

MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MILLER PLACE, NEW YORK
BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 17, 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 (Arrived at 7:19 p.m.)
Board Trustee:	Mr. John Galligan
Board Trustee:	Ms. Andrea Spaniolas
Board Trustee:	Ms. Johanna Testa
Superintendent of Schools:	Mr. Seth Lipshie
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:

Assistant Superintendent: Ms. Susan Craddock

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A. BOARD SESSION

1. Audit Committee – MPHS – 6:30 PM

2. 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 personnel and specific legal matters.

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

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to exit the executive session and reconvene the business meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

3. 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

• **MPHS Virtual Enterprise**

Mr. Lipshie introduced Mr. Slavin who spoke about the class and introduced Mr. Thomas Fank, Business Teacher to recognize the Virtual Enterprise classes who run virtual businesses doing all aspects of running a business and they compete in a trade show as their culminating event. One MP business group, Memory Lane Toy Company, had a wonderful showing earning the gold award for booth design, silver award for their newsletter, a silver award for their business sales pitch, and they generated over \$170,000 in virtual sales. This business group was one of the top ten teams for Long Island. The team members reviewed their company and various members presented their pitch. The Board of Education and Administration congratulated everyone on these accomplishments, and all received a certificate of recognition.

• **MPHS Robotics Team 514**

Mr. Lipshie introduced Mr. Slavin who spoke about Entropy – MP Robotics Club 514 and introduced Ms. Jessica Warren and Mr. Tim Skurka, Entropy MP Robotics Club 514 Advisors. Entropy finished in 18th place overall for the FIRST Long Island Robotics Competition and were in 9th place until their last competition of the regular competition day. Entropy was selected to be a back-up robot for the playoffs and most importantly, they won the Spirit Award for the competition showing amazing spirit acting as a cohesiveness unit cheering, supporting while presenting a unified club and resilience during the event. The club even brought the Panther costume for the event which was well received at the event. Entropy members demonstrated the robot during the meeting and talked about this year's competition requirements. The board and advisors are excited to see what the future holds for Entropy. The Board of Education and Administration congratulated everyone on these accomplishments, and all received a certificate of recognition.

C. MESSAGES

1. Superintendent Message

Ms. Reitan introduced Mr. Lipshie to give his message. He began by highlighting the events and activities that have taken place since the last board meeting. He noted that district-wide, students and staff experienced both an unexpected earthquake and a solar eclipse in April which was planned for with students participating in class lessons over 1,200 students participated in the solar eclipse event held on the district campuses.

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At AMPS, students participated in the annual Art Show where students' artwork was displayed showing off different art methods including color blending, color mixing, landscapes, hot chocolate patterns, Vincent van Gogh sunflowers, animals, abstract paintings and rip n' stick rainbows. Parents, students, and staff had the opportunity to participate in an Art Scavenger Hunt. Kindergarten went on a field trip to Theatre Three to see Peter Rabbit and students read or watched different versions to compare and contrast with the play. The building also held an assembly for Grades 1 and 2 students called The Safety Sleuth Program run by PSEG staff who discussed electrical safety with students, especially downed wires and how everyday they work with local police and fire departments.

At LADSBS, sixteen books competed for the "LADSBS Book of the Year" during the school-wide March Book Madness Tournament and this year each of the book readers were masked. The finals came down to Out of The Ballpark (read by the Pig) and I Have a Superpower (read by the Giraffe) with 53% of the school-wide vote, "I Have a Superpower" was victorious. Fifth graders took a field trip to visit the Brookhaven National Lab and participated in three different hands-on science experiments on magnetic levitation, spectroscopy and static electricity through guided instruction by BNL scientists. The building also held an assembly to the 3rd and 4th grade students with Mrs. Christine Pendergast, Miller Place resident, retired educator and facilitator for ALS support groups at the Ride For Life Foundation, sharing important information on the ALS Ride For Life Organization where she emphasized the significance of kindness, highlighting that we may never fully grasp what others are enduring in their lives.

At NCRMS, students in the Mock Trial Club competed against more than 30 Mock Trial teams from other school districts at Suffolk County Community College where our students had a strong showing during this year's competition with both defense teams winning cases, and the prosecution was given accolades for their work despite losing their case. World Language classes visited the library to participate in an engaging activity of Breakout EDU where they worked collaboratively to unlock grandma's secret recipe book and solved various clues to find the code to unlock the book in time to prepare the family dinner. He also noted that this morning, the eighth grade students departed for Washington D.C. for the annual overnight educational field trip to our nation's capital.

