

MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MILLER PLACE, NEW YORK
MINUTES
MAY 28, 2025

Date: May 28, 2025
Kind of Meeting: Business Meeting
Place of Meeting: MPHS Auditorium

Those Present:

Board Vice-President:	Mr. Bryan Makarius
Board Trustee:	Mr. John Galligan
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 (left at 7:08 p.m.)
Director Human Resources:	Mr. Chris Herrschaft
District Clerk:	Ms. Louise Tromba

Those Absent:

Board President: Ms. Lisa Reitan

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 JUNE 18, 2025, BUSINESS MEETING

A. PUBLIC SESSION

1. Open Business Meeting and move to Executive Session – MPHS – 7:00 PM

Mr. Makarius called the business meeting to order at 7:00 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.

Mr. Makarius asked for a motion to move into executive session for specific personnel and specific legal matters.

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

Yes 3; No 0; Motion Carried

Mr. Makarius asked for a motion to exit the executive session and reconvene the business meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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

Yes 3; No 0; Motion Carried

2. Mr. Makarius reviewed the emergency procedures.

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B. RECOGNITION

1. Recognition of Veterans

There were no veterans at the meeting.

2. Recognition of Media

There was no media present at the meeting.

C. MESSAGES

1. Superintendent Message

Mr. Makarius introduced Mr. Lipshie to give his message. Mr. Lipshie welcomed everyone to the May board meeting. He reviewed some of the activities that have taken place throughout the district. The month of May has been very busy outside the classrooms: nine student musical concerts were performed representing Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School (LADSBS), North Country Road Middle School (NCRMS), and Miller Place High School (MPHS) along with the conclusion of spring athletics. The art students have/or will display their best works at three art shows. Andrew Muller Primary School (AMPS) and LADSBS students had an opportunity to showcase their teamwork, athleticism and sportsmanship at their field days. Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and talent regarding activities taking place in our classrooms. He noted that he would defer to Ms. Spaniolas who will be reporting all of the activities on behalf of the curriculum committee. Mr. Lipshie reminded everyone to check the district calendar as our end of year activities continue throughout the month of June culminating with the high school graduation. Please remember that any updates to the calendar have been made in red.

2. Board Members Message

Mr. Makarius advised that Ms. Reitan was unable to attend tonight's meeting. She would like to congratulate Ms. Spaniolas and Ms. Keller on being elected as board trustees. Additionally, we would like to thank the community for approving the budget on May 20, 2025. The board appreciates the more than 750 community members who came out to vote. We usually address questions from previous meetings and are in the process of providing clarification. Mr. Makarius said as the end of the school year approaches, we want to remind the community of some important information that both high school and middle school have posted their calendars for their final and regents' exams. The younger grade parents have been contacted via email and newsletters about all of the wonderful end-of-the-year events. We encourage all the families to continue to support the students as they continue to work hard towards the end of the school year.

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 public be heard comments regarding the agenda items.

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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 April 23, 2025, Business Meeting; April 23, 2025 Audit Committee Minutes; May 6, 2025 Business Meeting/Budget Hearing.”

F. CONSENT AGENDA – FINANCE/FACILITIES

1. Treasurer Reports

This resolution accepts the Treasurer Reports for the period ending April 30, 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 April 30, 2025.”

2. Financial Reports

This resolution accepts the Financial Reports for the period ending April 30, 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 April 30, 2025.”

3. Extra Classroom Activity Reports

This resolution accepts the Extra Classroom Activity Reports for the period ending April 30, 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 Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for the period ending April 30, 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 April 30, 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 April 30, 2025.”

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5. **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.”

6. **SCOPE Education Services License– Before and After School Care Services**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the Before and After Care agreement with SCOPE for the 2025-26 school year.

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 Before and After Care agreement with SCOPE for the 2025-26 school year and hereby authorizes the Board of Education President to sign the agreement.”

7. **SCOPE Education Services Contract– Summer Enrichment Program**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the summer enrichment program contract with SCOPE which provides a four-day, Monday through Thursday enrichment program to students for the period of August 4, 2025 to August 14, 2025.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the attached SCOPE Education Services Enrichment Program contract and furthermore, authorizes the Board of Education President to sign the agreement.”

8. **Shared Services Contract – Eastern Suffolk BOCES for 2025-26**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to accept the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Shared Services Contract for the 2025-26 school year.

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 Eastern Suffolk BOCES Shared Services Contract for the 2025-26 school year and authorizes the Board President and/or District Clerk to sign such contract.”

