

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

**Date:** May 28, 2026  
**Kind of Meeting:** Business Meeting  
**Place of Meeting:** MPHS

**Those Present:**

|                                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Board Vice-President:                 | Mr. Bryan Makarius   |
| Board Trustee:                        | Mr. John Galligan    |
| Board Trustee:                        | Ms. Jennifer Keller  |
| Board Trustee:                        | Ms. Andrea Spaniolas |
| Superintendent of Schools:            | Mr. Seth Lipshie     |
| Assistant Superintendents:            | Ms. Susan Craddock   |
| School Business Official:             | Ms. Colleen Card     |
| Director of Human Resources:          | Mr. Chris Herrschaft |
| Director of Pupil Personnel Services: | Dr. Jeremy Koch      |
| 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 17, 2026 BUSINESS MEETING.**

**A. BOARD SESSION**

**1. Audit Committee – MPHS – 6:30 PM**

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

Mr. Makarius called the business meeting to order at 7:04 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. He noted that following the executive session the Board would reconvene at approximately 8:00 p.m. to continue with the board agenda.

Mr. Makarius asked for a motion to move into Executive Session for specific legal and specific personnel matters.

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

**Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried**

Mr. Makarius asked for a motion to exit the executive session and reconvene the business meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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

**Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried**

**3. Mr. Makarius reviewed the emergency procedures.**

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**A. RECOGNITION**

**1. Recognition of Veterans**

There were no veterans present at the meeting.

**2. Recognition of Media**

There was no media present at the meeting.

**B. MESSAGES**

**1. Superintendent Message**

Mr. Makarius introduced Mr. Lipshie to give his message. Mr. Lipshie welcomed everyone to the board meeting. He noted that May has been very busy outside the classrooms with nine musical concerts performed by LADSBS, NCRMS, and MPHS students along with the conclusion of Spring athletics. The LADSBS Panther Cub Players put on a performance of *Frozen Kids* and the NCRMS Drama production of *James and the Giant Peach* will be held in June. He said that our students displayed their best creativity at the three building art shows displaying a variety of works and NCRMS will host the final Art Show in June. AMPS and LADSBS students showcased their athleticism, sportsmanship, and camaraderie at Field Day and he congratulated them on their hard work and talent. He mentioned that in Athletics five of our seven teams qualified for the county playoffs, including boys' and girls' badminton, boys' tennis, softball, and baseball. Softball is still competing and played Islip today with the winner facing Kings Park in the county finals. Miller Place School High School recently held a National Letter of Intent signing for 11 student athletes adding to the 14 from the Fall totaling 25 student-athletes who will continue their athletic and academic careers after graduation. He reminded everyone to check the district calendar as our end of year activities continue throughout the month of June culminating at the Class of 2026 graduation ceremony and to remember that calendar updates have been made in red.

**2. Board Members Message**

Mr. Makarius thanked those that attended the meeting and would like to congratulate the honorees that are retiring. Ms. Reitan could not attend the meeting since she is attending the Nassau Suffolk School Boards Association 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting and School Board Service dinner. At this dinner a Miller Place board member, Johanna Testa will be honored for being selected to receive the NYSSBA service award. This recognition is from Ms. Testa's peers to thank her for her service to the Miller Place School District and community. On May 26, 2026, Newsday had an article *AP Success Surges on Long Island*, it mentions how schools on Long Island have been increasing enrollment and success on AP exams; 110 schools were recognized for their commitment to success and students striving to achieve higher scores. Miller Place was awarded the civil level of distinction along with neighboring school districts, Mount Sinai and Shoreham Wading River. We would like to thank Miller Place students that are working to achieve this academic success, and we would also like to thank the administration and teachers for guiding and supporting those students. Additionally, the board would like to inform the community that the board of education will be hosting a meet and greet for Dr. Ferris, our new incoming superintendent on June 9, 2026 from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. which will be held at the Miller Place High School library.

