

MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MILLER PLACE, NEW YORK
MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2025

Date: June 10, 2025
Kind of Meeting: Business Meeting
Place of Meeting: MPHS Auditorium

Those Present:

Board President:	Ms. Lisa Reitan
Board Vice-President:	Mr. Bryan Makarius
Board Trustee:	Mr. John Galligan
Superintendent of Schools:	Mr. Seth Lipshie
Assistant Superintendent:	Ms. Susan Craddock
Director Human Resources:	Mr. Chris Herrschaft
District Clerk:	Ms. Louise Tromba

Those Absent:

Board Trustee:	Ms. Andrea Spaniolas
School Business Official:	Ms. Colleen Card
Executive Director for Educational Services:	Ms. Sandra Wojnowski

In Attendance:

Matthew Mehnert, Esq.	Guercio & Guercio, LLP
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A. PUBLIC SESSION

Open Business Meeting and move to Executive Session – MPHS – 7:15 PM

It is expected that the Board will move directly into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters appropriate under the Open Meetings Law. Following the Executive Session, the Board will reconvene at approximately 7:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

B. MOVEMENT TO/FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Yes 3; 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 3; No 0; Motion Carried

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Ms. Reitan reviewed the emergency procedures.

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Appointment for 504 Due Process Proceeding

This resolution was pulled from the agenda.

2. Legal Resolution – Defense and Indemnification

This resolution is to approve the requests for defense and indemnification pertaining to a legal matter.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the request for defense and indemnification submitted by Lisa Reitan, Bryan Makarius, John Galligan, Andrea Spaniolas, Seth Lipshie, Sandra Wojnowski, Staci Martinez, Nicholas Belvedere, Alyssa Christoffersen, Josephine Fiumano, Desiree Shanks, and Kevin M. Slavin on or about June 2, 2025 in connection with the Section 504 Due Process Proceeding filed with the Miller Place Union Free School District in the action identified on Confidential Schedule “A”, and confers upon Lisa Reitan, Bryan Makarius, John Galligan, Andrea Spaniolas, Seth Lipshie, Sandra Wojnowski, Staci Martinez, Nicholas Belvedere, Alyssa Christoffersen, Josephine Fiumano, Desiree Shanks, and Kevin M. Slavin the benefits and protections of Section 18 of Public Officers Law, in addition to the benefits and protections Sections 3811, 3029 and 3023 of the Education Law, as applicable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall accordingly indemnify and defend Lisa Reitan, Bryan Makarius, John Galligan, Andrea Spaniolas, Seth Lipshie, Sandra Wojnowski, Staci Martinez, Nicholas Belvedere, Alyssa Christoffersen, Josephine Fiumano, Desiree Shanks, and Kevin M. Slavin for any costs, attorneys’ fees, judgments, damages, settlements, fines, or penalties, provided that the acts or omissions from which the judgment or claim (etc.) arose or occurred while each of the aforementioned individuals was acting within the scope of their public employment or duties, and provided further that in the case of a settlement, the duty to indemnify and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval of the amount of any such settlement by the Board of Education; and no Certificate of Good Faith or merit shall be required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby appoints Guercio & Guercio, LLP through its insurance carrier with regard to the defense of Lisa Reitan, Bryan Makarius, John Galligan, Andrea Spaniolas, Seth Lipshie, Sandra Wojnowski, Staci Martinez, Nicholas Belvedere, Alyssa Christoffersen, Josephine Fiumano, Desiree Shanks, and Kevin M. Slavin in connection with the aforementioned proceeding.”

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

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

Yes 3; No 0; Motion Carried

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D. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Mr. Makarius moved, seconded by Mr. Galligan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Ms. Louise Tromba, District Clerk