADSBS ventilation project is still pending the switchgear shipment in late February 2024 and delivery in March. Once the switchgear is in place then the transformer installation will be scheduled with PSEG. The AMPS ventilation project is proceeding. The switchgear is expected to arrive this summer and once the switch gear is in place then the transformer installation will be scheduled with PSEG. The AMPS gymnasium masonry wall for the corridor linking the new gymnasium to the existing building is under construction. The concrete wall panels for the gymnasium are on order and we are waiting for a delivery date on these panels. The MPHS ventilation and paving projects are awaiting the state review process. Currently the posted New York State Facilities Planning wait time to begin the architectural review process is 22-24 weeks while the engineering review process is 24-26 weeks at this time. We will continue to update everyone on the review status each month. An updated financial analysis of the bond expenses to date has been posted on the website. She noted that all of the bond information can be found on the district website under departments > business office > bond information for your reference. The board asked if either LADSBS or AMPS would have air conditioning this school year. Ms. Card advised that AMPS definitely would not have air conditioning this school year as the required switch gear is not due to arrive until the summer. The LADSBS switch gear is ship in February so once that is installed then the contractor has to schedule with PSEG to install a transformer and switch over the electrical service so she said there was a possibility but was not sure if this would be able to happen during this school year due to timing and the need to shut down the building to make the switch. The board asked Ms. Card to advise the board once information is received on the LADSBS switch gear delivery date and schedules.

**4. Public Hearing on Real Property Tax Law Exemptions**

**Persons Aged 65 and Over with Limited Income Tax Exemption  
and**

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**Persons with Limited Income and Disabilities Tax Exemption**

Ms. Reitan asked Ms. Card to review the real property tax exemption. She noted that the district has been notified that due to changes in the Real Property Tax Law that the District is required to hold a public hearing to define the tax exemption language regarding new income definitions enacted by the legislature for Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income RPTL 459-c and Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons Age 65 & Older with Limited Income RPTL 467. The Town of Brookhaven has suggested that Districts in the town enact the following provisions for consistency and with respect to the calculation of income for the purposes of the tax exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income, social security benefits **are counted** as income; and with respect to the calculation of income for the purposes of the tax exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income, taxable IRA and distributions from a retirement account **are counted** as income; and with respect to the calculation of income for the purposes of the tax exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income, income **may not** be offset by medication and prescription expenses paid and not reimbursed by insurance. The District is not required at this time to amend the income bracket to be eligible for the exemption. The current income bracket is set at \$37,400 for your reference. Ms. Card stated that this needed to be enacted by March in order to be effective for the next tax year which starts in December. The board asked Ms. Card that these are the Town of Brookhaven's recommendations that the schools in the Town of Brookhaven follow and she confirmed that they are the Town's recommendations. The public hearing was then opened for public comment and there was no comments from the public regarding the two tax exemptions.

**5. Superintendent's Proposed 2024-25 Budget Presentation**

Ms. Card gave an overview and presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for 2024-25 school year with budget schedules, tax levy cap calculation, state aid changes, reserves and reserve usage, state aid ratios, enrollment, class size information, detailed information about revenue budget and expense budget. The proposed budget is within the state prescribed tax levy limit formula. The Board had several remarks and questions about the budget which were answered by Ms. Card and Mr. Lipshie. Ms. Card noted several upcoming budget dates and stated that the next Budget Workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. She reminded everyone that all of the budget information is posted on the District website under the Business Office department section for easy access and review. Mr. Lipshie reviewed some of his thought processes that went into developing this budget proposal including increases in health insurance and transportation. He reminded everyone that some of these numbers are projected. The board asked about the enrollment changes, gifted and talented program (not recommending in the budget), and transportation increase. Mr. Lipshie did not add any new programs in the budget, and he doesn't want to add new programs without the ability to sustain the program.

The community asked questions about the school libraries, athletic program, and staff.

Ms. Reitan thanked the administrative staff for their hard work on the budget proposal.

**M. DISCUSSION – None**

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**N. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**1. Acceptance of the Miller Place School District Calendar 2024-25**

Mr. Lipshie is requesting your approval of the resolution to adopt the Miller Place Union Free School District calendar for the 2024-25 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 2024-25 school year as presented.”

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to approve the Miller Place School District Calendar 2024-25 as presented.