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**3. Recognition of Retirees**

Mr. Makarius introduced Mr. Herrschaft, Director of Human Resources, to introduce the retirees. The Board of Education recognizes the retirees each year at the June meeting. The retirees for the 2025-2026 school year are: Kelly Cuba, Christine Desiderio, Dawn Hibbert, Deborah Himmelmann, Tara Pensky, Jennifer Tremblay, Anne Dubois, Melinda Chiocchio, Suzanne Micelli, Barbara Rung, Colleen Vasturino, and Donald Pierce. The retirees were recognized for their years of service in the District. Mr. Herrschaft introduced each principal to speak about the retirees who attended the meeting. The Board of Education and Administration extended their thanks and well wishes to the retirees. All retirees received a clock as a token of appreciation for their years of service and dedication to the Miller Place School District.

**C. 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 resident asked about new superintendent selection process and how many people were interviewed in the final round. Mr. Makarius responded that the board hired an outside firm to help with the search and it was a 4-6 month process including gathering information from the community stakeholders. The firm then created a posting, held multiple meetings with the firm to discuss the data, posted ads, received the resumes, and held several rounds of firm and board candidate interviews until they selected and came to agreement with Dr. Ferris.

**D. 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 29, 2026, Business Meeting, April 29, 2026 Audit Committee Meeting, May 5, 2026 Business Meeting/Budget Hearing and May 19, 2026 Business Meeting.”

**E. CONSENT AGENDA – FINANCE/FACILITIES**

**1. Treasurer Reports**

This resolution accepts the Treasurer Reports for the period ending April 30, 2026.

**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, 2026.”

**2. Financial Reports**

This resolution accepts the Financial Reports for the period ending April 30, 2026.

**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, 2026.”

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3. **Extra Classroom Activity Reports**

This resolution accepts the Extra Classroom Activity Reports for the period ending April 30, 2026.

**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 April 30, 2026.”

4. **Claims Auditor Reports**

This resolution accepts the Claims Auditor Reports submitted by MacDonald, Rand & Vollaro LLP - Certified Public Accountants for the period ending April 30, 2026.

**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, 2026.”

5. **Accept Internal Auditors Reports**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your acceptance of the following resolution to approve the 2025-26 Internal Audit Reports from our internal auditors, Nawrocki Smith, LLP.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the following Internal Audit Reports:

- Human Resources Cycle Report – May 2026
- District’s Response to Human Resources Cycle Report – May 2026
- Key Control – Grant Applications
- Key Control – Journal Entries
- Key Control – Superintendent Attendance
- Key Control – Superintendent Expense Reimbursements
- Key Control – Transportation Federal and State Reimbursement
- District Response – Key Controls – May 28, 2026.”

6. **Independent Consultant Agreement**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the Independent Consultant Agreement with Mr. Swartz for the 2026-27 school year.

**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 Independent Consultant Agreements with Mr. Swartz for the 2026-27 school year and furthermore, authorizes the Board President to sign such agreements.”

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7. **SCOPE Education Services License and Operating Agreement– Before and After School Care Services**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the SCOPE Education Services License and Operating Agreement for Before and After School Care services with SCOPE for the 2026-27 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 2026-27 school year and hereby authorizes the Board of Education President to sign the agreement.”

8. **Shared Services Contract – Eastern Suffolk BOCES for 2026-27**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to accept the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Shared Services Contract for the 2026-27 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 2026-27 school year and authorizes the Board President and/or District Clerk to sign such contract.”

9. **Contract - Tommy Tunes – 2026 Drama Club Dinner**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the contract with Tommy Tunes for the Miller Place High School Drama Club Dinner to be held on June 13, 2026.

**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 Tunes for the Miller Place High School Drama Club Dinner and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

10. **Agreement – Quantas Advisors Contract**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the contract extension with Quantas Advisors for Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Employer Responsibility and IRS reporting requirements for the 2026-27 school year.

**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 contract extension with Quantas Advisors for Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Employer Responsibility and IRS reporting requirements for the 2026-27 school year and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.”

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**11. Agreement – District Architect Services - Extension**

Mr. Lipshie and Mr. Card are requesting your approval of the extension agreement with Michael J. Guido, P.C.

**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 contract extension with Michael J. Guido, P.C. 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.”

