

MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MILLER PLACE, NEW YORK
MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2026

Date: January 28, 2026
Kind of Meeting: Business Meeting
Place of Meeting: MPHS

Those Present:

Board President:	Ms. Lisa Reitan
Board Vice-President:	Mr. Bryan Makarius
Board Trustee:	Mr. John Galligan
Board Trustee:	Ms. Andrea Spaniolas (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
Superintendent of Schools:	Mr. Seth Lipshie
Assistant Superintendents:	Ms. Susan Craddock
School Business Official:	Ms. Colleen Card
Director of Human Resources:	Mr. Chris Herrschaft
District Clerk:	Ms. Louise Tromba

Those Absent:

Board Trustee: Ms. Jennifer Keller

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 FEBRUARY 25 2026 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 6:34 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 4; No 0; Motion Carried

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to exit the executive session and reconvene the business meeting at 8:04 p.m.

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

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

2. Ms. Reitan reviewed the emergency procedures.

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A. RECOGNITION

1. Recognition of Veterans

There were no veterans 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, who wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Operations staff for their efforts, after the significant snowfall to get the campuses ready which allowed our students and staff to safely return.

Mr. Lipshie mentioned that we had STEAM Nights at AMPS and LADSBS with approximately 200 students attending each event for an engaging evening of exploration and learning facilitated by our dedicated faculty. School Improvement Teams established Peace and Kindness initiatives to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and activities were organized for student participation and both staff and students were invited to wear white or blue. Elementary clubs started earlier this month. AMPS grades 1 and 2 have nine clubs offered which 114 students have signed up to participate in and Kindergarten club registration is going out shortly. LADSBS has twelve clubs offered and 209 students have signed up.

At AMPS each grade level has or will have field trips, Grade K to the Long Island Explorium in Port Jefferson; Grade 1 to Theater Three to see the production of Winnie the Pooh; Grade 2 to the LI Science Center in Riverhead. Each AMPS grade will begin a new science unit this month.

At LADSBS, students had the opportunity to participate in the Long Island Stock Market Game and invest a hypothetical \$100,000. This educational program promotes financial literacy, critical thinking, and real-world application of math and economics. The service club decorated paper shopping bags from Stop and Shop in Miller Place with positive and kind messages. The students decorated over 60 bags to be used by customers at Stop and Shop.

At NCRMS, Suffolk County Police Officer Allison from the 6th Precinct visited the school to speak with 8th grade students about the dangers of vaping and encouraged students to make informed, healthy choices. Our middle school science teachers engaged in cross-district professional development with Shoreham-Wading River Middle School under the guidance of Dr. Emily Kang focusing on rigor, equity by balancing content knowledge with data analysis, scientific reasoning, ensuring alignment and best practices to implement the NYS Science Learning Standards. Guest speaker, Mr. Samuel Gelfer, brought his musical experience to work with orchestra students by offering feedback, guidance and inspiration to enhance their musical growth. Ms. Daria Gomez, 7th and 8th Grade orchestra teacher, were selected as a panelist at the NYSSMA All-State conference "Bringing State Leadership Into Your Teaching Career." The panel discussed the ways in which they have applied their experiences in leadership roles to their first few years in the music classroom.

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At MPHS, the Foreign Language Honor Society students participated in a field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center, and Bryant Park. The experience allowed students to engage directly in world-class art, architecture, and cultural landmarks. Criminal Justice students recently attended the Y.E.S. (Youth Enlightenment Seminar) Tour of the Yaphank Correctional Facility. AP Capstone students had the opportunity to visit Stony Brook University and engage in hands-on academic research. This experience allowed students to strengthen their research skills and gain valuable exposure to college-level expectations. During College Panel Day, business students learned directly from Miller Place alumni that attend various colleges. Panelists discussed managing coursework and time, navigating campus life, mental health, finances, and career planning. Students asked questions and received opinions from the panelists to help guide students. Virtual Enterprise students participated in NYS-VE Regional Business Plan Competition and Trade Show where they presented business plans to judges, created a professional trade show booth and pitched their business venture ideas to potential customers.

In Athletics, seniors Jack Abbott and Laney Vomero represented Miller Place High School at the Section XI Nick DeCillis Student-Athlete Leadership Conference. Athletic Director Ron Petrie and Laney Vomero were selected as panelists. Student athletes, coaches, and administrators from across Suffolk County attended the conference. Topics included mental health, sportsmanship, school pride, communication, time management, and college recruiting, staffing, culture, leadership, engagement, and recruiting. There were presentations made by Steve Webb (former NHL player/NY Islanders), Chris Wylie (Navy Seal), Andrew Cohen (Get Recruited/former college coach), Leah Jantzen (Mental Performance Coach/Ward Melville High School).

Mr. Lipshie reviewed the upcoming events including: NCRMS STEAM Night, Grade 6 Dance, and Mid-Winter Recess. He reminded everyone to visit the Community link on the District website where you can find links with information and activities to various groups that support our students.

2. Board Members Message

Ms. Reitan addressed a question from last month's meeting regarding the JV cheerleading team and advised that the board had not made a decision. Ms. Reitan gave an update on the Superintendent Search. Focus group meetings were held in the beginning of January with several community and school groups. An online survey was completed, and the results were reviewed by the consultants with the Board to compile the qualities that the community is looking for in a candidate for a Superintendent. Once the position has been posted the consultants will begin vetting the resumes and setting up interviews first by the consultants and then with the Board of Education. Ms. Reitan reminded everyone that February starts budget season for the next school year. We have our first budget workshop at the next board meeting. Ms. Reitan congratulated and wished good luck to the following teams: wrestling will be going upstate to Syracuse to compete at states and cheerleading is going to compete at nationals. Ms. Reitan also asked the board members if they had anything they wished to say. Mr. Galligan was thankful to the community for their input in guiding us in the superintendent search and the board values this very much as part of this process.

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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.

A community member asked when the superintendent search specifications would be available to the public. Ms. Reitan stated that they are approving them this evening and the information would be posted on the Superintendent Search webpage shortly. Additionally, a request for the 2026-27 calendar that was being approved to be posted was made and hopes that the calendar reflects 180 school days inclusive of calendar adjustment days. Ms. Reitan advised that once it is approved the calendar would be posted shortly to the website. Another resident questioned if we are getting a new bond company. The community was advised that we are just updating our contracts with our bond advisors, which the District does every 5 years. This allows the district to complete our tax anticipation notes each year, and it locks in our rates for all bond legal and advisory services for the next five years.

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 December 17, 2025 Business Meeting and January 21, 2026 Business Meeting.”

D. CONSENT AGENDA – FINANCE/FACILITIES

1. Treasurer Reports

This resolution accepts the Treasurer Reports as submitted by the District Treasurer.

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 December 31, 2025.”

2. Financial Reports

This resolution accepts the monthly Financial Reports as submitted by the District Treasurer.

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 December 31, 2025.”

3. Extra Classroom Activity Reports

This motion is to approve the monthly Extraclassroom Activity Reports.

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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 November 30, 2025 and December 31, 2025.”

4. **Claims Auditor Reports**

This resolution accepts the Claims Auditor Reports as submitted by MacDonald, Rand & Vollaro LLP - Certified Public Accountants.

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 November 30, 2025 and December 31, 2025.”

