MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MILLER PLACE, NEW YORK
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

Date: September 29, 2026
Kind of Meeting: Audit/Business Meeting
Place of Meeting: MPHS

Those Present:

Board President:	Ms. Lisa Reitan	
Board Vice-President:	Ms. Andrea Spaniolas	
Board Trustee:	Dr. John Galligan	
Board Trustee:	Ms. Jennifer Keller	
Board Trustee:	Mr. Bryan Makarius	arrived @7:55 p.m.
Superintendent:	Dr. Marc Ferris	
Assistant Superintendent:	Ms. Susan Craddock	
Director of Human Resources:	Mr. Chris Herrschaft	
Director of Pupil Personnel Services:	Dr. Jeremy Koch	
Interim School Business Official:	Mr. Bruce Singer	
District Clerk:	Ms. Louise Tromba	

Invitee:

Cullen & Danowski, LLP, Partner	Mr. Christopher Reino

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 OCTOBER 28, 2026 BUSINESS MEETING

A. PUBLIC SESSION

1. Ms. Reitan called the business meeting to order at 6:30 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 7:45 p.m. to present the audit committee meeting.

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to move into executive session at 6:31 p.m. for specific legal and specific personnel matters.
Ms. Spaniolas moved, seconded by Ms. Keller, 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 move into the audit committee meeting at 7:45 p.m.
Dr. Galligan moved, seconded by Ms. Keller to exit the audit meeting.

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to exit the audit committee meeting and reconvene the business meeting at 7:57 p.m.
Ms. Spaniolas moved, seconded by Dr. Galligan, to reconvene the public session.

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

2. **Ms. Reitan reviewed the emergency procedures.**
3. **Hazel Samonas sang the Star Spangled Banner.**

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**
   Ms. Reitan introduced Superintendent Dr. Ferris, who provided updates on positive school visits, strategic plan continuation, and early budget collaboration with the Board. