

MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MILLER PLACE, NEW YORK
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Date: February 26, 2025
Kind of Meeting: Business Meeting
Place of Meeting: Miller Place High School Library

Those Present:

Board President:	Ms. Lisa Reitan
Board Vice-President:	Mr. Bryan Makarius
Board Trustee:	Mr. John Galligan
Board Trustee:	Ms. Johanna Testa
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 Human Resources:	Mr. Chris Herrschaft
District Clerk:	Ms. Louise Tromba

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 26, 2025, BUSINESS MEETING

A. PUBLIC SESSION

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

Ms. Reitan called the business meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and stated that the board needed a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing specific legal and specific personnel matters. She also noted that following the executive session the Board would 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.

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to exit the executive session and reconvene the business meeting at 8:03 p.m.

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

Yes 5; 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.

A. MESSAGES

1. Superintendent Message

Ms. Reitan introduced Mr. Lipshie to give his message. Mr. Lipshie stated that tonight will be the first of three scheduled budget workshops. He noted that as we enter the second half of the school year, activities continue for our students and our athletes including some events that have taken place since the last meeting.

Mr. Lipshie noted that 56 students in grades K-5 took part in the two-month SCOPE Saturday Enrichment program which offered academic opportunities for students to explore their creativity and problem-solving skills through engaging classes like Books & Bots, Lego Engineering/Fine Arts, Paint Party, and Canva Creations. He noted that on February 14th, each school and office in the District observed the 15th Annual P.S. I Love You Day, a day dedicated to spreading kindness within our community. The District in collaboration with our School Improvement Teams, raised awareness about P.S. I Love You Day and the importance of mental health, anti-bullying, and fostering an environment of inclusion. This year's theme was "A Brighter Tomorrow Begins Today."

At Andrew Muller Primary School, they hosted an exciting STEAM Night, with approximately 200 students participating in hands-on, STEAM-related activities where students explored a variety of STEAM related activities such as Bobsleds, Catapults, Indi Cars, Doodlebots, Ice Excavations, and more, all guided by Miller Place faculty. The new Kangaroo Club saw students learn how to jump rope in Physical Education classes and to be recognized in the New Kangaroo Club the Kindergarteners had to jump 5 consecutive times, First Graders had to jump 10 consecutive times, and Second Graders had to jump 15 consecutive times.

At Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School, Ms. Mock's third grade students celebrated the Super Bowl by participating in a STEAM challenge where students used pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, clay, paper clips, string, cardstock paper, and glue to make a football goal post. To kick off the Panther Page Challenge, Dr. D'Aversa read How to Catch a Snowman to students in grades 3 and 4 and Oh, the Places You'll Go to students in grade 5. The students had a surprise visit from the infamous Miller Place Panther who cheered on our students to begin their reading journey and as part of the challenge, each grade logged their page totals. Next in honor of Black History month, students explored notable Black Americans from history and today using the virtual reference collection and the biography for beginners database. The research focused on influential Black figures who have made a lasting impact on history, culture, and society.

At North Country Road Middle School, they hosted a STEAM Night with over 75 students joining together for an exciting evening filled with hands-on activities like Propeller Cars,

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Catapults, Escape to Mars and Airplane Aerodynamics which were guided by high school students and Miller Place faculty. In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day: eighth grade students were given an overview of the US Holocaust Museum which they will be visiting on the Washington, DC trip; seventh grade students studied the stages of the Holocaust via a google slide presentation; and sixth grade students studied Holocaust literature and listened to firsthand accounts from survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust. Additionally, students used Dimensions in Testimony from the Shoah Foundation which allowed students to interact with Holocaust survivors and ask questions to gain more insight. Then in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday: sixth grade students watched and discussed the film, Our Friend Martin which is about Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement; eighth grade students completed a unit on the "Jim Crow Era" as well as Landmark civil rights cases; seventh grade students studied Dr. Martin Luther King, Civil Rights, and why it was so important; students in Ms. Santore's class wrote essays for the 2025 NYS Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Student Art and Essay Exhibition. In recognition of Peace and Kindness Day, the day began with inspiring Words of Wisdom during morning announcements, as a reminder of the power of compassion and understanding and students took the opportunity to sign a Peace and Kindness Pledge during lunch and write thank-you cards to those who have made a difference in their lives, expressing gratitude for the kindness and support they've received. Mr. Lipshie mentioned that in math competitions that a team of five students represented the school at the Suffolk County MoMathlon Math tournament, hosted at Brookhaven National Laboratory. The tournament provided an opportunity for students to apply their problem-solving abilities, communicate mathematical thinking, and collaborate with peers from across the county. Nine students participated in the American Mathematics Competition which is an event organized by the Mathematical Association of America. This competition challenges students covering topics such as geometry, probability, and algebra. Twenty-five students participated in MathCON, a nationally recognized math competition where the competition began with an online exam featuring 32 challenging questions, designed to test a wide range of mathematical skills and problem-solving abilities. Top scorers from this round will have the opportunity to advance to the finals in Chicago, IL.