**12. Bid Award – Bond 2021 Work**

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

**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 awards bid #26-20, for the listed contract to the lowest responsible bidder meeting bid specifications as follows:

District opened the bids on May 21, 2026, and hereby awards the Bid #26-20 for the listed contract to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid requirements:

| <b><u>Contract No.</u></b> | <b><u>Type</u></b>   | <b><u>Vendor</u></b>   | <b><u>Bid Amount</u></b> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Contract #20               | Site Work            | Landtek Group LLC      | \$623,000.00             |
| Contract #21               | Site Work            | Park Line Asphalt Inc. | \$634,565.00             |
| Contract #22               | General Construction | ACL Construction Corp. | \$180,000.00             |

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

**13. Construction Change Order**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card recommend and request your approval of the change order for the Miller Place High School transition parking area by the field entrance/custodial office.

**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 and approve the below construction change order with Stasi General Contracting LLC and authorizes the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to sign such change order.”

| <b><u>Project</u></b>   | <b><u>SED #</u></b> | <b><u>Contractor</u></b>             | <b><u>Description</u></b>                                                          | <b><u>Amount</u></b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2021<br>Bond<br>Phase 2 | 0006-<br>035        | Stasi General<br>Contracting<br>LLC. | Repave existing parking lot,<br>Mill existing asphalt,<br>Dispose, Tack coat, Seal | \$34,000.00          |

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**14. Request For Proposal Award – Tree & Lawn Maintenance Service & Other Pest Services #24-16 – Extension #27-16**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting an extension of RFP #24-16 Extension #27-16 of the Request for Proposal - Tree and Lawn Maintenance Services, which includes outdoor and other pest services as well.

**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 #27-16, for the 2026-27 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.”

**15. Request for Proposal Award – Job Coaching, Career Assessment Services #27-10**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to award the Request for Proposal (RFP) hereby accepts the attached contracts and rate sheets for Job Coaching Career Assessment Services for the 2026-27 year and approves the 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 accepts the attached contracts and rate sheets for Job Coaching, Career & Assessment Services RFP #27-10, and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement. Services will be assigned to the lowest quoted provider for the specified student services that have staff available and can accommodate the legally required time period to provide services.”

**16. Request for Proposal Award – Armed Security Guard Professional Services #24-04, Ext. #27-04**

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 #27-04 for the 2026-27 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 27-04 for the 2026-27 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.”

**17. Request for Proposal Award – Electrical Services #24-13, extension #27-13**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the following Electrical Services Request for RFP #24-13, extension #27-13, to Relle Electric Corp. for the 2026-27 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 #27-13, for the 2026-

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27 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.”

**18. Request for Proposal Award–Special Education Services #27-06**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the Special Education Services Request for Proposal – RFP #27-06 for the 2026-27 year and approve the related agreements.

**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 contracts and rate sheets for Special Education Services, RFP #27-06, and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement. Services will be assigned to the lowest quoted provider for the specified student services that have staff available and can accommodate the legally required time period to provide services.”

**19. Request for Proposal Award – Board of Education Meetings #23-08, extension #27-08**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the resolution to accept the Request for Proposal (RFP) award for the Board of Education Meetings #23-08 recordings, extension #27-08 for the 2026-27 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 accept the Request for Proposal – RFP #23-08, extension #27-08 for 2026-2027 from Parking & Mobility Consultants, Inc. and award at the rates listed.”

**20. 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:**

- Suffolk Association of School Business Officials - \$500.00
- Mary Jeanne Stead - \$100.00
- Patricia A. Morbillo - \$100.00
- Women of the Moose - \$750.00
- Sophia Manolis DDS, PC - \$600.00
- Sound Beach Music - \$500.00

and for the following Scholarships and Awards accounts:

- Gabrielle & Joseph Faithfull - \$200.00 – Joshua Faithfull Memorial Scholarship
- Nancy Sanders - \$1,000.00 – Richard Sanders Scholarship”

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**F. 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, 2026, as presented.”

**G. CONSENT AGENDA – SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. CSE and CPSE Recommendations**

Mr. Lipshie and Dr. Koch 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 4-27-26; CPSE AMPS 4-29-26; CSE AMPS 4-30-26; CSE AMPS 5-5-26; CSE AMPS 5-19-26.”

