

MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MILLER PLACE, NEW YORK
MINUTES
MAY 5, 2026

Date: May 5, 2026
Kind of Meeting: Business Meeting
Place of Meeting: District Office

Those Present:

Board President:	Ms. Lisa Reitan
Board Vice-President:	Mr. Bryan Makarius
Board Trustee:	Dr. John Galligan
Board Trustee:	Ms. Jennifer Keller
Superintendent of Schools:	Mr. Seth Lipshie
Assistant Superintendent:	Ms. Susan Craddock
School Business Official:	Ms. Colleen Card
Director of Human Resources:	Mr. Chris Herrschaft
Director of Pupil Personnel Services:	Dr. Jeremy Koch

Those Absent:

Board Trustee:	Ms. Andrea Spaniolas
District Clerk:	Ms. Louise Tromba

PLEASE NOTE: THE MINUTES, AS WRITTEN, ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE NOT CONSIDERED AN OFFICIAL RECORD UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE MAY 28, 2026, BUSINESS MEETING.

A. BOARD SESSION

1. Ms. Reitan called the business meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.
2. Ms. Reitan reviewed the emergency procedures.

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.

C. SUSPENSION APPEAL RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, on or about April 14, 2026, the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education received an appeal of a short-term out-of-school suspension imposed by the Principal of North Country Road Middle School (“Principal”) from the parents of the student listed in Confidential Schedule “A” (“Student”), related to violations of the District’s Code of Conduct; and

WHEREAS, the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education has considered the appeal based upon the relevant facts and circumstances and the basis for the appeal provided by the Student’s parents;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education hereby upholds the Student’s short-term suspension imposed by the Principal;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to send a letter to the Student's parents notifying them of the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education's determination and their rights to appeal such determination."

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

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

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

D. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Budget Hearing

Ms. Reitan introduced Ms. Card to speak about the 2026-27 proposed budget hearing information and she reviewed the budget hearing handout in detail. She noted that the budget information is posted on the district website for the community to reference. Several questions were asked and answered regarding the budget hearing.

Ms. Card introduced Mr. Lipshie to review with the community the third-grade class sizes. He reviewed that the historical class sizes in third grade in 2017-2026 school years excluding three COVID years where we received additional federal funding and that the average class size for third grade was 25. Next year we are projecting it to be 24.8, which is less than this year's third grade average class size. He reviewed that three elementary retirements were absorbed as part of balancing the 2026-27 budget so that the District would be under the cap and maintain services such as extracurricular activities, field trips and programs we ran this past year.

E. MOVEMENT TO/FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to move into executive session for specific personnel matters at 7:23 p.m. Mr. Galligan moved, seconded by Ms. Keller, to move into executive session for specific personnel matters.

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to exit executive session and reconvene the business meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Makarius moved, seconded by Mr. Galligan, to exit the executive session.

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

F. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr. Makarius moved, seconded by Ms. Keller to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried

Respectively submitted by Ms. Reitan, Clerk Pro Tem.