

MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MILLER PLACE, NEW YORK  
BOARD MINUTES  
MARCH 27, 2024

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

**Those Present:**

Board Vice President:	Mr. Bryan Makarius (Arrived at 7:30 p.m.)
Board Trustee:	Mr. John Galligan
Board Trustee:	Ms. Andrea Spaniolas
Board Trustee:	Ms. Johanna Testa
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 President: Ms. Lisa Reitan

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**A. BOARD SESSION**

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

Ms. Testa called the business meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. and stated that the board needed a motion to move directly into executive session for the purpose of discussing specific legal and specific personnel 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. Testa asked for a motion to move into executive session for specific legal and specific personnel matters.

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

**Yes 3; No 0; Motion Carried**

Mr. Makarius asked for a motion to exit the executive session and reconvene the business meeting at 8:01 p.m.

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

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

**2. Mr. Makarius reviewed the emergency procedures.**

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**B. RECOGNITION**

**1. Recognition of Veterans**

Mr. Makarius acknowledged the veterans, and their families present at the meeting.

**2. Recognition of Media**

There was no media present at the meeting.

**3. Recognition**

• Athletic Department Recognition

Mr. Lipshie introduced Mr. Ron Petrie, Athletic Director to recognize Miller Place High School athletic team members who had great athletic success this school year. Meadow Dalberg is the runner up for Girls Foil and was also selected as an All-Long Island participant. Marc Lindemann is now a two-time Suffolk County defending champion in Boys Foil and he is part of the four-time Suffolk County championship team as well. Brian Schreck was recognized for being Suffolk County Wrestling Champion in the 160lb weight class who is also a three time all league competitor, two time all county competitor aa NYS qualifier this year, and Section XI flag bearer. Michael Giugliano was recognized for being a Suffolk County Wrestling Runner-up, and NYSPHSAA 4th Place—All State 113lb weight class, who is also a five-time all-county and all-league competitor, and three-time NYS qualifier and all state finisher. Jillian Scully was recognized for being the Suffolk County Champion in shotput, NYSPHSAA and NYS Federation Champion, and she attended the Nike Indoor US Nationals where she earned a 3rd Place finish and All-American status. She currently holds all Miller Place throwing records and has the all-time fourth best record in Suffolk County. The Board of Education and Administration congratulated everyone on these accomplishments, and they all received a certificate of recognition.

• Music – SCMEA Scholarship

Mr. Lipshie introduced Ms. Isenberg, Lead Teacher in Music, to recognize North Country Road Middle School student Caden Kidd who received the Suffolk County Music Educators' Association Award scholarship for outstanding music students from Suffolk County. The Board of Education and Administration congratulated Caden on this accomplishment, and he received a certificate of recognition.

**C. MESSAGES**

**1. Superintendent Message**

Mr. Makarius introduced Mr. Lipshie to give his message. He began with a highlight of the events and activities that have taken place since the last board meeting.

At AMPS, students from North Country Road Middle School visited Andrew Muller Primary School to read to every class in honor of Dr. Suess's Birthday, and they also held its annual P.A.R.P. (Parents As Reading Partners) event with this year's theme being Dinosaurs. Students had a fun filled week which focused on Digging Into a Good Book and developing a love for reading. Each day a new category of Dinosaurs was introduced along with reading, writing, geography, vocabulary, movement, art, and music activities. The building this past month had two field trips: Grade 1 visited Theatre Three to see Dorothy's Adventure in OZ, and Grade 2

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visited CM Performing Arts Center to see Flat Stanley. These books the students will read in class. AMPS concluded their club activities for the 2023-24 school year and the clubs included Art, Board Games, Coding, Dance, Lego Crafts, Maker Space and Music.