At the Miller Place High School, Foreign Language Honor Society students visited sixth grade classrooms to highlight the importance of world language studies and students shared their experiences and the benefits of bilingualism, emphasizing cognitive, cultural, and career advantages. The Science Olympiad Team A in just its fourth year of competition, achieved seventh grade place finish out of 63 teams at the Eastern Long Island Regional Science Olympiad, the largest regional competition in the nation. The team will participate in the New York State Science Olympiad in Syracuse on March 21-22 and will be led by Team Captains Lucy Chang and Taylor McHugh, the experienced group of 14 students, delivered a stellar performance rewarded with a trip to the state competition.

In Athletics, all winter varsity teams have qualified as scholar athlete teams. To qualify, a varsity team must have at least 75% of its roster average a minimum of a 90.0 GPA for the Quarter. The Miller Place teams include-Girls Basketball, Boys Winter Track, Girls Winter Track, Competitive Cheer, Boys Basketball, Wrestling, Individual & Combined Competitors who achieved status included Marc Lindemann (Fencing), Conrad Lindemann (Fencing), Anders Dalberg (Fencing), Meadow Dalberg (Fencing) and John Casalnuovo (Swimming). Mr. Lipshie

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mentioned that the winter playoffs and post-season competition highlights included: Jillian Scully repeated as Suffolk County Champion in the Shot Put, setting a NEW Suffolk County & Long Island Record of 48'4.25" and she will defend her New York State Title in March; Boys Basketball Finished 2nd in League 6 and received the #4 seed for the Class A Playoffs where they beat Sayville and advanced to the county semi-finals that will be held on March 5; in Combined Fencing: the Newfield/Miller Place Boys were League and County Champions (fifth consecutive title) and the Newfield/Miller Place Girls Fencing were League Champions & County Runner-up; in Competitive Cheerleading: Miller Place qualified and competed at national competition in Orlando Florida and they qualified for and competed in Class B Counties finishing 6th overall; and two of our teams received Sportsmanship Awards - Varsity Girls Basketball and Middle School Girls Volleyball.

Mr. Lipshie reminded everyone to check the calendar for upcoming events including: MPHS Spring Drama Production; AMPS PARP week, MPHS V/JV Sports start in March; NCRMS Incoming sixth grade Parent Meeting; and NCRMS Spring Sports start in late March. He also reminded everyone to visit the Community link on the website where you can find links with information and activities for various groups that support our students.

2. Board Members Message

Ms. Reitan mentioned that she is amazed at everything that we have going on in our schools and how successful our kids are every time we meet. She also congratulated Lucy on the Science Olympiad success. The board responded to a follow-up question a couple of months ago. Her response to the question: there has been concern regarding summer projects, our teachers and administrators evaluated what we had, what was not working, the concerns of parents and students and what they felt would align with what teachers do in the classroom and overall, with our strategic plan. The following is the plan for summer projects going forward: our honor classes will not have summer assignments. Only AP classes will have summer assignments as the purpose is to reinforce foundational skills and critical thinking. This minimizes time taken at the beginning of the year to review prior content. All assignments will be submitted from the teachers to administration for approval and must follow AP assignment criteria. Assignments will be limited to four hours for projects or written work and eight hours for reading assignments. There will be communication with the students prior to the end of the school year, and students will get a clear and concise detailed assignment outline with a purpose, objectives and expected outcomes. They will be given access to necessary resources, for example online references, or textbook excerpts and the document format will be the same for every single content area and assignment. The teachers will still provide summer support sessions to our students, two hours in July and two hours in August. All assignments will count as one test grade, and non-completion will count as a zero-test grade. In September, we will evaluate and review how well this worked for our students and teachers. If we need any additional changes, we will make them at that time for the following school year. We hope that this will help bring forth a better experience with our summer projects.

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B. 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 was no public be heard comments regarding the agenda items.

C. 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 January 22, 2025 Business Meeting.”

D. CONSENT AGENDA - FINANCE/FACILITIES

1. Treasurer Reports

This resolution accepts the Treasurer Reports for the period ending January 31, 2025.

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 January 31, 2025.”

2. Financial Reports

This resolution accepts the Financial Reports for the period ending January 31, 2025.

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 January 31, 2025.”

3. Extra Classroom Activity Reports

This resolution accepts the Extra Classroom Activity Reports for the period ending January 31, 2025.

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 January 31, 2025.”

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 January 31, 2025.

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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 accepts as presented the Claims Auditor Reports for the period ending January 31, 2025.”

5. **Property Tax Levy Cap**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the estimated tax levy cap calculation for the 2025-26 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 2025 tax levy cap calculation, for the 2025-26 budget and further directs the School Business Official to transmit the property tax levy cap calculation as required by March 1, 2025.”

6. **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.”

7. **Contracts – Health Services**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the health services 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 2024-25 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 services contract for the 2024-25 school year and furthermore authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign such contracts with the East Islip Union Free School District.”

8. **Agreement – Music Theatre International**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the agreement with Music Theatre International (MTI) for the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School play.

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 agreement with Music Theatre International for the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School play and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

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9. **Donation – Miller Place PTSA**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the donation from the Miller Place PTSA to be used for North Country Road Middle School and Miller Place High School.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby retroactively accepts the listed donations of:

- 1) Photo booth rental and decorations for the NCRMS student dances on 1/24, 2/7 and 4/25.
- 2) You’re Turtley Awesome pocket hug (approx. 560) for P.S. I Love You Week for the NCRMS students.
- 3) Purple heart pocket hug (approx. 560) for P.S. I Love You week for MPHS students.
- 4) P.S. We Love You – NCRMS Staff Bagel Breakfast for 2/14.
- 5) P.S. We Love You – MPHS Staff Bagel Breakfast for 2/14.”