**2. Contract with Port Jefferson UFSD 2025-26**

Mr. Lipshie and Dr. Koch are requesting your approval of the contract with Port Jefferson UFSD for the 2025-26 school year for student #600043225.

**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 contract for student #600043225 with Port Jefferson Union Free School District for the 2025-26 school year and furthermore authorizes the President of the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools to sign such agreements.”

**3. Contract with Port Jefferson UFSD 2024-25**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Card are requesting your approval of the contract with Port Jefferson UFSD for the 2024-25 school year for students #600043135 and #600043225.

**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 contracts for students #600043135 and #600043225 with Port Jefferson Union Free School District for the 2024-25 school year and furthermore authorizes the President of the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools to sign such agreements.”

**H. CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

**1. Agreement – Long Island University School Scholars Program**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Craddock are requesting your approval of the resolution for the students to participate in college-level courses specifically College Business Law.

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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 authorizes the Agreement with LIU Post for students to participate in college-level courses, specifically College Business Law for the 2026-27 academic year.”

**2. Obsolete Textbooks**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Craddock are requesting your approval of the resolution to declare the attached lists of textbooks as obsolete and for 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 attached lists of textbooks as obsolete and for its possible sale, and/or disposal.”

**3. Textbook Adoption-Science**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Craddock are requesting your approval of the resolution to adopt the book *Experience Science* by Savvas for grades 6, 7 and 8.

**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 adopt the book *Experience Science* by Savvas to be used in the Science Department for grades 6, 7 and 8.”

**4. Textbook Adoption-Social Studies**

Mr. Lipshie and Ms. Craddock are requesting your approval of the resolution to adopt the book *Human Geography for the AP Course* by Bedford, Freeman & Worth for the Miller Place High 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 adopt the book *Human Geography for the AP Course* by Bedford, Freeman and Worth to be used in the Social Studies Department for the Miller Place High School.”

**I. CONSENT AGENDA – OTHER**

**1. Appointments – Board of Registration**

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. Carrie Little, Ms. Denean McDonnell, Ms. Coreen Moschella, Ms. Shanna Doyle, and Ms. Karen Burkhart to the Board of Registration for the 2026-27 school year and;

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**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 2026-27 school year.”

2. **Access4 Learning 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 2026-27 fiscal year, 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 2-d”) 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 use of DPAs negotiated by the RIC ROC and its attorneys, consistent with its needs and the needs of its students; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education reserves to itself the right to make determinations regarding the use of such DPAs and the software and/or technology resources to which they relate and to consult with its own legal counsel to review any specific issues or concerns before executing any DPA.”

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**J. CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL**

Mr. Makarius thanked the scholarship donors.

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

Dr. Galligan moved, seconded by Ms. Keller, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

**Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried**

**K. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Student Representative Report**

Mr. Makarius introduced Stephen Ye, student representative who reviewed that as AP season ends, the school community has begun transitioning into the final stretch of the year with senior festivities, performances, athletic competitions, and many other end of the year events. Seniors are balancing their final academic responsibilities alongside a highly engaging school environment. This Spring has been especially exciting for Athletics as many of our teams made playoff runs and represented the school extremely well throughout their seasons including the softball team who is still actively competing in the playoffs. Student activities and performing arts have also been very active over the last couple of weeks. MPHS students will participate in the annual variety show where performers from across the school's community will showcase talents in music, comedy, dance, and other acts. The music department held their spring chorus, band, and orchestra concerts all of which were very successful and well attended. The foreign language department organized a trip to the Statue of Liberty and Little Italy and he understands that everyone enjoyed visiting historical and cultural landmarks while connecting classroom learning with real world experiences. He noted that class student government elections took place recently, as students began preparing for leadership transitions and planning for the next school year. He congratulated all the newly elected officers and all the students who participated throughout the process. He mentioned that overall, the school community has remained extremely active as we approach the conclusion of the academic year and there are still many exciting events and accomplishments ahead.