At MPHS, AP Capstone Seminar and Research students experienced an enriching session at the library where they collaborated, peer-edited, and mentored each other. The library media specialist guided students on proper citations, explored tech tools, and navigated databases discovering new resources. The Business students competed in the Virtual 2024 Long Island Business Teachers' Association Annual Student Contest. Miller Place students placed in six different categories, taking home two first place, four second place, two third place, one fourth place and one fifth place finishes.

Mr. Lipshie offered congratulations to Lisa Lally, retired Miller Place School District Athletic Director, for being inducted to the New York State Athletic Association Wall of Fame Class of 2024. This recognition is one of the premier honors an interscholastic athletic administrator can receive from the state association for their contributions and accomplishments at the local, state, and national level during their career as an Athletic Administrator in New York State. He noted

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that this Spring eleven of our senior athletes committed to play on the collegiate level when they attend college in the fall of 2024, seven student-athletes in their respective sports named as Newsday's Top 100 athletes, and two athletes named to All-Long Island teams.

Mr. Lipshie offered congratulations to the Music Department who for the ninth consecutive year earned the Best Communities for Music Education award from the National Association of Music Merchants for 2024. Battle of the Bands sponsored by Mother Against Drunk Driving, selected the Miller Place High School Jazz Band as one of five bands in Suffolk and Nassau counties to perform in this competition. The bands will be adjudicated, and awards will be given by MADD. This event is taking place tonight at Flagstar Westbury Music Fair and he wished them the best.

He reminded everyone to please check the District calendar as concert season will begin after spring recess and continue throughout the month of May and our end of year activities will also begin in May and continue throughout the month of June. Please remember that any updates to the calendar have been made in red.

2. Board Members Message

Ms. Reitan addressed some questions from previous meetings.

She noted that last month a community member asked about adding a Marching Band and noted that with adding additional elective classes, if we get enough students asking for or wanting a program, we look into the feasibility. She noted that the only North Shore school that has one is Rocky Point as the community member referenced that school district last week. We found that for a marching band to be successful, it is mandatory for all students in the band to be in the marching band. Rocky Point said that they spend the last two weeks of summer rehearsing every day 3-4 hours per day and that they have a lot of students that drop out between 8th and 9th grade because of the mandatory marching band part. She noted that many of our music students also participate in sports and other activities so that might deter them from band. She also noted that to start a program, it would cost about \$90,000 for uniforms and the marching band songs about \$200 each for about 4-5 songs and would also need to hire another position for marching band director and that would be another large stipend. She noted that if that is what the community would want, we would have to eliminate programs from somewhere else to make up for that cost. She then reviewed that many people do not realize we have a Pep band that was started in 2014 and that we were the first on the North Shore to have one. The Pep band is purely voluntary for the students and not a requirement for those in band and it averages about 20-30 students where they play during the football games, basketball games, and other events during the school year.

She noted that the Board of Education also had a letter which she shared from two students in the class of 2026 asking about a senior trip. She noted that we have had students ask about senior trips over the past few years and we encourage the student body to discuss these requests with Mr. Slavin and their class representatives. We did forward the letter to Mr. Slavin and Mr. Lipshie and asked the students to follow up as suggested.

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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 – None

F. CONSENT AGENDA – FINANCE/FACILITIES

1. Treasurer Reports

This resolution accepts the Treasurer Reports for the period ending March 31, 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 March 31, 2024.”

2. Financial Reports

This resolution accepts the Financial Reports for the period ending March 31, 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 March 31, 2024.”

3. Extra Classroom Activity Reports

This resolution accepts the Extra Classroom Activity Reports for the period ending March 31, 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 March 31, 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 March 31, 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 March 31, 2024.”

5. Internal Auditors Reports

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your acceptance of the following resolution to approve the 2023-24 Internal Audit Reports from our internal auditors, Nawrocki Smith, LLP.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the following Internal Audit Reports:

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- Key Control – Superintendent Attendance
- Key Control – Superintendent Expense Reimbursements
- Key Control – Budget Transfers
- Key Control – Employee Attendance
- District Response to Key Control Audit Reports
- Employee Benefits Cycle Report
- District Response to Employee Benefits Cycle Report
- Internal Audit Plan 2023-24 Status Report.”

6. Request For Proposal – Tree & Lawn Maintenance Service (& Other Pest Services)

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the Request for Proposal - Tree and Lawn Maintenance Services which includes outdoor and other pest services as well.