10. **Donation – Miller Place PTO**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the donation from the Miller Place PTO for the North Country Road Middle School “P.S. I Love You Day Celebration”.

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 retroactively the donation of the purple slushies for the North Country Road Middle School “P.S. I Love You Day!” celebration.”

11. **Scholarships & Awards Fund**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to accept a donation for the scholarship and award account.

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 from the Interdistrict Council of Superintendents of \$500.00 for the MPUFSD Senior Scholarships and Awards.”

E. CONSENT AGENDA - PERSONNEL

1. **Personnel Agenda**

Mr. Lipshie and Mr. Herrschaft recommend and request your approval of the attached personnel list of February 26, 2025, as presented.

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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 hereby approves the attached personnel list of February 26, 2025, as presented.”

2. **Memorandum of Agreement with The Miller Place Operations Unit, C.S.E.A – Sick Bank**
Mr. Lipshie and Mr. Herrschaft are requesting your approval of The Miller Place Operations Unit, C.S.E.A. Inc. Memorandum of Agreement-Sick Bank for Employee No. 3456.

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 Operations Unit, C.S.E.A. Memorandum of Agreement-Sick Bank for Employee No. 3456.”

F. 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 following recommendations of the CSE’s and CPSE’s dated: CPSE AMPS 1-7-25; CPSE AMPS 1-14-25; CPSE AMPS 1-30-25; CPSE AMPS 1-31-25; CSE AMPS 1-27-25; CSE LADSBS 1-22-25; CSE LADSBS 2-7-25; CSE MPHS 1-31-25; CSE MPHS 2-3-25; CSE NCR 1-21-25.”

G. CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION – None

H. CONSENT AGENDA – OTHER

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 20, 2025.

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; Madison LePage; Margaret Larom; Richard Larom; Laurette Ligonde; Michel Ligonde; Carrie Little; Andrew Montalbano; Ann Montalbano; Patty Morbillo, Coreen Moschella; Antoinette Nocera; Debra Rasweiler; Lynn Scolfield; Cathy Schretzmayer; Jennifer Smith; Donna Talleur; Peter Thaw; Louise Tromba, Carol Ward.”

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2. Adoption of Vote Legal Ads

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the proposed legal notice for the 2025-26 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 and/or change in circumstance and/or for needed translation corrections.

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 20, 2025 Budget Vote and Trustee Election which may be updated over the course of publication, if necessary based on legal advice and/or change in circumstance and/or for needed translation corrections:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
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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 at 15 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, in said District on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the New York State Education Law, including the following items.

1. Presentation of the budget document.
2. To discuss all of the items herein set forth, to be voted upon by voting machine, at the election to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 as hereinafter set forth.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the gymnasium of the North Country Road Middle School, 191 North Country Road, Miller Place, New York at which time the polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, to vote by voting machines upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for a three-year term, with each commencing July 1, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2028.
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 the 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, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and to expend therefore during the District’s fiscal year 2025-2026 a sum of money not exceeding \$2,315,374.50 and that the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefore.

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AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District shall be filed with the District Clerk of said School District at the District Clerk's office, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York not later than Monday April 21, 2025, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time. All nominating petitions must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); must state the name and residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Vacancies on the Board of Education shall not be considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to New York Education Law §2014 or pursuant to Article 5 of the New York State Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to New York Education Law §2014 and has voted at any annual or special district meeting within the past four (4) calendar years, such voter is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote pursuant to Article 5 of the New York State Election Law, such voter is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Voters may register on any school day prior to Thursday, May 15, 2025 at the District Clerk's office, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., prevailing time, to add any additional names to the registers to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have her or his name placed on such registers provided that at the meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known, or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such public hearing or election for which such registers are prepared, and that the registers so prepared pursuant to New York Education Law §2014 and the registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Suffolk County will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the School District, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, on and after Thursday May 15, 2025, and Saturday by pre-arranged appointment, except Sunday;

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to New York Education Law §2014, the Board of Registration shall meet on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at North Country Road Middle School, 191 North Country Road, Miller Place, New York between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, to prepare the Register of the School District to be used at the annual meeting and election that is to be held in 2026, and any special meeting that may be held after the preparation of said Register, at which time any person will be entitled to have her or his 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 such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such Register is prepared.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that qualified voters with disabilities who seek information about access to polling places may, in advance of the day of the vote, contact the District Clerk at (631) 474-2700 x 738 for information about accessibility.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that beginning seven (7) days immediately preceding the May 6, 2025 public budget hearing, any resident in the District may request to review a copy of the proposed budget by appearing at the Office of the District Clerk, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York. Additionally, a statement of the estimated expenses for the ensuing year

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may be obtained by any resident in the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding said election on the school district website www.millerplace.k12.ny.us, at the School District Administrative Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York and at each of the following school buildings in which school is maintained between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., prevailing time, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays: Miller Place High School, North Country Road Middle School, Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School, and Andrew Muller Primary School.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 495, the School District is required 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 applications for absentee and early mail ballots will be obtainable during school business hours at the office of the District Clerk beginning Monday, April 21, 2025. In accordance with Education Law §§ 2018-a and 2018-e, completed absentee and early mail ballot applications may not be received by the District Clerk earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the election, and 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 to the agent named in the absentee or early mail ballot application. Absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued, and a list of all persons to whom early mail voter's ballots shall have been issued, will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after Thursday, May 15, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on Saturday, May 17, 2025, by prior appointment by contacting the District Clerk at (631) 474-2700 x738 and on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such lists, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such lists, stating the reasons for such challenge. Any such written challenge shall be transmitted by the District Clerk or a designee of the Board of Education to the inspectors of election on election day.