5. **Acceptance of Revenue/Increasing 2025-26 Expenditure/Revenue Budgets**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the 2025-26 revenue and increasing the 2025-26 expenditure/revenue budgets. The District is receiving a donation to support a second middle school baseball team.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby acknowledges the revenue of \$12,439; and

WHEREAS, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby accepts the revenue which will fund the expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-26 budget of \$85,077,127 did not make provisions for the District to meet certain unanticipated expenses and provide a revenue source in the amount of \$12,439 for the above accepted revenue; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District approves increasing the 2025-26 expenditure budget of \$85,077,127 by \$12,439 for these unanticipated obligations, thereby totaling the 2025-26 budget at \$85,089,566.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District approves increasing the 2025-26 other state aid revenue section of the overall revenue budget of \$85,077,127 by \$12,439 for these unanticipated revenues, thereby totaling the 2025-26 revenue budget at \$85,089,566; and

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

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Superintendent of Schools to expend the specific budget expenditure appropriation of \$12,439 to meet these certain unanticipated obligations.”

6. **Agreement – Bond Counsel Services**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the agreement between Miller Place Union Free School District, and Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP for bond counsel 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 authorizes the agreement with Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031 and furthermore authorizes the Board of Education President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign such agreement.”

7. **Agreement – Municipal Advisor**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the agreement between Miller Place Union Free School District, and Munistat Services Inc. as the District Municipal Advisor.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby authorizes the agreement with Munistat Services Inc. for the July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031, and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

8. **Agreement – Legal Counsel**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to approve the agreement for general counsel and labor counsel services for the District.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby authorizes the agreement with Guercio & Guercio LLP for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031, and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

9. **Agreement – Claims Auditor**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to approve the agreement for claim auditing services for the District.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby authorizes the agreement with MacDonald Rand & Vollaro LLP for Claims Audit of the District for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031, and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

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10. **Agreement – Long Island University Post High School Scholars**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Craddock are requesting your approval of the agreement with Long Island University Post.

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 agreement with Long Island University Post for students to participate in college-level courses specifically College Business Law for the 2025-2026 academic year and furthermore authorizes the Board of Education President to sign such agreement.”

11. **Agreement – Music Theatre International**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the agreement with Music Theatre International (MTI) for the North Country Road Middle School drama production of James and the Giant Peach Jr.

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 and furthermore authorizes the Board of Education President to sign such agreement.”

12. **Agreement – Voting Equipment Lease**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the Agreement between Miller Place Union Free School District, and Suffolk County Board of Elections to lease its ICE voting machines and privacy booths.

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 approves the agreement with Suffolk County Board of Elections to lease its ICE voting machines and privacy booths.”

13. **Contracts – Health Services**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the health service contracts 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 2025-26 school year that are reimbursed for these services.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the health service contracts for the 2025-26 school year and furthermore authorizes the Board of Education President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign such contracts with the East Islip School District and Middle County Central School District.”

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14. Contract – East Wind Caterers – 2027 Junior Prom

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the contract with East Wind Caterers for the 2027 Junior Prom for Friday, April 30, 2027.

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 East Wind Caterers for the Junior Prom and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

15. Agreement - Bid #27-02 – Educational Data Services, Supplies and Materials Contract

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting approval of the resolution to continue our agreement with the Educational Data Services, Inc., for participation in the New York Cooperative Bid group for the purpose of bidding and purchasing services, supplies and materials Bid #27-02.

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 approves the agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc. for participation in the New York Cooperative Bid for the purpose of bidding and purchasing services, supplies and materials Bid #27-02 during the 2026-27 fiscal year and to be utilized for ordering school supplies in the 2026-27 fiscal year and furthermore the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement.”

16. Request for Proposals Award #27-11-Internal Auditor Services

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to award the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Internal Auditor Services #27-11 as per their proposal.

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 awards the Internal Auditor Request for Proposal (RFP) #27-11 as per the proposal results for the 2026-27 to 2030-31 school years to Nawrocki and Smith LLP and hereby authorizes the Board of Education President and School Business Official to sign the annual engagement agreement once we receive it following the issue of the award to the vendor.”