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 Tree & Lawn Maintenance Services, RFP #24-16 attached rate sheets. Services will be assigned to the lowest quoted vendors for the specified services that have staff available and can accommodate the required time period to provide services.”

7. Accept Funds / CTA and 2023-24 Expenditure/Revenue Budgets Increase

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to accept the funds collected by CTA for the NCRMS Washington, D.C. trip which the 2023-24 expenditure budget does not include funding for and to increase the 2023-24 Expenditure and Revenue Budgets. These budget amounts may be adjusted if students do not attend due to unforeseen circumstances.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby acknowledges the funds from Curriculum Travel of America. Inc.; and

WHEREAS; that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby accepts the monetary funds of \$11,730 from the Curriculum Travel of America. Inc. which will fund the expenditures for the NCRMS Washington trip in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the 2023-24 budget of \$80,772,598 did not make provisions for the District to meet certain unanticipated expenses and provide a revenue source in the amount of \$11,730 for the above accepted funds; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District approves increasing the 2023-24 expenditure budget of \$80,772,598 by \$11,730 for these unanticipated obligations, thereby totaling the 2023-24 budget at \$80,784,328; and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District approves

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increasing the 2023-24 miscellaneous revenue section of the overall revenue budget of \$80,772,598 by \$11,730 for these unanticipated revenues, thereby totaling the 2023-24 revenue budget at \$80,784,328; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District approves the Superintendent of Schools to expend the specific budget expenditure appropriation of \$11,730 to meet these certain unanticipated obligations. These budget amounts may be adjusted if students do not attend due to unforeseen circumstances.”

8. Health Service Contracts

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 contracts for the 2023-24 school year and furthermore authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign such contracts with the South Huntington Union Free School District, Three Village Central School District. and Uniondale Union Free School District.”

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:

Women of the Moose	250.00
Roanoke Sand & Gravel	500.00
Sound Beach Music	500.00
Christine Pendergast	500.00
Port Jeff Dental(Sophia Manolis)	500.00

and for the following Scholarships and Awards accounts:

Susan G. Craddock - Grace Brindley Scholarship	100.00
Apple Bank (Nancy Sanders) – Sanders Scholarship	1,000.00
S.M. Hohmann – Danowski Scholarship	200.00.”

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10. Omnia Partners – Cooperative Bid

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval to continue participating in the Omnia Partners cooperative bid for the 2024-25 school year.

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 district’s participation in OMNIA Partners cooperative bid for the purpose of bidding and purchasing services, supplies and materials to be utilized for ordering school supplies in the 2024-25 fiscal year.”

11. Purchasing Contracts - NYS, State Agencies & Federal for 2024-25

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting approval of the resolutions to purchase goods and materials for the Miller Place Union Free School District from various contracts.

This resolution allows the District to participate in various New York State and State Agencies Purchasing Contracts for the 2024-25 fiscal year on an as needed basis:

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 allow the District to participate in various New York State and State Agencies Purchasing Contracts, including counties and villages, for the 2024-25 fiscal year on an “as needed” basis.”

This resolution allows the District to participate in various Federal Purchasing Contracts for the 2024-25 fiscal year on an as needed basis:

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 allow the District to participate in various “Federal Contracts” for the 2024-25 fiscal year on an “as needed” basis.”

12. Obsolete Assets

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to declare the attached District owned asset list as obsolete and its possible sale, and/or disposal.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the District owned assets on the attached list as obsolete and its possible sale, and/or disposal.”

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 April 17, 2024, as presented. For any

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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. Memorandum of Agreement with The Miller Place Secretarial and Clerical Unit, C.S.E.A. – Sick Bank for Employee No. 2859

Mr. Lipshie and Mr. Herrschaft are requesting your approval of The Miller Place Secretarial and Clerical Unit C.S.E.A. Memorandum of Agreement-Sick Bank for Employee No. 2859.

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 Miller Place Secretarial and Clerical Unit C.S.E.A., Local 1000 Memorandum of Agreement-Sick Bank for Employee No. 2859.”

3. Stipulation of Settlement and Release with The Miller Place UFSD Teachers Association – Injury Compensation

Mr. Lipshie and Mr. Herrschaft are requesting your approval of the Stipulation of Settlement and Release with The Miller Place UFSD Teachers’ Association regarding injury compensation.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the Stipulation of Settlement and Release with The Miller Place UFSD Teachers’ Association regarding injury compensation and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to sign such agreement.”

