

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

Date: March 26, 2025
Kind of Meeting: Business Meeting
Place of Meeting: MPHS Auditorium

Those Present:

Board President:	Ms. Lisa Reitan	
Board Vice-President:	Mr. Bryan Makarius	(arrived at 6:41 p.m.)
Board Trustee:	Mr. John Galligan	
Board Trustee:	Ms. Johanna Testa	
Board Trustee:	Ms. Andrea Spaniolas	
Superintendent of Schools:	Mr. Seth Lipshie	(arrived at 6:35 pm)
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	

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A. PUBLIC SESSION

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

It is expected that the Board will move directly into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters appropriate under the Open Meetings Law. Following the Executive Session, the Board will reconvene at approximately 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

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

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

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

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

Mr. 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.

3. Recognition

Mr. Lipshie welcomed everyone to the Board meeting. Mr. Lipshie mentioned that we have over 40 staff and students that the Board of Education will recognize for their outstanding efforts and achievement, in athletics, fine arts in our classrooms and competitions, and staff will be recognized. Ms. Craddock will facilitate the Board's recognition.

- **District Wide – Colors of Long Island Exhibition**

Ms. Craddock noted that Ms. Famigletti, Lead Teacher for Art, was unable to attend but spoke on her behalf to recognize students who have had art exhibited in various shows throughout Long Island this year. She thanked all of the students for sharing their creativity and passion. Ms. Craddock recognized from Miller Place High School: Amelia Avalos and Emily Campos; from North Country Road Middle School: Gabriella Martino and Isla Paxton; from Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School: Jaelyn Ciervo and Autumn Her; and from Andrew Muller Primary School: Theodore Sheehan and Kaylee Staib. The Board of Education and Administration congratulated the students and they each received a pin and certificate of recognition.

- **District Wide – New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA) Kindred Spirits Exhibit**

Ms. Craddock recognized two students that had artwork recognized by the New York State Art Teachers Association. The students were Amaya Seeram from North Country Road Middle School and Teagan Phelan from Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School. The Board of Education and Administration congratulated the students, and they each received a pin and certificate of recognition.

- **AMPS – First Grade Civics Curriculum Project**

Ms. Craddock introduced Ms. Gewurz, Andrew Muller Primary School Principal, who recognized Ms. Ponzini, Elementary Teacher. Ms. Ponzini ran a grade one civics project for the whole grade level, preparing a lesson plan for all the teachers so that the students could do something to give back to the community. The students donated almost 80 blankets for a Port Jefferson animal shelter in coordination with the local police precinct. The Board of Education and Administration congratulated the teacher and she received a pin and certificate of recognition.

- **AMPS – Association of Literacy Educators and Research (ALER Presenter)**

Ms. Gewurz, Andrew Muller Primary School Principal, introduced Ms. Lakas, Elementary Teacher, who was a speaker at the annual ALER conference. Her presentation was on "*Constructing and Mobilizing the Young Literary Self through Emergent Literacy Theory*".

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The Board of Education and Administration congratulated the teacher and she received a pin and certificate of recognition.