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, or by email to ltromba@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 24, 2025.

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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 and return such military ballot application to the District Clerk in person, or by email to ltromba@millerplace.k12.ny.us or fax sent to (631) 331-8832. 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 24, 2025. 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 military ballot may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the military ballot by mail, fax, or email. A military voter's original military ballot application and military ballot must be returned by mail or in person to the office of the District Clerk at 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York along with the required signed affidavit by the voter.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military ballots shall be canvassed if they are received by the District Clerk before the close of polls on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 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 Tuesday, May 20, 2025 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 a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with New York Education Law §2035, any referenda or propositions, including, but not limited to, changing the number of Board of Education members, or a bond issue for capital improvements, must be filed with the District Clerk at 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on March 21, 2025, which is 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election. All such petitions must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 37 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 or 5% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); and must legibly state the name of each signer. However, the Board of Education 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, nor any proposition or amendment which is contrary to law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that those voters seeking information regarding this Budget Vote and Election in Spanish should contact the Office of the District Clerk at (631) 474-2700 x 738.

LOUISE TROMBA
District Clerk of the Board of Education
Miller Place Union Free School District
7 Memorial Drive
Miller Place, New York 11764

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**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 de Miller Place Union, Miller Place, Condado de Suffolk, Nueva York, se llevará a cabo en 15 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, en dicho Distrito el martes 6 de mayo de 2025 a las 7:00 p. m., hora vigente, para la transacción de dichos negocios autorizados por la Ley de Educación del Estado de Nueva York, incluidos los siguientes artículos.

1. Presentación del documento presupuestario.
2. Discutir todos los puntos aquí establecidos, a ser votados mediante máquina de votación, en la elección a realizarse el martes 20 de mayo de 2025 según se establece a continuación.
3. Tramitar otros asuntos que puedan presentarse adecuadamente ante la reunión.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que dicha votación y elección se llevarán a cabo el martes 20 de mayo de 2025 a las 6:00 a. m. y 9:00 p. m., hora prevaleciente, en el gimnasio de North Country Road Middle School, 191 North Country Road, Miller Place, Nueva York, momento en el cual las urnas estarán abiertas a partir de las 6:00 a. m. y 9:00 p. m., prevaleciente tiempo, votar mediante máquinas de votación sobre los siguientes puntos:

1. Adoptar el presupuesto anual del Distrito Escolar para el año fiscal 2025-2026 y autorizar que la porción requerida del mismo se recaude mediante impuestos sobre la propiedad sujeta a impuestos del Distrito.
2. Elegir dos (2) miembros de la Junta de Educación por un período de tres años, cada uno de los cuales comenzará el 1 de julio de 2025 y finalizará el 30 de junio de 2028.
3. Que con el propósito de permitir que los residentes de este Distrito se beneficien de servicios bibliotecarios completos, por la presente se autoriza a la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Libre de Miller Place Union a celebrar un contrato con la Biblioteca Pública de Comsewogue y la Biblioteca Gratuita de Port Jefferson para dichos servicios bibliotecarios durante el período del 1 de julio de 2025 al 30 de junio de 2026 y a gastar, por consiguiente, durante el año fiscal 2025-2026 del Distrito una suma de dinero que no exceda los \$2,315,374.50 y que la Junta de Educación esté autorizada a imponer el impuesto necesario para ello.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que las peticiones que nominen candidatos para el cargo de Miembro de la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Libre de Miller Place Union se presentarán ante el Secretario del Distrito de dicho Distrito Escolar en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York a más tardar el lunes 21 de abril de 2025, entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 5:00 p. m., hora prevaleciente. Todas las peticiones de nominación deben estar firmadas por al menos 25 votantes calificados del Distrito (que representen 25 o 2% del número de votantes que votaron en la elección anual anterior, lo que sea mayor); debe indicar el nombre y residencia de cada firmante, y debe indicar el nombre y residencia del candidato. Las vacantes en la Junta de Educación no se considerarán cargos separados y específicos; los candidatos se postulan en libertad.