9. **Request For Proposal Award – Tree & Lawn Maintenance Service & Other Pest Services #24-16 – Extension #26-16**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting an extension of RFP #24-16 Extension #26-16 of the Request for Proposal - Tree and Lawn Maintenance Services, which includes outdoor and other pest services as well.

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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 extends the Tree & Lawn Maintenance Services, RFP #24-16 Extension #26-16, for the 2025-26 school year, for one year at no changes in the service terms and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

10. Request for Proposal Award – Job Coaching, Career Assessment Services #22-10 – Extension #26-10

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to award the Request for Proposal (RFP) hereby extends the Job Coaching RFP #22-10, extension #26-10 for 2025-26 year and approves 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 extends the Job Coaching #22-10-Extension #26-10, for the 2025-26 school year, for one year with no changes in the service terms and hereby authorizes the agreement with the Career & Employment Options Inc. and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

11. Request for Proposal Award – Armed Security Guard Professional Services #24-04, Ext. #26-04

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to accept the Request for Proposal (RFP) award for Aron Security d/b/a Arrow Security Services, Inc. requesting an extension of RFP #24-04, extension #26-04 for the 2025-26 school year.

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 extends the award for Armed Security Guard Professional Services RFP #24-04, extension 26-04 for the 2025-26 school year, for one year at no changes in the service terms and furthermore authorized the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

12. Request for Proposal Award – Electrical Services #24-13, extension #26-13

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the following Electrical Services Request for RFP #24-13, extension #26-13, to Relle Electric Corp. for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

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 extends the Electrical Services & Repair RFP #24-13, Extension #26-13, for the 2025-26 school year, for one year at no changes in the service terms and furthermore authorized the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

13. Request for Proposal Award–Special Education Services #22-06, extension #26-06

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the Special Education Services Request for Proposal – RFP #22-06, extension #26-06, for the 2025-26 year and approve the related agreements.

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby extends the Special Education Services Request for Proposal – RFP #22-06, extension #26-06, for the 2025-26 fiscal year with no changes in service terms, hereby authorizes the related agreements, and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such contracts.”

14. **Request for Proposal Award – Streaming of Board of Education Meetings #23-08, extension #26-08**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to accept the Request for Proposal (RFP) award for the streaming of Board of Education Meetings #23-08, extension #26-08 for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

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 accept the Request for Proposal – RFP #23-08, extension #26-08 for 2025-2026 from Parking & Mobility Consultants, Inc. and award at the rates listed.”

15. **Mass Mutual Insurance-Certificate of Corporate Resolution**

Ms. Card is requesting your approval of the corporate resolution in connection with policies and contracts maintained with Mass Mutual.

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 appoints Colleen Card as the designated officer for all District insurance policies including Mass Mutual per the attached certificate of corporate resolution.”

16. **Health Services Contracts**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the health service contract as required per educational law, section 912, with the school districts providing health services to the District’s resident students who attend private or parochial school for the 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 Uniondale Union Free School District, South Huntington Union Free School District, and Riverhead Central School District.”

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17. **Donations-Extraclassroom Activities**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to accept donations to approve the donation from the extraclassroom activity club to be used in support of their extraclassroom activities:

Class of 2025 Club – Apple Food Service of New York	24.27
Tri-M Club – Suffolk County Music Educators’ Association	450.00.”

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 donations for the Class of 2025 Club – Apple Food Service of New York - \$24.27 and for the Tri-M Club – Suffolk County Music Educators’ Association - \$450.00.”

18. **Donation – Scholarships and Awards**

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

Munistat Services LLP - \$250.00
Women of the Moose - \$500.00
Suffolk Association of School Business Officials - \$500.00
Miller Place Fire Department - \$500.00
Suffolk Chapter – NYS Facilities Association - \$1,500.00
Miller Place Friends of the Arts – \$6,000.00
Miller Place Clerical Association - \$250.00.”

G. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

1. **Personnel List**

Mr. Lipshie and Mr. Herrschaft recommend and request your approval of the attached personnel list.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves hereby approves the attached personnel list of May 28, 2025, as presented.”

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2. **Amendment Agreement – Employee No. 2470**

Ms. Card is requesting your approval of the Amendment Agreement with Employee No. 2470.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the Amendment Agreement with Employee No. 2470.”

3. **Memorandum of Agreement with The Miller Place Teachers’ Association – Sick Bank for Employee No. 3466**

Mr. Lipshie and Mr. Herrschaft recommend and request your approval for the Memorandum of Agreement with the Miller Place Teachers’ Association for a sick bank for Employee No. 3466.