- **LADSBS – Mid-East Suffolk Teacher Center (MESTRACT) Grant Writers**
Ms. Craddock introduced Mr. Curran, Curriculum Specialist for Elementary Education. He introduced Allison Brenner, and Justine Mock from the LADSBS who were recognized for their dedication and initiative in helping to secure a \$1,500 grant for the elementary buildings from MESTRACT. Ms. Craddock noted that Mr. Curran also played a part in the grant writing and in securing the grant. The Board of Education and Administration congratulated the grant writers and they each received a pin and certificate of recognition.
- **NCRMS – P.S. I Love You Day Activity – Harold and the Purple Crayon**
Ms. Craddock introduced Ms. Mangiamiele, North Country Road Middle School Principal. Ms. Mangiamiele recognized two students, Kenzi Rubinetti and Nora Kelly who had a vision of students coming together to view *Harold the Purple Crayon*. They created a space for kindness to shape an afternoon coupled of course with purple slushies for all students.. It was a huge success with over a hundred students joining us in raising \$900 for the P.S. I Love You foundation. The Board of Education congratulated the students, and they received a certificate of recognition and pin from the Board and Administration.
- **MPHS – Founders of the Buddy Builder Club**
Ms. Craddock introduced Mr. Slavin, Miller Place High School Principal, to recognize Keira Felser and Carmela Avgoustidis for their idea was to form a club called Buddy Builder that would offer mentorship to the lower grades, focusing on the academics. He stated that they needed a volunteer class advisor and asked Ms. Molander from the Math department. Mr. Slavin said that it was one of the best experiences that he had as a principal and was super proud of everything they did and that he was able to be a spectator. The Board of Education congratulated the students, and they received a certificate of recognition and pin from the Board and Administration.
- **MPHS – 2025 Mid Island Band Festival**
Ms. Craddock introduced Dr. Reinhardt, Lead Teacher for Music to speak about Miller Place High School students who participated in the 64th Annual Mid-Island Band Festival. This prestigious event brought together talented musicians from across the Suffolk County under the guidance of their band teacher, Mr. Hardy, the students had the opportunity to collaborate with other young musicians and perform in a concert that showcased their musical talents. The Miller Place community is very proud of these students' dedication and hard work in preparing for the event. Miller Place was proudly represented by the following exceptional musicians: Josie Attisano, Andrew Byrnes, Katherine Byrnes, Angela Chen, Sean Creedon, Sophia Cui, Emily Darragh, Nicholas DiCaprio, Anthony Galfano, Nicholas Galfano, Jett Jakahi, Robert John Kalin, Daniel Rosequist, Lukas Ryan, Lorilei Specht, Keira Vogt, and Isbella Czar. The Board of Education congratulated the students, and they received a certificate of recognition and pin from the Board and Administration.

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- **MPHS – Suffolk County Art Leaders Association (SCALA) All County and Senior Show**
Ms. Craddock recognized the following students who were selected to participate in the Suffolk County Art Leaders Association (SCALA) All County and Senior Show: Josie Attisano, Emily Campos, Gavin Sanfilippo, and Savannah Moeller. The Board of Education congratulated the students, and they received a certificate of recognition and pin from the Board and Administration.
- **MPHS – Flowerfields Atelier Middle and High School Juried Exhibition**
Ms. Craddock recognized student, Gavin Sanfilippo, who was selected to participate in the Flowerfields Atelier Middle and High School Juried Exhibition. The Board of Education congratulated the student, and he received a certificate of recognition and pin from the Board and Administration.
- **MPHS – 2025 Class of Young Professionals**
Ms. Craddock introduced Mr. Corleto, Curriculum Specialist for Science, Math, Technology, and Business who recognized an exceptional member of the high school teaching staff, Mr. McLaughlin who was named one of Long Island's top 30 Under 30 by the Huntington Chamber of Commerce. This prestigious honor recognizes young professionals who have made remarkable contributions to education, business, industry and community. The Board of Education congratulated the recipient, and he received a certificate of recognition and pin from the Board and Administration.
- **Athletics – Winter Champions**
Ms. Craddock introduced Mr. Petrie, Director of Athletics, Health, Physical Education, and Intramurals. Mr. Petrie recognized three students: Junior, Marc Linderman; Senior, Andrew Dahlberg; and Senior, Saaim Imran. In the entire county, Saaim placed fourth individually in the sabre, Marc Linderman placed second in the foil, and Andrew Dahlberg took third in the foil and that is for the entire county as a team. The joint team won their fifth consecutive Suffolk County Championship. He congratulated them for their tremendous dedication and for making Miller Place proud. The Board of Education congratulated the students, and they received a certificate of recognition and pin from the Board and Administration.

In addition, Mr. Petrie recognized student, Jillian Scully, for her accomplishments. Last year Jillian became for the NYS Public High School Association and NYS Federation champion in the shot put for winter indoor track. This year she won both the State and Federation Championships in the outdoor season for the shot put and discus. She now has three state championships. She also won her second indoor State and Federation championship in shot put and set the all-time record for Suffolk County and Long Island with a throw of 48 feet and 4 ¼" during the season which put her at sixth place in the entire country. The Board of Education congratulated the student, and she received a certificate of recognition and pin from the Board and Administration.