At LADSBS, students in the Service Club thanked everyone for participating in the collection of personal care items. The Third Grade class participated in an evening family event, Spring Into Reading and students, along with a parent, had a chance to read Fairy Tales from around the globe and “visit” a variety of countries through literature. Fifth grade students had the opportunity to interact with Miller Place High School student-athletes, who champion good sportsmanship, decision-making, and authentic conversations as a part of “Athletes Helping Athletes” Program. The goal was to connect with our fifth graders through the use of games and role-playing. The building had three field trips: Grade 3 students visited Port Jeff Bowling Alley as an enhancement of the science curriculum, Grade 4 students visited the Vanderbilt Planetarium where students toured the grounds of The Vanderbilt and immersed themselves in a planetarium show spotlighting the ecosystem, Grade 5 students visited the Brookhaven National Lab where students were actively engaged in hands-on learning activities covering electricity, engineering, and light scientific concepts. LADSBS concluded their club activities for the 2023-24 school year and the clubs included Coding, School Newspaper, Movie Maker, Physical Education, Yoga, Fashion, Trivia, Kindness, Sign Language, Writing, Lego, Paleontologist, and Service.

At NCRMS, Grade 6 students met with members of the MPHS world language national honor society last month to discuss their choice of study in language (Spanish or Italian). He noted that two grade six students, Anna Thompson and Ninaada Tenkabail, will be recognized at the Colors of Long Island Exhibition at the Stony Brook Long Island Museum. U.S. Marine Tyler Cerce who served as a guard to a number of U.S. Embassies in Europe and Asia was invited to share his experiences from around the world with Ms. Hibbard’s class as well as some pictures from his deployments and his current work as a shooting instructor and working with the Olympic trial team due to his extensive skills. Grade 6 students visited the Vanderbilt Planetarium and Museum and experienced the "To Space and Back" show, a journey through the cosmos that demonstrated the intersection of space exploration and everyday technology and the visit included exploring the ancient world exhibit which brought history to life.

At MPHS, AP Biology students embarked on a virtual expedition to the landscapes of Madagascar which dived into molecular ecology and conservation genetics through hands-on experience with advanced scientific techniques and also fostered a deeper understanding of the pressing issues in conservation genetics and molecular evolution. Seventy-three MPHS students were inducted to the Foreign Language Honor Society recognized for their academic success in World Languages. MPHS students participated in the ISTEM Collaborative at SUNY Stony Brook University where they had the opportunity to choose one session to attend including animal behaviors, biosciences, electrical engineering, and marine science.

Mr. Lipshie reviewed that students from MPHS, NCRMS and LADSBS, participated in this year’s MATHCON which was a grade level online challenge where the questions provided require ingenuity and insight. Stephen Ye, a 10th grade student at MPHS placed as a MATHCON Finalist, securing a spot in the National MATHCON Finals in May. Miller Place students will

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have the opportunity to participate in viewing the Solar Eclipse using ISO safety glasses. Each building will have a designated location and to participate students need completed parent permission slips to be submitted which ensures students can use the provided safety glasses and partake in this educational experience. As of this writing, we have over 1,264 students signed up.

Mr. Lipshie noted that in Athletics, all 6 of our Varsity Winter Sports Teams earned Scholar Athlete status for their seasons and to achieve this designation, 75% of each Varsity Roster must average a 90 GPA. 94 out of 145 participating Varsity Athletes earned Individual Scholar Athlete pins. Spring sports started with 390 High School registrations and 176 NCRM-MS registrations for all Spring Sports Teams.

He reviewed upcoming events including the spring concert season, Kindergarten DIAL screenings, LADSBS Spring Pictures, MPHS Junior Prom, AMPS Art Show, and NCRMS Grade 6 & 7 Dance. He noted that the school district is closed from March 29-April 2. 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**

Mr. Makarius noted that Ms. Reitan was unable to attend this evening's board meeting and read the board member message that she had prepared. Mr. Makarius addressed some questions from previous meetings. He thanked everyone for coming to the board meeting tonight. As we have done in the past, we listen to your public be heard comments and try to provide information at the next board meeting. At our last board meeting, a community member asked about increasing offerings within our music program and we wanted to follow up with some information. In the 2023-24 school year, the district enhanced the music experience by adding lessons at LADSBS. Additionally, the district allows students at LADSBS to participate in orchestra and chorus; and band and chorus but unfortunately, students cannot participate in band and orchestra. At NCRMS students are limited to one ensemble (band, orchestra, or chorus). With regard to MPHS music scheduling, singletons (only one class is offered) the following is considered when creating a schedule is one that works for the entire student body and not creating course conflict (choices) for students. Therefore, they try to avoid creating courses that run during the same periods because that forces students to choose one over the other and leads to lower class numbers, and then those classes cannot run. It is rare for students to seek to be in band and orchestra ensemble and it would not make sense to build a program for that reason. If we created the unique program that was suggested, we would have a greater potential for schedule conflicts and potentially incur additional costs.