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 Memorandum of Agreement – Sick Bank for Employee No. 3466 with the Miller Place Teachers’ Association and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to sign such agreement.”

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 5-7-25; CSE AMPS 4-2-25; CSE LADSBS 4-11-25; CSE MPHS 4-11-25; CSE OOD 5-14-25.”

I. CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION - None

J. CONSENT AGENDA – OTHER

1. **Budget Vote Worker**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card recommend and requests your approval of the following Vote Worker 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 vote worker: Stephen Kostrewski, Jr.

2. **Appointments – Board of Registration**

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Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the annual resolution for the appointment of the Board of Registration members and the Chairperson.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby appoints Ms. Anne Dubois, Ms. Carrie Little, Ms. Denean McDonnell, Ms. Coreen Moschella, Ms. Shanna Doyle to the Board of Registration for the 2025-26 school year and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby appoints Ms. Coreen Moschella, as the Chairperson of the Board of Registration for the 2025-26 school year.”

3. **Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC)**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Craddock hereby authorize the ROC to negotiate Data Privacy Agreements (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors on behalf of the district.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby accepts the attached resolution:

WHEREAS, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome- Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law intermunicipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the “ROC”);

"WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years, to authorize the ROC to enter into Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, “Ed Law 2d”) related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;”

WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;

WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District authorizes the attorneys designated by the ROC to negotiate and approve of DPAs for software and/or technology resources; and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education grants the ROC and its designated attorneys the authority to negotiate the terms and conditions of DPAs and take such actions so as to effectuate the purposes and intent of this resolution.”

K. CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL

Mr. Makarius thanked each of the generous donors for their scholarship donations that benefit Miller Place students.

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

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

Yes 3; 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 ready for the end of the school year and the students are feeling the excitement of ending the year strongly. So far, we have had an incredible year. The students are looking forward to the senior class trip at Six Flags. The concerts are going great. The Foreign Language class trip to the Statue of Liberty got a little rained out but was fun and educational despite the weather. She noted that Advance Placement (AP’s) test have been completed and students are focusing on their preparation for finals and final projects. She said that the students are putting in the effort to finish strong into the end of the school year. She is excited about the great trajectory that Miller Place is on. She has been asked questions by students regarding student government positions and that students want to be involved. Senior jerseys are being sold for next year as the Juniors will be moving up. She is excited and felt that is a nerve-wracking time of year for students as they ready to move on.

2. Board Committees, if applicable

Health & Safety Committee

Mr. Makarius reported that the Health and Safety Committee met on April 21, 2025. He reviewed that Mr. Guido reported on the bond progress and that the District is on track to replace and/or update at the MPHS: unit ventilators, two art classrooms, front and student parking lots, and boys’ showers will be updated and at NCRMS: art classroom, multiple purpose classroom, and the completion of the remaining electrical work and ventilator work. He noted that as part of this upgrade, NCRMS will need to shut down for a day or two while PSEG and the contractor switch over the electrical switch gear. LADSBS and AMPS ventilation are all ready to go once it warms up and that by the fall at least three ventilation projects (NCRMS) will have been completed. If all goes according to plan the MPHS ventilation project will be completed as well. The grounds crew has been cleaning out overgrown bushes around LADSBS and will be removing some trees that are hazardous to the building. They have been freshening up the planting

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beds and mulching the area. This will help safety as it will allow security to have better views of the building and provide less places for stinging insects and unwanted critters to live in. These ground maintenance projects ties in with Dr. D'Aversa's beautification projects around the building and she noted that LADSBS is going to have Give Back Day, Beautification Day (Cleanup Day), and Laddie Day. The students are going to use literacy rocks to make a river of kindness in the front of the building, and they are going to dedicate this front flower bed to Mr. Decker.

The district has still been having issues with e-bikes/scooters which have been occurring on an almost daily basis. Kids are coming to the MPHS, riding down the hill under power, and then riding all over the fields with the problem escalating since last spring. The problems have gotten progressively worse from spring to fall and to this spring. The district is seeking two more part-time security guards to help watch the parking lots as we feel more security is needed to regulate the usage of the parking lots and fields. He noted that NCRMS has some of the same concerns with these electric bikes/scooters with the bikers not paying attention and there is the potential for someone to get hurt. We are also looking to lock down the MPHS further and have one main entrance area and to add bike racks by the front gate. We want to make sure we maximize the security coverage and adjust schedules based on needs and schedules.