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Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que el registro personal de los votantes es obligatorio de conformidad con la Ley de Educación de Nueva York §2014 o de conformidad con el Artículo 5 de la Ley Electoral del Estado de Nueva York. Si un votante se ha registrado hasta ahora de conformidad con la Ley de Educación de Nueva York §2014 y ha votado en cualquier reunión anual o especial del distrito dentro de los últimos cuatro (4) años calendario, dicho votante es elegible para votar en esta elección; Si un votante está registrado y es elegible para votar de conformidad con el Artículo 5 de la Ley Electoral del Estado de Nueva York, dicho votante también es elegible para votar en esta elección. Todas las demás personas que deseen votar deben registrarse. Los votantes pueden registrarse cualquier día escolar antes del jueves 15 de mayo de 2025 en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, entre las 10 a.m. y las 2 p.m., hora prevaleciente, para agregar cualquier nombre adicional a los registros que se utilizarán en la elección antes mencionada, momento en el cual cualquier persona tendrá derecho a que su nombre se incluya en dichos registros siempre que en la reunión de la Junta de Registro se sepa, o se demuestre a satisfacción de la Junta de Registro, que en ese momento o en adelante tiene derecho a votar en dicha audiencia pública o elección para la cual se prepararon dichos registros, y que los registros así preparados de conformidad con la Ley de Educación de Nueva York §2014 y la lista de registro preparada por la Junta Electoral del Condado de Suffolk se archivará en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito Escolar, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, y estará abierta para inspección por cualquier votante calificado del Distrito de lunes a viernes entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora predominante, a partir del jueves 15 de mayo de 2025, y el sábado mediante cita previa. excepto domingo;

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que, de conformidad con la Ley de Educación de Nueva York §2014, la Junta de Registro se reunirá el martes 20 de mayo de 2025 en North Country Road Middle School, 191 North Country Road, Miller Place, Nueva York, entre las 6:00 a. m. y las 9:00 p. m., hora prevaleciente, para preparar el Registro del Distrito Escolar que se utilizará en la reunión y elección anual que se celebrará. que se celebrará en 2026, y cualquier reunión especial que pueda 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 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 reunión escolar o elección para la cual se prepara dicho Registro.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que los votantes calificados con discapacidades que busquen información sobre el acceso a los lugares de votación pueden, antes del día de la votación, comunicarse con el Secretaria del Distrito al (631) 474-2700 x 738 para obtener información sobre accesibilidad.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que, a partir de los siete (7) días inmediatamente anteriores a la audiencia pública sobre el presupuesto del 6 de mayo de 2025, cualquier residente del Distrito puede solicitar revisar una copia del presupuesto propuesto presentándose en la Oficina del Secretaria del Distrito, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York. Además, cualquier residente del Distrito puede obtener una declaración de los gastos estimados para el año siguiente durante los catorce (14) días inmediatamente anteriores a dicha elección en el sitio web del distrito escolar www.millerplace.k12.ny.us, en el Edificio Administrativo del Distrito Escolar, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York y en cada uno de los siguientes edificios escolares en los que la escuela se mantiene entre las 10 a.m. y las 2 p.m., hora predominante, excepto sábados, domingos y feriados: Escuela secundaria Miller Place, escuela secundaria North Country Road, escuela Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach y escuela primaria Andrew Muller.

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Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que de conformidad con la Sección 495 de la Ley de Impuestos sobre Bienes Inmuebles, el Distrito Escolar debe adjuntar a su presupuesto propuesto 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 estatutaria, y mostrará: (a) el impacto acumulativo de cada tipo de exención expresado ya sea como una cantidad 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 las solicitudes para boletas de voto en ausencia y anticipadas por correo se podrán obtener durante el horario comercial escolar en la oficina del Secretaria del Distrito a partir del lunes 21 de abril de 2025. De conformidad con la Ley de Educación §§ 2018-a y 2018-e, el Secretaria del Distrito no puede recibir las solicitudes de boletas de voto en ausencia y por correo anticipadas completadas antes de treinta (30) días antes de la elección, y debe ser recibida por el Distrito. Secretaria 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 al agente nombrado en la solicitud de boleta de voto en ausencia o anticipada por correo. Las boletas de voto en ausencia y anticipadas por correo deben ser recibidas por el Secretaria del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m., hora vigente, del martes 20 de mayo de 2025.

Una lista de las personas a quienes se les habrán emitido boletas de voto en ausencia y una lista de todas las personas a quienes se les habrán emitido boletas de voto anticipado por correo estarán disponibles para su inspección para los votantes calificados del Distrito en la oficina del Secretaria del Distrito a partir del jueves 15 de mayo de 2025, entre las 10:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m. los días laborables antes del día fijado para la elección anual y el sábado 17 de mayo de 2025, mediante cita previa comunicándose con la Secretaria de Distrito al (631) 474-2700 x738 y el martes 20 de mayo de 2025, el día fijado para la elección. Cualquier votante calificado podrá, tras examinar dichas listas, presentar una impugnación por escrito de las calificaciones como votante de cualquier persona cuyo nombre aparezca en dichas listas, indicando los motivos de dicha impugnación. Cualquier impugnación por escrito deberá ser transmitida por el Secretaria del Distrito o una persona designada por la Junta de Educación a los inspectores de elecciones el día de las elecciones.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que los votantes militares que no están actualmente registrados pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Libre Miller Place Union solicitando y devolviendo una solicitud de registro al Secretaria del Distrito en persona, o por correo electrónico a ltromba@millerplace.k12.ny.us o por fax al (631) 331-8832. La solicitud de solicitud de registro puede incluir la preferencia del votante militar de recibir la solicitud de registro por correo, fax o correo electrónico. Los formularios de solicitud de registro de votantes militares deben recibirse en la oficina de la Secretaria de Distrito a más tardar a las 3:00 p.m. el 24 de abril de 2025.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que los votantes militares que son votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Libre de Miller Place Union pueden solicitar una solicitud de boleta militar al Secretaria del Distrito y devolver dicha solicitud de boleta militar al Secretaria del Distrito en persona, o por correo electrónico a ltromba@millerplace.k12.ny.us o por fax al (631) 331-8832. Para que a un votante militar se le emita una boleta militar, se debe recibir una solicitud de boleta militar válida en la oficina del Secretaria de Distrito a más tardar a las 3:00 p. m. del 24 de abril de 2025. Las solicitudes de