17. Request for Proposals Award #27-12-External Auditor Services and Preparation of Financial Statement

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the following resolution to award the Request for Proposal (RFP) for External Auditor and Financial Statement Preparation Services #27-12 as per their proposal.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby awards the External Auditor and Financial Statement Preparation Request for Proposal (RFP) #27-12 as per the proposal results for the 2026-27 to 2030-31 school years to Cullen & Danowski, LLP and hereby authorizes the Board of Education President and School Business Official to sign the annual engagement agreement once we receive it following the issue of the award to the vendor.”

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18. Donations – Craig Von Barga Music Scholarship

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to accept donations for the Craig Von Barga Music Scholarship 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 accept the following donations for the Craig Von Barga Music Scholarship:

Nancy Posel	\$500.00	Larry & Beverly Brody	\$100.00
Mae Mauri	\$250.00	Joseph & Joyce Connolly	\$100.00”
NY Islander Booster Club	\$500.00		

19. Donations – General Mills / Box Tops for Education

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the donation from General Mills Box Tops for Education to be used in support of the students at the Andrew Muller Primary School and North Country Road Middle 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 accepts the donation from General Mills / Box Tops for Education in support of the students at the Andrew Muller Primary School in the amount of \$66.30 and North Country Road Middle School in the amount of \$22.50.”

E. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

1. Personnel List

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

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the attached Personnel List of January 28, 2026, as presented.”

2. Memorandum of Agreement with The Miller Place Teachers’ Association – Sick Bank for Employee No. 1762

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. 1762.

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. 1762 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.”

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3. **2025-2029 Amended Agreement with Miller Place Teachers' Association**

Mr. Lipshie and Mr. Herrschaft are requesting your approval of the Amended Memorandum of Agreement with The Miller Place Teachers' Association.

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 Amended Memorandum of Agreement with The Miller Place UFSD Teachers' Association and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to sign such agreement."

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 recommendations of the CSE's and CPSE's dated: CPSE AMPS 1-7-26; CPSE AMPS 1-12-26; CPSE AMPS 12-22-25; CSE AMPS 1-7-26; CSE AMPS 12-10-25; CSE AMPS 12-15-25; CSE LADSBS 1-6-26; CSE LADSBS 1-7-26; CSE LADSBS 1-12-26; CSE LADSBS 1-16-26; CSE LADSBS 12-16-25; CSE MPHS 1-7-26; CSE MPHS 12-17-25; CSE OOD 12-19-25."

G. CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION – None

H. CONSENT AGENDA – OTHER – None

I. CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL

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

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

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

J. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. **Student Representative Report**

Ms. Reitan introduced Stephen Ye, our board student representative. He shared that students have completed midterm exams over the past two weeks and that the winter break was appreciated and helped everyone recharge. College application season, which was pretty lengthy is finally over. There is a lot of excitement and support building around the upcoming events for the wrestling and cheerleading teams. The Tri-M Honor Society induction ceremony will be great with welcoming new members and recognizing students for their dedication to music and the arts. The drama production tickets are going on sale and should be fun and nostalgic. Morale has also been lifted by the extra snow day which brought a little bit of extra energy and positivity. Overall students have returned from break re-energized and motivated.

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The atmosphere and building feels focused, positive, and ready for a strong start to new semester.

2. Board Committees

Ms. Reitan advised that we do not have any board committee meetings to report this month.

K. DISCUSSION – None

L. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Superintendent Search Specifications Resolution

RECOMMENDED MOTION: “WHEREAS, the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education has engaged the services of School Leadership, LLC of Malverne, New York to assist it in its search for a new Superintendent of Schools, and;

WHEREAS, School Leadership, LLC has submitted a Specification Development Report to the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education following the firm’s conduct of focus groups and public meetings to solicit input and ideas from staff, students, parents, and the community at large;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education hereby authorizes School Leadership, LLC to arrange for publication of position advertisements in Education Week, postings on multiple electronic bulletin boards of regional, state and national professional associations, and the dissemination of a recruitment letter by the consultant.