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C. MESSAGES

1. Superintendent Message

Ms. Reitan introduced Mr. Lipshie to give his message. Mr. Lipshie, I hope everyone enjoyed Board Recognition. He noted that tonight's meeting includes the final budget workshop presentation and adoption of the 2025-26 Budget, and a Student Performance Results presentation. He plans to share some of the amazing school activities that have taken place on our campuses at the next Board of Education meeting in April.

2. Board Members Message

Ms. Reitan expressed her thanks to those who donated towards scholarships.

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 from the public.

E. CONSENT AGENDA – MINUTES

1. Minutes

This resolution is to approve the meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby accepts, as written, the minutes of the February 26, 2025 Business Meeting and March 12, 2025 Business Meeting/Budget Workshop #2.”

F. CONSENT AGENDA – FINANCE/FACILITIES

1. Treasurer Reports

This resolution accepts the Treasurer Reports for the period ending February 28, 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 February 28, 2025.”

2. Financial Reports

This resolution accepts the Financial Reports for the period ending February 28, 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 February 28, 2025.”

3. Extra Classroom Activity Reports

This resolution accepts the Extra Classroom Activity Reports for the period ending February 28, 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 the Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for the period ending February 28, 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 February 28, 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 Claims Auditor Reports for the period ending February 28, 2025.”

5. **Contracts – Health Services**

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 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 service contract for the 2024-25 school year and furthermore authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign such contracts with the West Islip Union Free School District, Three Village Central School District and Smithtown Central School District.”

6. **2025-26 Eastern Suffolk BOCES Purchasing Contracts**

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges that "additional insured" status shall be secured by signing a risk transfer/Indemnification Agreement when engaging services through the Cooperative Bidding Program with each awarded vendor when Services are requested. Said agreement must be signed by both parties and will remain in effect for the current term of the Bid. In the event the Bid is extended, and a Participant requires Service, a new risk transfer/Indemnification Agreement must be executed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. **Agreement – ERIE 1 BOCES – Google Workspace**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the ERIE 1 BOCES – Workspace Agreement. The District is utilizing Google for the cloud based collaborative student learning system.

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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 the agreement with ERIE 1 BOCES – Google and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

8. **Agreement – Eastern Suffolk BOCES- Multi-Year Service**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the Eastern Suffolk BOCES-Multi-Year Service Agreement – Internet Access/FWAN, 10 Mbps Backup E-Line Project.

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 agreement with Eastern Suffolk BOCES-Multi-Year Service Agreement – Internet Access/FWAN, 10 Mbps Backup E-Line Project and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

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

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to extend the Request for Proposal (RFP) award for a Universal Pre-K Program #25-18 for the 2025-26 school year and approve the related agreement.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the Universal Pre-K Program Request for Proposal (RFP) #25-18 Extension for the 2025-26 school year, approve the related agreement, and hereby authorizes the Board of Education President to sign the agreement.”

10. **Contract – Sunset Harbour 2026 Senior Prom**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the contract with Sunset Harbour for the Senior Prom to be held on June 25, 2026.

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 authorizes the contract with Sunset Harbour for the 2026 Senior Prom and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

11. **Contract - The Waterview at Port Jefferson Country Club – 2025 Drama Club Dinner**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the contract with The Waterview at Port Jefferson Country Club for the Drama Club Dinner to be held on June 21, 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 approves the contract with The Waterview at Port Jefferson Country Club for the 2025 Drama Club Dinner and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

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12. **Contract - Tommy Tunes – 2025 Drama Club Dinner**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the contract with Tommy's Tunes for the Drama Club Dinner to be held on June 21, 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 approves the contract with Tommy's Tunes for the Drama Club Dinner for the 2024-25 school year and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement."

13. **Contract - Scott's Point (Field Trip)**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the contract for the Second Grade Field Trip on June 20, 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 authorizes the contract with Scott's Pointe and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such contract."

14. **Bid Rejection – Bid #25-09 Sound System Replacement, Installation and Repair**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card reject Bid 25-09 Sound System Replacement, Installation and Repair.