4. Authorization – Superintendent of Schools to Employ Substitute Personnel

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent to employ Substitute Personnel for Permanent Teacher Substitutes-Leave Replacements for the 2023-24 fiscal year at a range of \$190-\$275 per day for a 7 hour day including lunch depending on experience and district background.”

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 3-

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19-24; CSE AMPS 3-12-24; CSE AMPS 3-19-24; CSE LADSBS 3-18-24; CSE MPHS 3-8-24;
CSE MPHS 3-28-24; CSE NCR 3-6-24; CSE NCR 3-25-24.”

I. CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION – None

J. CONSENT AGENDA – OTHER

1. Appointment – Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) Coordinator

RECOMMENDED MOTION: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby appoints the employee as Dignity for All Students Act Coordinator for the 2023-24 school year effective March 11, 2024:

Grades 3-5 Ms. Nicole Farley.”

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

Ms. Reitan asked the Board Student Representative, Shane Lomascolo, to comment on the MPHS happenings. He noted that the Pep Band is awesome and that it plays at homecoming pep rally, all of the home football games and other events. He noted that he talked to a bunch of band members and they all stated that marching band is a full-time commitment which he doesn't think that the students would like where Pep Band does not require as large of a commitment. He also noted that his class has been looking into a class trip since he was Class President all four years but that one problem is low enrollment in the trip which is why it was originally discontinued from when it used to happen. He said that his class that the impetus is low for a senior class trip as there are so many other things happening. He noted that it would need to be done during a break period but many are involved in family trips or sports that make this more difficult. He then noted that Miller Place Orchestra was going to be playing at the Riptide, Athletes Helping Athletes had their last meeting, and students are working on wrapping up another school year. The board stated that they hoped the seniors are enjoying the last of their senior year.

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2. Board Committees, if applicable

Audit Committee

Ms. Reitan reviewed the audit committee meeting that was held earlier tonight with the audit firm Nawrocki Smith who are the District's internal auditors. The committee met with the audit manager and partner to discuss the internal audit function, reports, and specific staff performance. The committee reviewed four key control reports which audit specific people and functions including Superintendent Attendance, Superintendent Reimbursements, Budget Transfers, and Employee Attendance that were finalized for the 2023-24 school year. The completed cycle report for this year is the employee benefits area which is a detailed review of this area and reviews these internal controls. The committee discussed that the Risk Assessment report which audits the overall internal controls of the District will start in late June and continue over the summer. The Board accepted the internal audit reports at tonight's meeting and the audit committee will meet the internal auditors again in the fall to accept the final risk assessment report when completed.

3. Bond 2021 Update

Ms. Reitan asked Ms. Card to update the board on the 2021 bond projects. She stated that the NCRMS ventilation project work is continuing and reminded everyone that the NCRMS Family and Consumer Science classroom project and LADSBS Art classroom project will begin over 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 we were notified that the switchgear arrived and the vendor will start the installation shortly and once the switchgear is in place then the transformer installation will be scheduled with PSEG. The AMPS ventilation project is pending the switchgear delivery 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 continuing construction. The concrete wall panels for the gymnasium are on order and may arrive in April but still pending this confirmation. The MPHS ventilation and paving projects are still awaiting the state review process. Currently the posted New York State Facilities Planning wait time to begin the architectural review process is 24-26 weeks while the engineering review process is still at 24-26 weeks at this time. We will continue to update everyone on the review status each month. She noted that an updated financial analysis of the bond expenses to date has been posted on the website and 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 about the PSEG schedule for the transformer but Ms. Card did not have this information available at this time but stated that once this information becomes available, she will update the board.

M. DISCUSSION – None

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N. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Emergency Resolution for the Unforeseen Work at LADSBS Building

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution for the unforeseen emergency remediation and replacement of the gym floor, roofing, and any other work deemed necessary at the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School due to a flood at the building caused by weather conditions. The District is requesting the District Architect, Michael J. Guido, Jr., to prepare the plans and specifications, if necessary, for this unforeseen public emergency. The Board of Education is declaring this work as a public emergency for the health and safety of the students, staff and community in the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School building in order to facilitate this work. The District is providing the insurance company requested information in order to determine coverages and required deductibles for this unforeseen emergency work.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby declares an unforeseen emergency and replacement of the gym floor, roofing, and any other work deemed necessary at the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School due to a flood at the building caused by weather conditions as a public emergency and hereby authorizes the necessary emergency remediation and replacement of the gym floors and any related required work at the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School for the health and safety of the students, staff and community in the building; and