Said advertisements, postings, and recruitment letter should refer to the following specifications for the candidates for said position:

The successful candidate will be:

- A fully transparent leader, always acting ethically, empathetically and with integrity
- An excellent communicator, orally and in writing, with students, parents, staff and community
- Highly visible and actively engaged within the school district and community
- An accomplished administrator, preferably with experience as a teacher, building and central office administrator
- Skilled in fiscal management, instructional leadership, and long-term planning

Said advertisement shall also include the following provisions:

- Eligibility for New York State certification as a School District Leader or School District Administrator is required.
- The District is offering a salary and benefits which will be regionally competitive.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution is duly adopted by the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education at their meeting on January 28, 2026.”

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Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to adopt the Superintendent Search Specifications as presented.
Mr. Makarius moved, seconded by Ms. Spaniolas to adopt the resolution as presented.

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

2. Acceptance of the Miller Place School District Calendar 2026-27

Mr. Lipshie is requesting your approval of the resolution to adopt the Miller Place Union Free School District calendar for the 2026-27 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 2026-27 school year as presented.”

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to adopt the School District calendar as presented.
Mr. Makarius moved, seconded by Mr. Galligan to adopt the School District calendar as presented.

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

M. BOARD POLICIES – First Time Reading

1120	School District Records
1450	Civility Decorum
1450.R	Civility Decorum
1741	Home Instruction
1900	Parent and Family Engagement Policy
1900 E.1	Parent and Family Engagement Policy – Exhibit
1900 E.2	Parent and Family Engagement Policy– Exhibit
1925	Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired Parents
2265	Shared Decision-Making and School-Based Planning
4511	Textbook Selection and Adoption
5200	Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities
5205	Eligibility for Extracurricular & Co-Curricular Activities
5252	Athletic Placement Process
8635	Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification
8635.R	Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification Regulation
9160	Personnel Records
9260	Conditional Appointment & Emergency Conditional Appointment Student Safety Policy
9310	Staff Health
9320	Drug-Free Workplace
9320.R	Drug Free-Workplace Regulation
9460	Incidental Teaching
9900	Theft of Services or Property

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N. BOARD POLICIES – Review

3420	Use of Credit Cards
3420.F	Credit Card Form
3420.R	Use of Credit Cards Regulation
5162	Students Dismissal Precaution
5810	Confidentiality and Access to Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), Individualized Education Services (IESPs), and Service Plans (SPS)
5811	Homeless Children
5811.R	Homeless Children Regulation

O. BOARD POLICIES – Action

5140	Student Wellness
5140.R	Student Wellness-Regulation
5140.1.R	Student Wellness-Administrative Guidelines
5146	Food Allergy Policy
5251	Fundraising
5700	Voter Registration Policy
6110	Budget Planning
6111	Budget Deadlines and Schedules
6113	Dissemination of Budget Recommendations
6120	Budget Hearing
6133	Administration of the Budget
6135	Contingency Budget
6150	Budget Transfers
6630	School District Report Cards
6635	Publication of the District's Annual Financial Statements
6830	Expense Reimbursement
6830.R	Expense Reimbursement Regulation
6950	Records Management
8500	School Lunch and Breakfast Program
8505	Meal Charges
8700	Insurance

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

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

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

P. OTHER – None

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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.

A parent provided a survey pertaining to adding a JV fall cheer team. A resident wanted to know why the videos are only available for one month. The board's response was that we want people to attend the meetings and the recordings are only for one month for those that cannot attend due to scheduling, childcare, etc. The resident would like the videos to be posted for a longer period of time. The board will consider the request. Another parent questioned whether the consultants will be vetting out applicants. The consultants will narrow down the applicants and will send the best candidates to the board.

R. MOVEMENT TO/FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to move into executive session for specific legal and specific personnel matters at 8:41 p.m.

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

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

S. MOVEMENT TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to exit the executive session and reconvene the business meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

T. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to exit the executive session and reconvene the business meeting at 9:41 p.m.

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

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

Respectively submitted by Ms. Louise E. Tromba, District Clerk