## **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.

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**E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**1. Naming of Facilities**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** “**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves renaming the baseball field for Mr. Donard A. Pranzo in accordance with Policy 7500 Naming of Facilities.”

Mr. Makarius asked for a motion to adopt the Naming of Facilities resolution.

Mr. Galligan moved, seconded by Ms. Testa, to adopt the Naming of Facilities resolution.

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

Mr. Makarius asked Mr. Lipshie to speak about this Naming of Facilities. Mr. Lipshie stated that tonight, we are honoring one of the most respected individuals that has ever worked for the Miller Place School District. Mr. Donard Pranzo is considered the founder of the Miller Place Athletic Program. He started his career at Miller Place in 1955 when Miller Place was a K – 8 school district and during his time here he coached an incredible 12 different sports at the junior high level. In 1969 he became the first athletic administrator for the district and was the person who designed and supervised the construction of the athletic fields and facilities. He is responsible for the initial hiring of many of our outstanding teachers and successful coaches. Regarding his coaching, Mr. Pranzo established his legacy as a varsity baseball coach. He coached for 20 years winning 7 League Titles, 2 County Championships, 1 Long Island Championship and in 1985 finished 2nd in the state! He was named Coach of the Year on 7 different occasions and was a pioneer creating coaching tools providing Miller Place players with the best possible chance for success. One of his innovations was stapling a winter glove to a small piece of wood to teach his players how to catch the ball with “soft hands” and today, Derek Jeter markets the same training tool. Today, we use video to analyze and perfect performance and Coach Pranzo used pictures from the newspaper and magazines of perfect form and taped them to players lockers for visual reinforcement.

A testimonial from one of the most successful coaches in Suffolk County history stated “As a very young, inexperienced educator and coach, I was seeking out guidance from teachers and coaches that I respected. One of the very first people to help mentor me along my way as a coach was Don. Despite the fact that we were coaching opponents, Don was always willing to share ideas and philosophies of guiding high school athletes. It was not so much the particular teaching the skills of baseball, but rather the best ways to develop a successful overall program. MPHS baseball was one the premier baseball programs in Suffolk County during the years that Don coached there. His players were always extremely well coached, behaved the proper way on the field and set by example the most important traits of high school athletes.” A former player stated “Nearly two decades after playing for Coach, the idea of approaching baseball with a mind towards mathematics seems normal. However, in 2003 Don had the vision far before it was mainstream. Ideas such as maximizing the at-bats of your best players by rethinking the “traditional” lineup were commonplace for Coach, despite the fact that others scoffed at the idea. There was never a decision made that did not represent intent and deep understanding of the game and what was best for the team. From this I learned how to “think the game”, and it has served me well in sport, and in my personal life.”

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Everyone who was either coached or taught by Mr. Pranzo has a lasting memory of him. He taught life lessons through sports that impacted these young adults and still influence them today. As an indication of his impact, each of the first 29 Miller Place Hall of Fame inductees thanked him personally during their acceptance speeches.

The BOE has decided to name the Miller Place High School Varsity baseball field after Donard A. Pranzo. Mr. Chris Grady, who submitted the official naming request, is out of town and cannot attend the meeting tonight but he asked me to pass on his congratulations. It is my privilege to introduce Coach Pranzo as the new namesake of the Miller Place baseball field.

Coach Pranzo came up to the podium and thanked the board for this honor and then highlighted some Miller Place history and the time that he devoted to Miller Place coaching. He noted that when he started working for Miller Place the district had 190 students from grades K-8, one bus, and the high school students attended the Port Jefferson School District. He noted that eventually Port Jefferson would no longer take Miller Place and Rocky Point students which was the reason that the current high school was built, and he noted some design aspects of the building and of the fields. This portion of the meeting ended with a final congratulations to Mr. Donard Pranzo on this well-deserved recognition.