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boleta militar recibidas de acuerdo con lo anterior se procesarán de la misma manera que una solicitud de boleta no militar bajo la Sección 2018-a de la Ley de Educación. La solicitud de boleta militar puede incluir la preferencia del votante militar de recibir la boleta militar por correo, fax o correo electrónico. La solicitud de boleta militar original de un votante militar y la boleta militar deben devolverse por correo o en persona a la oficina del Secretario de Distrito en 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, junto con la declaración jurada firmada requerida por el votante.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS, que las boletas militares se escutarán si las recibe el Secretario de Distrito antes del cierre de las urnas el martes 20 de mayo de 2025 que muestren una marca de cancelación del Servicio Postal de los Estados Unidos o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o que 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 martes 20 de mayo de 2025 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 una regla adoptada por la Junta de Educación de conformidad con la Ley de Educación de Nueva York §2035, cualquier referéndum o proposición, incluidos, entre otros, cambios en el número de miembros de la Junta de Educación o una emisión de bonos para mejoras de capital, deben presentarse ante el Secretario del Distrito en 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, Nueva York, a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m., hora vigente, el 21 de marzo. 2025, que es 60 días antes de la Asamblea Anual y Elección. Todas estas peticiones deben estar mecanografiadas o impresas en inglés; debe dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito Escolar; debe estar firmado por al menos 37 votantes calificados del Distrito (que representen el 25 o el 5% del número de votantes que votaron en la elección anual anterior, lo que sea mayor); y debe indicar de manera legible el nombre de cada firmante. Sin embargo, la Junta de Educación no considerará ninguna petición para presentar ante los votantes ninguna propuesta cuyo propósito no esté dentro del poder de los votantes para determinar, ni ninguna propuesta o enmienda que sea contraria a la ley.

Y POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que aquellos votantes que deseen información sobre esta Votación y Elección del Presupuesto en español deben comunicarse con la Oficina del Secretario de Distrito al (631) 474-2700 x 738.

LOUISE E. TROMBA
Secretaria de distrito de la Junta de Educación
Distrito Escolar Libre Unión Miller Place
7 Unidad conmemorativa
Miller Place, Nueva York 11764”

I. CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVAL

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

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

J. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Student Representative Report

The Board Student Representative, Lucy Chang, gave her report on the events at the Miller Place High School. She noted that the students are doing well despite those seven weeks of no school break and with everything going on. She feels like everyone is really connected to the

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community and to academics. Miller Place is very successful with the Science Olympiad and Athletics. She noted that everyone is excited to see the Wizards game, and the upcoming play. There are several fund raisers especially for the junior class. They are planning a Pink Floyd themed concert and badminton tournament. Senior fundraisers will be happening at Applebee's, and other activities included the STEAM nights and community events.

2. Board Committees, if applicable

Health & Safety Committee

Mr. Makarius reported that Health & Safety committee met. We discussed and reviewed workplace violence regulations put into place by NYS. Various members of the administrative team will be following up and reviewing and discussing these regulations and the district policies. He reviewed upcoming bond work at the high school where the district is on track to replace the unit ventilators this summer and they are also going to completely remodel the two art classrooms with a new layout. At NCRMS the old family and consumer science classroom (FACS) room will be renovated and remodeled to a multi-purpose classroom. Also, the art classroom will be renovated this summer. Mr. Petrie asked if the boys' showers would be completed this summer. Mr. Warsaw advised that it is the current plan pending any scheduling issues. There was discussion regarding the February 3, 2025 snowstorm, it took everyone by surprise. On the south shore, there was rain but on the north shore there was a couple of inches of snow, they monitor the snow but sometimes there is a very distinct line between the rain and snow, they are on top of that. There was a discussion about the NCRMS parent pick-up and drop-off, where parents are going in the wrong entrance and then doing a U-turn and turning around. There was a connect-ed that was sent out several weeks ago to remind parents of the proper drop-offs and pick-ups.

Curriculum Committee

Ms. Reitan asked Mr. Galligan to share his Curriculum Committee meeting report. The presentations by our teachers and administrators were comprehensive, impressive and really showcased the learning commitment to the learning targets in our strategic plan. The meeting highlighted academic innovation, hands-on learning, community engagement, with a strong focus on SEL initiatives that were centered around mainly kindness and cultural awareness. These were some of the subjects: the new AMPS gymnasium; the Eureka Math Pilot Program; blanket collection civic program; AMPS STEAM night; NCRMS STEAM night student volunteers, mystery science curriculum; AMPS students build edible cabins; MPHS students read to our AMPS students in the Buddy Builder Readers Club; Kindergartners participated in the Teddy Bear Clinic; NCRMS is using a formative app that is tracking student assessments; and Canva is being integrated into vocabulary lessons. Regarding the various kindness initiatives including P.S. I Love You Day; Harold and the Purple Crayon screening; purple ribbons; tokens; door decorating contests; students signed pledges and received kindness stickers. In Music and literacy, the Winter Music Assembly for our younger students; Third graders wrote persuasive letters using the four-square method; STEAM activity of engineered goalposts; March Madness, Math Reader; Kindness Week; and social studies. The NCRMS students got to see a Christmas Carol aligned with curriculum; Holocaust education; Anne Frank exhibition trip; Martin Luther King; various art and essay contests; World Language Honors