He noted that we will have several asbestos abatements at each of the buildings this summer. It should be noted that if a committee member or staff member has a facilities concern to please notify the Facilities Director and not wait for a meeting. The district would like to address concerns immediately when possible or when appropriate as we don't want a small concern to become a larger concern if it is not addressed timely. The district tries to address these concerns through regular maintenance or through summer projects depending on the concern. He noted that a committee member reported that a noise was coming from the boiler room near the NCRMS main office and that the Maintenance staff will investigate this concern. Mr. Makarius finished his report by noting that this is the last meeting for the year unless a situation warrants another meeting and he thanked the committee members for their service on the committee this year.

Curriculum Committee

Ms. Spaniolas reported that the Curriculum Committee met on May 20, 2025. Ms. Spaniolas reviewed highlights from the meeting as follows: Grade 8 students went to Washington D.C. and went to various educational sites; FACS students went on a culinary tour at SCCC; the SIT Committee organized Disability Awareness Month information, an autism awareness event raised money selling bracelets for the Autism Society of Nassau and Suffolk-\$200; the ALS Ride for Life Assembly and Ride for Life rode through the district on May 19, 2025 and the students raised \$500; AMPS kindergarten teacher helped students create leprechaun traps (Science/Math); for the plant life unit-they planted radish seeds with parents at the spring party and for Mother's day. AMPS parents were encouraged to be involved with the Mystery and Birthday Readers; they also went on an experiential learning trip to Theater Three to see the "Wizard of Oz" connection to "Wicked" and to the cartoon version of the "Wizard of Oz", they also had a tie dying project for field day t-shirts and writing progression in kindergarten-simple writing to complex sentences and journal writing. The Curriculum Specialist for LADSBS/AMPS: helped the fourth through

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sixth grade classes at the Suffolk County Math Tournament where students finished third place. Students are going to Adelphi University for the LI Math Tournament. In preparation for financial literacy the Grade 5 students engaged in a Stock Market Game making investments and learned how to “track” stocks and “follow the market.” Evening events at LADSBS – Third Grade: Spring into Reading, Grade 4 Escape Room; Fifth Grade: Family Fun (Game) Night which provided opportunities for parent engagement with their children. The LADSBS Seussical Musical was held. There is teacher professional development learning sessions including but not limited to Grade K game-based instruction in Math classrooms; NCRMS best practices for final exam writing and review; LADSBS Third grade teachers are implementing Foundations within the curriculum in the upcoming school year; First Grade teachers are working on the Science curriculum - Mystery Science which is more hands-on for the students. The annual Science lesson of hatching chicks, observing body parts and how they grow with the children keeping daily logs, and they visited Finks Farm and observed chickens and peacocks; studied the life cycle of plants compared to people and animals; and planted basil for Mother's Day gifts. The tech ed coach has been working with students on coding using Indy cars to move in patterns; writing stories and adding them to laptops with photos, drafting and revising with technology. We had the future “Business of America” in the MPHS, and they placed first place for the entire state of New York. We also had the NYS economics challenge the “Money Minions” and this year there were 150 teams, and we placed fifth in NYS. Virtual Enterprise real estate project students purchase a home in an assigned city and calculate mortgage payments, etc. The Financial Literacy course talked about creating mutual funds and they participated in an egg hunt where each egg in the challenge was a different security. The MPHS physics class talked about the effects of static electricity and NCRMS had an enriching field trip experience at the Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium. Ms. Spaniolas noted that the students have been experiencing and doing many wonderful things over the past few months.

Wellness Committee

Dr. Galligan reported that the Wellness Committee met on May 7, 2025. We have been introduced to the new AMPS school nurse. We have been informed by the NYS Department of Health of mandated testing and BMI reporting for students in grades pre-K, kindergarten, 3, 5,7,9, and 11 grade. NYS health exams or sports physicals will be utilized for tracking students at high risk of chronic diseases that can impact school range children At LADSBS, the fifth-grade students attended the time-honored tradition of puberty talks, video presentations on hygiene and physical changes that they may notice including physically, socially and emotionally as the students enter middle school. He noted that the Food Service Coordinator updated the committee regarding the NCRMS and LADSBS guest chef visits and that they were well received. The next chef visit will be held at MPHS with a homemade chicken and waffle lunch. In addition, the district held a free breakfast promotion to highlight the importance of breakfast in the morning. He noted that Mr. Petrie reviewed Dr. Pachter’s presentation at MPHS on April 11, 2025 for the tenth grade students and it focused on patterns of addiction specific to tobacco/vaping, cannabis, cocaine, heroin, fentanyl, and prescription medications and there was also a guest patient presenter. At NCRMS a presentation will be held shortly for the eighth graders where the focus will be to discuss patterns of addiction and behaviors that apply to choices regarding cellphone use, food choices, and how they parallel with experimentation with vaping/tobacco and alcohol.