**F. 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 February 28, 2024 Business Meeting and March 13, 2024 Business Meeting.”

**G. 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.”

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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.”

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 Smithtown School District.”

6. **The Waterview at Port Jefferson Country Club**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the contract with The Waterview at Port Jefferson Country Club for the Drama Club Dinner to be held on June 15, 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 approves the contract with The Waterview at Port Jefferson Country Club for the 2023-24 Drama Club Dinner and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

7. **Tommy Tunes Contract**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the contract with Tommy’s Tunes for the Drama Club Dinner to be held on June 15, 2024.

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the contract with Tommy’s Tunes for the Drama Club Dinner for the 2023-24 school year and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

**8. Purchasing Contracts - Eastern Suffolk BOCES for 2024-25**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting approval of the following resolution to purchase goods and materials from various BOCES contracts.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** “**BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS**, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miller Place Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the “Participant”) is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

**WHEREAS**, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the “Program”) in the areas mentioned above; and

**WHEREAS**, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES’ standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

**WHEREAS**, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding the bids, and reporting the results to the Participant.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and



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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.”

**9. Donation – Scholarships and Awards**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to accept donations for the scholarships and awards.

**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 each of the scholarship and awards donations from:

**MPUFSD Senior Scholarships and Awards**

Donard Pranzo – 100.00  
Miller Place Friends of the Arts – 4,500.00  
Raymond Sommerstad – 100.00  
Manzoni Real Estate – 100.00  
Village Beacon Record – 100.00  
Miller Place Homemakers – 200.00  
Bruce R. Kagan – 100.00  
Interdistrict Council of Superintendents – 250.00

**and for the following Scholarships and Awards accounts:**

Andrew McMorris Foundation – 2,000.00 – Andrew McMorris Scholarship

**10. Request for Proposal Extension #25-18-Universal Pre-K Program**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to extend the Request for Proposal (RFP) award for a Universal Pre-K Program #25-18 for the 2024-25 school year and approve the related agreement.

**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 Universal Pre-K Program Request for Proposal (RFP) #25-18 Extension for the 2024-25 school year, approve the related agreement, and hereby authorizes the Board of Education President to sign the agreement.”

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**H. 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 March 27, 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.”

**2. Stony Brook University Athletics Training Agreement**

Mr. Lipshie and Mr. Herrschaft are requesting your approval of the addendum to extend the clinical affiliation agreement with Stony Brook University Athletics for student trainers for the time period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**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 clinical affiliation agreement with Stony Brook University Athletics, and furthermore authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement.”

**I. 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 1-12-24; CPSE AMPS 3-8-24; CSE AMPS 1-26-24; CSE AMPS 3-1-24; CSE LADSBS 3-7-24; CSE NCR 3-12-24; CSE OOD 1-31-24.”

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

**K. CONSENT AGENDA – OTHER**

**1. Property Tax Report Card**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to be in compliance with Educational Law section 2023, which references the budget process, and requires the Board of Education to develop a Property Tax Report Card form. The forms are required to be available in both English and Spanish.

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**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 attached Property Tax Report Card (English and Spanish) associated with the adopted 2024-25 fiscal year budget which may be amended if necessary. The Board further directs the School Business Official to transmit the approved Property Tax Report Card to the New York State Education Department on April 22, 2024, and to the District’s official newspapers by April 23, 2024.”

**L. CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL**

Mr. Makarius thanked everyone for their generous scholarship donations.

Mr. Makarius asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

**M. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Student Representative Report**

The Student Representative was not in attendance.

**2. Board Committees**

**Curriculum Committee**

Ms. Spaniolas reviewed the Curriculum Committee that was held on March 6, 2024. She highlighted some curriculum items including art presentations and that some artwork was selected to be displayed at the SCALA art show; AMPS Parents As Reading Partners week with a dinosaur theme; character education lessons; Ozobot indie cars; mystery math villain; mystery readers concealed with a bitmoji face and voice which was hilarious; NCRMS reading projects and the use of rhetoric in Super Bowl ads; teacher coach and curriculum specialists programs for further developing teachers; Once Upon a Mattress drama; MPFOTA attended all three STEAM nights and upcoming planned summer camps.