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 that the Board of Education has the discretion to reject all bids received when it is in the best interest of the District to do so.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education received bids in response to bid specifications for Sound System Replacement, Installation and Repair; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has the discretion to reject all bids received and call for new bids when it is in the best interest of the District to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby rejects all bids that it received in connection with Sound System Replacement, Installation and Repair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs the administration to revise the bid specifications and to rebid and re-advertise if deemed necessary in accordance with law."

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15. **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

- Donna Pranzo - \$100.00
 - Carolyn Kagan - \$100.00
 - Exotic Doc Veterinary Services - \$100.00
 - Manzoni Real Estate - \$100.00
 - The Village Beacon Record - \$100.00
 - Maureen and Mark Wasserman - \$200.00
 - Miller Place AP Account \$15,000.00
- and for the following Scholarships and Awards accounts:
- Susan Craddock - \$100.00 – Grace Brindley Scholarship”

16. **Bid Award – Bond 2021 Work – Bid #25-19 Plumbing and #25-20 General Construction and Electrical**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card recommend and request your approval of the bid recommendations of Michael J. Guido, District Architect for the continued bond work projects.

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 hereby awards bid #25-19 - Plumbing, and #25-20 – General Construction and Electrical for the listed contracts to the lowest responsible bidder meeting bid specifications as follows:

<u>Contract No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Contract # 16D	General Construction	ACL Construction Corp.	\$600,000.00
Contract # 18	Plumbing	Maccarone Plumbing Inc.	\$144,300.00
Contract # 19A	Electrical	Relle Electric Corp.	\$165,321.00

AND FUTHERMORE authorizes the President of the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education to sign such agreements.”

G. **CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL**

1. **Personnel List**

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

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 3-6-25; CPSE AMPS 2-14-25; CSE AMPS 2-28-25; CSE AMPS 3-5-25; CSE LADSBS 2-28-25; CSE LADSBS 3-5-25; CSE LADSBS 3-14-25; CSE MPHS 2-24-25; CSE OOD 2-27-25.”

I. CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION – None

J. CONSENT AGENDA – OTHER

1. 2025-26 Property Tax Report Card

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

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the attached Property Tax Report Card (English and Spanish) associated with the adopted 2025-26 fiscal year budget which may be amended if necessary. The Board further directs the School Business Official to transmit the approved Property Tax Report Card to the New York State Education Department on April 28, 2025 and to the District’s official newspapers by April 28, 2025.”

2. Appointment – Asbestos Compliance Officer

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby appoints the Director of Facilities, Mr. Wayne Casey, as the Asbestos Compliance Officer for the 2025-26 effective date 3/31/25.”

3. Suffolk County Board of Elections Contract

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your acceptance of the following resolution to approve the Suffolk County Board of Elections Contract.

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve that the Suffolk County Board of Elections have polling places at the North Country Road Middle School and Miller Place High School for the following dates Tuesday, June 24, 2025; Tuesday, November 4, 2025 elections and any special elections as required and furthermore, authorizes the Miller Place Union Free School District Board President to sign such agreement for the 2025-26 school years.”

K. CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL

Ms. Reitan thanked everyone for their generous scholarship donations.

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

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

L. 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, and everyone is excited for spring. Spring sports have started, and the Science Olympiad team went to states and performed well for their first year. She noted that that it is really nice that Miller Place is not just exceling in sports but also academics. The variety show auditions are coming up and it has been consolidated into one performance and hopefully the show will sell out. The students are excited to do the teacher skits, so if anyone out there is featured don't be surprised. She noted that there are many things happening in music: Tri-M Club students are mentoring, some students from the Middle School by helping students with their NYSSMA solos and then there will be a third grade instrument presentation happening soon. The Pink Floyd concert went very well as it was sold out and made almost \$1,000 in fundraising. College acceptance letters are being mailed. Congratulations to Diana Zarbanelian and Matthew Cirrito for becoming valedictorian and salutatorian. I am Proud to be a Panther and Proud to be a part of Miller Place. There is so much dedication and talent throughout the entire district, students and teachers included.