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Audit Committee

Mr. Makarius reported that the District held an Audit Committee on April 23, 2025, with the audit firm Nawrocki Smith who are the District's internal auditors. The committee met with the Audit Manager and Audit Partner to discuss the internal audit function, reports, and specific staff performance. The committee reviewed four key control reports which audit specific people and functions including Superintendent Attendance, Superintendent Reimbursements, Payroll Disbursements, and Compliance and Incident Reporting. These reports were completed for the 2024-25 school year. The committee also reviewed the cycle report that covered Registration and Enrollment. This cycle report was a detailed review of the internal controls over the registration and enrollment process and has been completed for the 2024-25 school year. The committee discussed the upcoming risk assessment report which audits the overall internal controls of the District and this will start in late June and continue over the summer. The board accepted the internal audit reports at the board meeting on April 23, 2025. The Audit Committee will meet the internal auditors again in the fall to accept the final risk assessment report once it has been completed.

Mr. Makarius the reported that the District held another Audit Committee meeting tonight with the audit firm Cullen and Danowski who are the District's external auditors. The committee met to discuss the upcoming annual audit including the external audit function, annual audit report, and specific staff expectations and performance. The committee discussed in detail the audit objectives, engagement terms, auditor responsibilities, district responsibilities, the timing of the audit work, issuance of the final reports, and upcoming financial statement reporting changes. The Audit Committee will meet with the external auditors again in August to review the above and the board expects to accept the final external audit reports at the September board meeting.

3. Bond 2021 Update

Mr. Makarius introduced Ms. Card to give the board an update on the 2021 bond project. LADSBS ventilation project is in the final phase as air conditioning has been turned on and the contractors are reviewing for any needed adjustments to the systems. Regarding the NCRMS ventilation project, the final electrical and ventilation work will be completed this summer. Regarding the MPHS ventilation project, the new unit ventilators and case work are on order. The architect continues working with the contractors that were awarded by the board to prepare for work this summer and expects that the bulk of this work should be completed in the summer of 2025, depending upon any potential supply chain issues. The first contractor construction meeting was held, and the next construction meeting is tomorrow morning which we have scheduled to review the projected implementation timelines. The 2021 bond project information can be found on the district website under departments > business office > bond information for your reference.

4. Code of Conduct 2025-26 Public Hearing

Mr. Herrschaft discussed the proposed changes to the Code of Conduct for the 2025-26 year. The revised code of conduct is open to discussions and recommendations have been made to the

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board for their review. Several additions have been made to the prohibited conduct section based upon disciplinary situations observed in our school district and other school districts. These changes aim to provide clearer guidance and reduce complications when addressing similar incidents. Additionally, language has been added to the public conduct section prohibiting the use of e-bikes and pedal bikes on school grounds, basically in coordination and following up with the issues discussed in the health and safety meetings.

M. DISCUSSION – None

N. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Accept Annual Vote Results

It is recommended that the results of the May 20, 2025, annual vote be certified, as listed below:

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 certifies the Annual Budget and Board of Education Election results of May 20, 2025, as follows:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	
Proposition 1 – 2025-26 Budget	539	217	Passed
Proposition 2 – 2025-26 Library Contract	649	101	Passed

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. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to such three-year term and shall also be deemed elected to fill the remainder of the unexpired term that expires on June 30, 2025, preceding the full term, with such candidate receiving the highest number of votes being eligible to take office immediately upon being elected and duly qualified.

Number of Votes:

Andrea Spaniolas:	521	Elected
Jennifer Keller:	491	Elected
Write-in Votes-Other:	74”	

Mr. Makarius asked for a motion to accept the Annual Vote Results.

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

Yes 3; No 0; Motion Carried

O. BOARD POLICIES – First Time Reading

1511	Posting or Distributing Flyers
5310.4	Public Conduct on School Property

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5463 Bicycle Safety

P. BOARD POLICIES – Review - None

Q. BOARD POLICIES – Action

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

Mr. Makarius asked if there were any questions on the policies in action.

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

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

Yes 3; 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.

Two residents/parents raised concerns about children in the school district exhibiting antisemitic behavior and asked the district to increase their educational activities to help stop these types of incidents from occurring again.

T. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Mr. Galligan moved, seconded by Ms. Spaniolas, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

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Yes 3; No 0: Motion Carried

Respectively submitted by Ms. Louise Tromba, District Clerk