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

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

**2. Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income RPTL 459-c**

This resolution needs to be adopted for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income RPTL 459-c to define the District’s tax exemption language due to new income definitions enacted by the legislature.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION: “WHEREAS**, Section 459-c of the New York State Real Property Tax Law provides that a public school district may grant a partial exemption from taxation for real property which is owned by certain persons with limited income who are disabled meeting the requirements set forth in section 459-c of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Miller Place has previously authorized this partial exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) 459-c provides for a new definition of income for exemption purposes for qualifying Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income; and;

**WHEREAS**, RPTL 459-c defines income as the federal adjusted gross income (FAGI) reported on the applicant’s federal income tax return plus any tax-exempt interest or dividends that were excluded from the FAGI; and

**WHEREAS**, RPTL 459-c allows school districts the option of adjusting the income definition further via adoption of a resolution after a public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Miller Place UFSD held a Public Hearing on [DATE] regarding the possible adjustments to income for purposes of the exemption under RPTL 459-c; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Miller Place UFSD desires to make adjustments to the income for purposes of RPTL 459-c.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, with respect to the calculation of income for the purposes of the tax exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income, social security benefits **are counted** as income; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, with respect to the calculation of income for the purposes of the tax exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income, taxable IRA and distributions from a retirement account **are counted** as income; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, with respect to the calculation of income for the purposes of the tax exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income, income **may not** be offset by medication and prescription expenses paid and not reimbursed by insurance.”

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

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

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

**3. Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons Age 65 & Older with Limited Income RPTL 467**

This resolution to be adopted for Persons Age 65 & Older with Limited Income (RPTL 467) is to define the District’s tax exemption language due to new income definitions enacted by the legislature.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** “**WHEREAS**, Section 467 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) provides that a public school district may grant a partial exemption from taxation for real property which is owned by certain persons with limited income who are aged 65 and over meeting the requirements set forth in section 467 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Miller Place UFSD has previously authorized this partial exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, RPTL 467 provides for a new definition of income for exemption purposes for qualifying Persons with aged 65 and over; and;

**WHEREAS**, RPTL 467 defines income as the federal adjusted gross income (FAGI) reported on the applicant’s federal income tax return plus any tax-exempt interest or dividends that were excluded from the FAGI; and

**WHEREAS**, RPTL 467 allows school districts the option of adjusting the income definition further via adoption of a resolution after a public hearing; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Miller Place UFSD held a Public Hearing on February 28, 2024 regarding the possible income adjustments for purposes of the exemption under RPTL 467; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Miller Place UFSD desires to make adjustments to the income for purposes of RPTL 467.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, with respect to the calculation of income for the purposes of the tax exemption for Persons Aged 65 and Over with Limited Income, social security benefits **are counted** as income; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, with respect to the calculation of income for the purposes of the tax exemption for Persons Aged 65 and Over with Limited Income, taxable IRA and distributions from a retirement account **are counted** as income; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, with respect to the calculation of income for the purposes of the tax exemption for Persons Aged 65 and Over with Limited Income, income **may not** be offset by medication and prescription expenses paid and not reimbursed by insurance.”

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

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

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

**O. BOARD POLICIES – First Time Reading – None**

**P. BOARD POLICIES – Review**

TBD -- Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity in Education  
5160 -- Student Attendance

**Q. BOARD POLICIES – Action**

1511 -- Posting or Distributing Flyers  
2360 -- Minutes  
2550 -- Compensation and Expenses-Board Members  
5150 -- School Admissions  
5150.E -- School Admissions-Affidavits  
7000.E2 -- Application for Public Use of School Facilities

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to approve the policies in action.

Mr. Makarius moved, seconded by Ms. Spaniolas, to approve the policies in action.

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

**R. OTHER – None**

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**S. PUBLIC BE HEARD**

Comments are limited to 2 minutes per person and a total of 30 minutes; state name, resident, or non-resident. All comments are to be directed to the Board of Education. The Board of Education follows Policy 1440 – Public Complaints about District Personnel in which the Board discourages complaints or criticisms about individual District personnel at our public meetings. If there is a concern about individual District personnel, please contact the Superintendent of Schools.

One community member spoke to the board about the type and availability of music classes.

**T. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Galligan moved, seconded by Ms. Spaniolas, to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

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

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