FURTHERMORE, WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT is the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the purpose of required determinations for work located at in the hamlet of 197 North Country Road, Miller Place, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County (the "proposed action"); and respecting the proposed Capital Improvement Project as follows:

State Environment Quality Review - Notice of Determination of Non-Significance
Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School
Emergency remediation and any related required work

WHEREAS, in 1995, amendments were made to the SEQRA Regulation (Part 617) to classify projects, which will be excluded from the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (Type II Actions). The project mentioned above is now classified as Type II Actions as determined by 6NYCRR§617.5 and

WHEREAS, the project falls under the following categories:

- A. Routine Maintenance and Repair 6NYCRR§617.5 (c)(1): Maintenance or repair involving no substantial change in an existing facility.
- B. Replace or Rehabilitation 6NYCRR§617.5 (c)(2): replacement or rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure of facility, in kind, on the same site, unless the work excess a threshold for a Type I action in 6NYCRR§617.4.

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THEREFORE, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, the above referenced project falls under Categories “A” or “B” above. The procedure for Type II Actions, with regard to the SEQRA Process for Capital Projects noted above is “**No Additional Required Action under 6NYCRR§617.5(a)**; and

BE IT FURTHER 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 filing of any Applications of Apportionment of Building Aid if required; and

BE IT FURTHER 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 use of the vendors for the emergency remediation of the gym floor and for the gym floor replacement and any related required work using federal, state, local, BOCES or other municipal bid contracts to include vendors such as:

1. J. C. Broderick & Associates
2. 192 Branch Interior Services, Inc. dba Branch Services
3. Renu Contracting and Restoration
4. Milburn Carpet Mills dba Milburn Sales
5. Other vendors as needed.”

Ms. Reitan noted that due to a storm, that some water damage occurred at the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School and asked Ms. Card for an update. Ms. Card stated that the district is gathering estimates and working with the insurance brokers and insurance company to determine the final coverages.

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to approve the resolution by a roll call vote.
Mr. Galligan moved, seconded by Mr. Makarius, to approve the motion as presented.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Lisa Reitan, President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Bryan Makarius, Vice President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. John Galligan, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Ms. Andrea Spaniolas, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Ms. Johanna Testa, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

2. **TAN Borrowing**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting that this resolution be adopted for the issuance of a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. The District borrows money each year in anticipation of the tax receipts collected in January and May of the school year. **This resolution requires a roll call vote.**

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION OF MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 17, 2024, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN

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ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called “Notes”) of Miller Place Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (herein called “District”), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$20,000,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called “Law”).
- Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:
- (a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.
 - (b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.
 - (c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.
 - (d) The total amount of such taxes remains uncollected at the date of adoption of this resolution.
- Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.
- Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute tax certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.
- Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the

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District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.”

Ms. Reitan noted that the district borrows funds each year in anticipation of the taxes that are levied each year. The fiscal year starts in July of each year but the district has to operate until the taxes are received in December. This borrowing bridges the gap in anticipation of receiving the tax receipts (timing issue). The tax levy does not line up with the fiscal year unfortunately which forces the district to borrow funds each year to operate.

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to approve the resolution by a roll call vote.

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

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Lisa Reitan, President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Bryan Makarius, Vice President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. John Galligan, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Ms. Andrea Spaniolas, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Ms. Johanna Testa, Trustee	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

O. BOARD POLICIES – First Time Reading

4334.2 Course Credit by Examination

5285 Concussion Management

P. BOARD POLICIES – Review

TBD -- Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity in Education

Q. BOARD POLICIES – Action - None

The board mentioned the policies in First Time Reading that the district is awaiting for the proposed changes and legal review before moving them to review. Regarding the policy in review the board noted that they are happy to be working on this policy and appreciate the input they have received from various community members and stakeholders. Each board member spoke about the importance of having this policy and the importance of committing time, energy, and resources to develop a more equitable and inclusive, diverse welcoming environment for all. The board is excited to eventually form a committee that is discussed in this policy and bring focus and help foster increased empathy and understanding in our community. The board discussed one proposed change on page one, second paragraph from bottom, third sentence of the proposed policy. It was discussed to remove the strikeout on the words inclusive education. All of the board members agreed that was an appropriate change. The board asked that the current draft policy now be sent to the legal team for review so that the board may be able to move it to action at the May board meeting.

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R. **OTHER** – None

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.

There were no public comments.

T. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

Mr. Makarius moved, seconded by Mr. Galligan, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Yes 5; No 0: Motion Carried

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