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Society trip to the MET; Sports History had 8 guest speakers; FBLA participated in the innovation competition; Wharton Business Challenge; College Forensics speaker; EMT volunteer speaker; participated in the Mathematical Association of America competition; participated in the Math-Con for grade 6-12 with students competing nationally; Science Olympiad team finished 7th place out of 63 in the regional competition. Mr. Galligan expressed his appreciation for everyone's hard work on behalf of the kids and thanked everybody who presented because there is a lot of good stuff going on in the district.

Wellness Committee

Ms. Testa reported that the wellness committee met on February 5, 2025 virtually between 4-5 p.m. She mentioned that Mr. Herrschaft discussed wellness initiatives presentations from around the district including character education programs celebrating peace and kindness through a variety of activities and fun engagement. PARP Week is coming up and she said it is nice to see how peace and kindness crossed over from the curriculum to the wellness committee. LADSBS Wellness initiatives and presentations was the Jared Campbell assembly about making positive and healthy choices and treating one another with kindness. Buildings celebrated Peace and Kindness Day, the students shared compliments, made posters, and pledged against bullying in the hallway. Athletes Helping Athletes club paid a visit to our fifth graders and spoke to them about making good decisions. NCRMS sixth and seventh grade students met with Officer Allison with a focus on bullying and cyber-safety. NCRMS eighth grade students heard personal stories from a local treatment facility and learned the importance of making healthy choices. MPHS alumni were invited to address the transition to college life, or work life, addressing mental, social, academic networking, internships, etc. Food Service had guest chefs visit and interact with the students while preparing Nashville Kickin' Chicken and The Tot Spot. There will be more chef visits in the future. A parent had questions regarding the status on healthier options for after school and student athletes, one of the suggestions was high protein bars which do not meet the Smart Snacks program requirements; refrigerated vending machines would need additional electrical and in addition, fruit and vegetables can be purchased at the cafeteria. She reviewed smart snack options and formulation. Mr. Petrie attended the Substance Abuse Workshop called "The More You Know" held at the Brookhaven Town Hall and Dr. Pachter's presentation is scheduled for MPHS on April 4, 2025 for tenth graders and at NCRMS on May 30, 2025 for the eighth graders.

3. Bond 2021 Update

Ms. Reitan asked Ms. Card to give an update on the 2021 bond project. Ms. Card stated that the first phase of the building of the Emergency/Safety access road started this week with the removal of the trees from that area. This emergency secondary road will provide an alternative means for evacuations and emergency vehicles to and from Miller Place High School. This road is not for any other access other than emergencies. Regarding the MPHS ventilation project, the new unit ventilators and casework are on order. The other approved projects are out to bid currently. The District will receive and open the bids on March 6, 2025 at 11 a.m. These projects include: MPHS art classrooms, MPHS boys shower reno, MPHS parking lots resurfacing (front and student lots), NCRMS art classroom, NCRMS family and consumer science classroom conversion to a flexible multiple purpose classroom. The bulk of this work should be completed in the summer of 2025 dependent on supply chain delays, etc. The 2021 bond project

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information can be found on the district website under departments > business office > bond information for your reference. Ms. Spaniolas asked if the AMPS air conditioners are working and Ms. Card noted that they are; LADSBS air conditioning is going to be checked once it gets warmer; NCRMS is waiting for switch gear to run the air conditioning. If all goes according to the current plans and barring any unforeseen issue, we can potentially have air conditioning working in all four buildings in September.

4. Superintendent's Proposed 2025-26 Budget Presentation

Mr. Lipshie welcomed everyone. He thanked the district office administrators and the building level administrators for helping create this budget. We start the process early due to the amount of work that is involved. He noted that foundation aid did not increase and that some estimates are used for revenues. Ms. Card will go over the tax levy cap formula. He noted that the budget is approximately \$85 million dollars and is within the tax cap. The district is maintaining our current academic and extracurricular activities, clubs, sports, and electives but electives are based on student interest as well.

Ms. Card gave the budget presentation for the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for the 2025-26 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 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 question about the funding analysis for the capital funds which were answered by Ms. Card. A resident had a question about replenishing funds. We try to replenish the reserve funds each when possible. 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.