**2. Board Committees**

**Audit Committee**

Mr. Makarius introduced Ms. Spaniolas who reported on the Internal Audit Committee Meeting held earlier this evening with the audit firm Nawrocki Smith, LLP. The Audit Partner and Audit Manager were in attendance to discuss and review the audit function and final reports. The audit partner and manager reviewed the key control reports that were finalized for the 2025-26 school year so far. The key control reports covered grant applications, journal entries, superintendent attendance, superintendent expense reimbursement, and federal and state reimbursement for transportation. The committee reviewed the Human Resources cycle report which was a detail review of the internal controls over the Human Resources process. There were three minor findings in the report which are being addressed by the Director of Personnel. The committee discussed that the risk assessment report which audits the overall internal controls of the District has started and will continue over the summer. The board accepted the internal audit reports at

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tonight's meeting and the Audit Committee will meet in the Fall with the internal auditors to accept the final risk assessment report and any other final reports.

**Curriculum Meeting**

Mr. Makarius introduced Ms. Keller to share an overview of the curriculum committee that met on May 7, 2026. Our district continues to align its instructional practices with New York State learning standards while implementing the New York State portrait of a graduate framework. At AMPS students are learning about plants and animals by planting seeds in the classroom and visiting Benner's farm. NCRMS students visited AMP's classrooms and read to the students. AMPS students furthered their understanding of science and animals by exploring the life cycle of chickens and by hatching chicken eggs. NCRMS classrooms are integrating hands-on technology and science with sixth graders using indie car coding to learn math through trial and error and building their own musical instruments using common household items while other classes are exploring lunar eclipses, planetary motion and visited the Vanderbilt Planetarium. The Miller Place Friends of the Arts donated supplies to have Miller Place Graduate, Gavin SanFilippo, paint a mural at NCRMS with influential figures including: Martin Luther King, Jr, Anne Frank, Abraham Lincoln and Malala Yousafzai.

A core component portrait of the graduate is preparing students for life beyond Miller Place. This is being accomplished through many high school programs. English 11 students are engaging in socratic seminars and argumentative essays and jigsaws to align with regent exam expectations while also exploring complex themes and historical topics in reading *The Crucible*. She noted that several students are participating in and earning awards in regional math and science competitions. The business department has been supporting students understanding of taxes, insurance, and the job application process. Thirty-eight students are participating in the seal of biliteracy this year by completing their projects in Italian, Spanish, Mandarin, and Russian and these programs provide students with the foundational skills of decision-making economic literacy, cultural understanding, and effective communication. The district is furthering civics programs through human rights education, civics engagement, and field trips. High school students engaged in a virtual reality tour of Auschwitz at the mobile museum of tolerance to discuss the impact of human right violations. We recently celebrated with over 104 students registering to vote.

**3. Project Update**

Mr. Makarius asked Ms. Card to give an update on the 2021 bond project and other projects taking place. She discussed that the NCRMS ventilation project has been completed, and all classroom air conditioning is working. The emergency access road construction work was bid on April 24, 2026 and was awarded to United Paving Corp. for \$723,000. This work will start shortly. The contractor will be starting from the road and working towards the District property. The turf, tennis courts, and tech/robotics room was bid on May 21, 2026 and the board awarded these bids tonight as follows: Turf Site Work to Landtek for \$623,000, Tennis Site Work to Park Line Asphalt Inc. for \$634,565, Tech/Robotics room general construction to ACL Construction Corp. for \$180,000. The tennis courts will start shortly once contract and insurance review has been completed.

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**4. Code of Conduct 2026-27 Public Hearing**

Mr. Makarius asked Mr. Herrschaft to discuss proposed changes to the District's code of conduct. The proposed updates for the 2026-27 school year will primarily focus on artificial intelligence, and the appropriate use of artificial intelligence. The major additions and revisions will be focusing on how students are expected to use artificial intelligence technology in a safe, lawful ethical and academically appropriate manner. Any inappropriate use of artificial intelligence may result in disciplinary consequences consistent with the code of conduct including, but not limited to violations plagiarism, cheating, harassment, bullying, cyber bullying, intimidation, or insubordination.