2. Board Committees, if applicable – None at this time

3. Bond 2021 Update

Ms. Reitan introduced Ms. Card to give the board an update on the 2021 bond project. Regarding the MPHS ventilation project, the new unit ventilators and casework are on order. The other approved projects are out to bid at this time and the District received bids on March 6, 2025, for Sitework, General Construction, and Plumbing. No bids were received for the electrical work at that time. The District rejected the General Construction bids on March 12, 2025, due to a technical error during the bid opening. The District rebid the General Construction and Electrical Work contracts, and the bid opening was held today, March 26, 2025. The District awarded the MPHS parking work on March 12, 2025 to: Site Work Bid - Stasi General Contracting - \$597,000. The bulk of this site work should be completed in the summer of 2025. We will be

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setting up construction meetings to review projected timelines for this project. The District awarded the following bond contracts tonight to the lowest responsible bidder as follows: General Construction - ACL Construction Corp - \$600,000, Electric - Relle Electric Corp - \$165,321, and Plumbing- Maccarone Plumbing - \$144,300. These projects include the MPHS art classrooms, MPHS boys shower reno, 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 any potential supply chain delays. We will be setting up construction meetings to review projected timelines for this project now that vendors have been awarded the contracts. The 2021 bond project information can be found on the district website under departments > business office> bond information for your reference.

4. Student Performance Results

Ms. Reitan introduced Ms. Craddock, who will give an overview and presentation of the Student Performance Results for the 2022-2024 school years. She noted that the District received a special AP Silver honor roll designation this year. The Board asked if the District has been awarded the AP Silver honor roll designation before which Ms. Craddock stated that not to her knowledge. The Board is quite impressed with our curriculum specialists, administrators and teachers. This presentation will be posted on the District website under the Curriculum department section for easy access and review.

5. Superintendent's Proposed 2025-26 Budget Presentation

Mr. Lipshe introduced Ms. Card to give her final presentation. Ms. Card gave the final summary presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for the 2024-25 school year. The Board was happy and noted that they would be approving the budget later during the meeting. Ms. Card 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.

M. DISCUSSION – None

N. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. 2025-26 Budget Adoption

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to adopt the 2025-26 School Budget. The District is required to adopt a budget each year for the annual budget vote that is scheduled for District voters this year on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at the North Country Road Middle School gymnasium from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby adopts the Miller Place Union Free School District budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year in the amount of \$85,064,306 and will submit said budget to the qualified voters of the District on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, pursuant to law.”

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Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to approve the 2025-26 School Budget as presented.

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

O. BOARD POLICIES – First Time Reading

- 5020.5 Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention
- 5020.5.E1 Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Complaint Form
- 5020.5.E2 Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Complaint Appeal Form
- 5020.5R Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Regulation
- 9010.2 Sexual Harassment
- 9010.2.E1 Sexual Harassment Formal Complaint Form
- 9010.2.R Sexual Harassment Regulation
- 9520.2 Family and Medical Leave
- 9520.2R Family and Medical Leave Regulation
- 9530 No Smoking, Vaping or Other Tobacco Use on School Premises

P. BOARD POLICIES – Review

- 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
- 4200 Curriculum Management
- 4513 Library Materials Selection
- 5030 Prayer in the Schools
- 5310.4 Public Conduct on School Property
- 5320 Student Conduct on School Buses
- 5320.R Student Conduct on School Buses Regulation
- 5500 Student Records
- 5500.R Student Records Regulation
- 5520 Student Privacy
- 8417 Copyright Law Compliance
- 8417.F Copyright Law Compliance Publication Release Form
- 9010 Equal Employment Opportunity
- 9120.1 Staff Conflict of Interest

Q. BOARD POLICIES – Action

- 1050 Annual District Meeting
- 6130 Budget Vote and Procedures for Voters Propositions
- 6700 Purchasing
- 6700.R Purchasing Regulation

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Ms. Reitan asked if there were any questions on the policies in action.

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

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

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 comments from the public.

T. **MOVEMENT TO/FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Mr. Galligan moved, seconded by Ms. Testa, to go into Executive Session for matters concerning specific personnel issues at 9:31 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. Spaniolas moved, seconded by Ms. Testa, to move out of the Executive Session at 10:31 p.m.

Yes 5; No 0: Motion Carried

U. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

Mr. Galligan moved, seconded by Mr. Makarius, to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m.

Yes 5; No 0: Motion Carried

Respectively submitted by Ms. Louise Tromba, District Clerk