K. DISCUSSION

1. Council Meeting

Ms. Reitan introduced Ms. Craddock, the chair of the committee, to discuss the council meeting. Ms. Craddock sent invitations to the school district community to participate in the board equity council via connect-ed message. The district received 58 responses, including two board of education members, three administrators, three teachers and some students and 25 participants attended the first meeting. The meeting started with a brief overview of our district's strategic plan, specifically pillar two, that inclusivity, respect and collaboration are integral to the activities and culture of the district through out actions, words and initiatives. We look to foster a culture of continuous improvement where all members of the Miller Place School district community feel valued, empowered, proud and inspired to reach their full potential which sets the framework. Everyone shares the same goal of wanting students to be successful in school and that this meeting was the first step in the process for starting conversations to provide input to some of the questions about issues facing our schools and community. She noted that the council does not have the responsibility of making any decisions such as re-designing curriculum or instruction, or any of the materials used. We wanted to provide community the opportunity for input and feedback. The committee worked in groups to provide responses to a few example questions. For example, what are you grateful for regarding our schools or community? The second part of the

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meeting was to provide some ideas, words or phrases that describe what equity in schools looks like to each of the participants and what it could mean in our school community. Each table group read the responses from the other table groups so they could break out with the other members of the council and speak with them about some of the things that were listed from the table groups. After the meeting the participants were invited to complete a Google form, regarding takeaways, from the meeting or things that resonated with them or things that could be brought back to the board of education and community regarding topics. We received seven responses to date; we are going to gather all the information to give a report to the board of education so that we can plan our next steps. Mr. Makarius and Mr. Galligan were pleased with the outcome of the first meeting. No date has been set yet for another meeting.

L. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Acceptance of the Miller Place School District Calendar 2025-26

Mr. Lipshie is requesting your approval of the resolution to adopt the Miller Place Union Free School District calendar for the 2025-26 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 2025-26 school year as presented.”

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to approve the Miller Place School District Calendar 2025-26 as presented.

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

M. BOARD POLICIES – First Time Reading

1050	Annual District Meeting
1420	Public Complaints about Curricula or Instructional Material
1420.F	Request for Reconsideration of a Work
1420.R	Public Complaints about Curricula or Instructional Material Regulation Request for Reconsideration of a Work
1440	Public Complaints about District Personnel
1530	No Smoking, Vaping or Other Tobacco Use on School Premises
4200	Curriculum Management
5030	Prayer in the Schools
5310.4	Public Conduct on School Property
5500	Student Records
5500.R	Student Records Regulation
5520	Student Privacy
6130	Budget Vote and Procedures for Voters Propositions
8417	Copyright Law Compliance
8417.F	Copyright Law Compliance Publication Release Form
9010	Equal Employment Opportunity
9120.1	Staff Conflict of Interest

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- 9520.2 Family and Medical Leave
- 9520.2R Family and Medical Leave Regulation
- 9530 No Smoking, Vaping or Other Tobacco Use on School Premises

N. BOARD POLICIES – Review

- 6700 Purchasing
- 6700.R Purchasing Regulation

O. BOARD POLICIES – Action

- 1600 Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment
- 2160 Code of Ethics
- 2200 Duties of District Clerk
- 2230 Duties of the External Independent Auditor
- 2230.E Duties of the External Independent Auditor-Exhibit
- 2230.R Duties of the External Independent Auditor-Regulation
- 2231 Duties of the Claims Auditor
- 2231.E Duties of the Claims Auditor Warrant Certification
- 2231.R Duties of the Claims Auditor-Regulation
- 2235 Duties of the Extra-Classroom Activities Fund Treasurer
- 5020.3 Students with Disabilities Pursuant to Section 504
- 5320 Student Conduct on School Buses
- 5320.R Student Conduct on School Buses Regulation
- 6235 Use of District Funds for Political Expenditures
- 6236 Use of Federal Funds for Political Expenditures
- 6710 Principles of Purchasing
- 6720 Competitive Bids and Quotations
- 7100 Facilities Planning
- 8411 School Bus Scheduling and Routing
- 8411.E Agreement to Provide Transportation on Private Roads
- 8411.R School Bus Scheduling and Routing Regulation
- 8414.5 Alcohol and Controlled Substance Testing for Drivers
- 8414.5.R Alcohol and Controlled Substance Testing for Drivers Regulation
- 8415 Idling of School Buses, Other School Vehicles and Private Vehicles on School Grounds
- 8415.R Idling of School Buses, Other School Vehicles and Private Vehicles on School Grounds Regulation

Ms. Reitan asked if there were any questions on the policies in action. Ms. Spaniolas requested that 5320 be put back into Review at the next board meeting.

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

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

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P. OTHER – None

Q. 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 questions from a parent regarding the student summer assignments, and alerting the community as to the summer assignments so they can determine how many AP classes to take. Another parent raised a question pertaining to strategic plan about how the board is looking to improve the students' performance through effective teaching strategies and what research based instructional strategies are being presented to teachers so that they can be properly trained on how to implement this in every single day in class activities. The resident was happy with the increase in the professional development budget for teachers, etc. Another resident asked why community residents without students were not notified of the council meeting on the school's website.

R. MOVEMENT TO/FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for matters concerning specific legal and personnel issues.

Ms. Spaniolas moved, seconded by Mr. Galligan, to go into Executive Session for matters concerning specific contractual negotiations at 9:29 p.m.

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to move out of the Executive Session to return to public session.
Ms. Testa moved, seconded by Mr. Galligan, to move out of the Executive Session at 10:39 p.m.

Yes 5; No 0: Motion Carried

S. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Ms. Spaniolas moved, seconded by Ms. Testa, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

Yes 5; No 0: Motion Carried

Respectively submitted by Ms. Louise Tromba, District Clerk