**L. DISCUSSION - None**

**M. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**1. Accept Annual Vote Results**

It is recommended that the results of the May 19, 2026 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 19, 2026, as follows:

|                                          | <u><b>YES</b></u> | <u><b>NO</b></u> |               |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Proposition 1 – 2026-27 Budget           | 468               | 166              | <b>Passed</b> |
| Proposition 2 – 2026-27 Library Contract | 554               | 80               | <b>Passed</b> |
| Proposition 3 – 2026-27 Museum Budget    | 421               | 207              | <b>Passed</b> |

To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for a three-year term, with each commencing July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2029.

**Number of Votes:**

|                       |     |                |
|-----------------------|-----|----------------|
| Lisa Reitan:          | 455 | <b>Elected</b> |
| John Galligan:        | 449 | <b>Elected</b> |
| Write-in Votes-Other: | 38  |                |

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

Ms. Keller moved, seconded by Ms. Spaniolas, to accept the Vote Results as presented.

**Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried**

**2. Real Property Tax Exemption for the Surviving Spouse of Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty**

**WHEREAS,** Section 471 of the New York Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") provides that a public school district may grant a partial exemption from taxation for real property which is owned by the surviving spouses of police officers killed in the line of duty and meeting the requirements set forth in section 471 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law; and

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**WHEREAS**, Section 471 of the New York Real Property Tax Law authorizes the public school district to exempt from taxation the primary residence of such surviving spouse to the extent of 50% of the assessed valuation thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, such exemption shall apply to any real property held in trust solely for the benefit of a person or persons who would otherwise be eligible for such exemption if such person or persons were the owner or owners of such real property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires to grant this exemption to the spouses of police officers killed in the line of duty who meet the requirements set forth in Section 471 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to Section 471 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, the Board of Education approves a partial exemption of taxation in the amount of 50% of the assessed valuation of real property owned by the spouses of police officers killed in the line of duty who meet the requirements of Section 471 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

Mr. Makarius asked for a motion to accept the Real Property Tax Exemption as presented.  
Mr. Galligan moved, seconded by Ms. Spaniolas, to accept the resolution as presented.

**Yes 4; No 0; Motion Carried**

**N. BOARD POLICIES – First Time Reading - None**

**O. BOARD POLICIES – Review**

|        |                                                          |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1120   | School District Records                                  |
| 1120.F | Application for Public Access to School District Records |
| 5162   | Students Dismissal Precaution                            |
| 5695   | Use of Internet-Enabled Devices                          |

**P. BOARD POLICIES – Action**

|        |                                           |
|--------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1925   | Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired Parents |
| 5252   | Athletic Placement Process                |
| 9320   | Drug-Free Workplace                       |
| 9320.R | Drug Free-Workplace Regulation            |

Mr. Makarius asked for a motion to approve the policies into action.  
Ms. Keller moved, seconded by Ms. Spaniolas to approve the policies in action.

**Yes 4; No 0: Motion Carried**

**Q. OTHER – None**

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**R. PUBLIC BE HEARD**

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A resident asked for clarification on the bond/other projects report regarding the replacement of the stadium turf field. Ms. Card responded that the stadium turf field replacement was bid together with the bond work projects but is being paid using Transfer to Capital funds which was approved by the Board in November 2025. It was noted that the current stadium turf carpet is approximately 13 years old at this time and in need of replacement.

**S. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

Ms. Keller moved, seconded by Ms. Spaniolas, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

**Yes 4; No 0: Motion Carried**

**T. MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Makarius asked for a motion to return to public session for continuation of public be heard.

Ms. Spaniolas moved, seconded by Mr. Galligan, to return to public session at 8:56 p.m.

**Yes 4; No 0: Motion Carried**

**U. PUBLIC BE HEARD**

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A resident asked about ticks activity on school grounds and that they would like the District to implement stronger tick control measures. The response was that the District will be spraying certain areas on the campuses starting this Friday and will be on a two-week schedule through the end of the school year and continuing with the other preventative measures normally undertaken.

**V. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

Ms. Keller moved, seconded by Ms. Spaniolas, to re-adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**Yes 4; No 0: Motion Carried**

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