**3. Bond 2021 Update**

Mr. Makarius 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

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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 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 would not have air conditioning this school year as the required switch gear is not due to arrive until this summer. The LADSBS switch gear supposed to 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. Student Performance Results 2022-23**

Ms. Craddock gave an overview and presentation of the Student Performance Results for the 2022 and 2023 school years. She reviewed the regents results for ELA; Math including Algebra I and II, Geometry; Social Studies including Global History & Geography, US History and Government; and Science including Earth Science, Living Environment, Chemistry, Physics. She reviewed the Foreign Language Association of Chairpersons and Supervisors (FLACS) exam results. She continued her review with Advanced Placement exams both year over year and MPHS compared to NYS and Global results. The Board had several remarks and questions about the student performance presentation budget which were answered by Ms. Craddock. This presentation will be posted on the District website under the Curriculum department section for easy access and review.

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

Ms. Card gave the final summary presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for the 2024-25 school year with budget schedules, proposed revenue plan with a breakdown of proposed revenues, proposed expenditure plan with a breakdown of proposed expenditures by major category and then another perspective and review board of education dates including when candidate packets are due. 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. 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 thanked Ms. Craddock and Mr. Roth regarding the student performance results presentation and made a few remarks about particular categories and trends within the data. He then noted that the district is planning to add a bus tracking system that would be implemented sometime during the 2024-25 school year. He noted that the system won't be a perfect system for but that it's something that we want to try and that we have been listening to the community regarding this request.

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**N. DISCUSSION**

**1. Eastern Suffolk BOCES Administrative Vote on April 16, 2024 – Determine Meeting Time**

There is a Board of Education meeting scheduled on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, for the purpose of voting on the 2024-25 Eastern Suffolk BOCES Administrative Budget and Trustee Election. The Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education needs to determine the meeting time for this meeting.

The board determined that the meeting would be held at 9:30 am at the District Office.

**O. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**1. 2024-25 Budget Adoption**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to adopt the 2024-25 School Budget. The District is required to adopt a budget each year for the annual budget vote that is scheduled for District voters this year on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at the North Country Road Middle School gymnasium from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**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 adopts the Miller Place Union Free School District budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year in the amount of \$82,952,733 and will submit said budget to the qualified voters of the District on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, pursuant to law.”

Mr. Makarius asked for a motion to adopt the budget as presented.

Mr. Galligan moved, seconded by Ms. Spaniolas, to adopt the budget as presented.

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

**2. Legal Resolution**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby authorizes the law firms of Frantz Law Group, APLC and Guercio & Guercio, LLP to commence legal action against Meta, TikTok, Snap, and YouTube as well as other social media companies with respect to the litigation discussed in executive session.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board President is authorized to sign the attached retainer agreement with Frantz Law Group, APLC and Guercio & Guercio LLP and take all steps necessary to effectuate the litigation.”

The board discussed that this is a class action lawsuit against social media companies and there is no cost to the district to participate.

Mr. Makarius asked for a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

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

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

MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MILLER PLACE, NEW YORK  
BOARD MINUTES  
MARCH 27, 2024

**P. BOARD POLICIES – First Time Reading**  
5285 Concussion Management

**Q. BOARD POLICIES – Review**  
TBD -- Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity in Education

**R. BOARD POLICIES – Action**  
5160 -- Student Attendance

The board noted that the policy in review will remain in the review section for the April meeting.

Mr. Makarius asked for a motion to approve the policies in action.

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

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

**S. OTHER – None**

**T. 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.

Several community members spoke to the board about a variety of subjects which included racial incident on the bus, where to find certain information, construction and trucks at AMPS, the robotics club and competition, legal resolution in discussion and action, a marching band and school bus tracking. Mr. Makarius stated that the items would be reviewed by the administration.

**U. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Mr. Makarius asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Testa moved, seconded by Mr. Galligan, to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

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

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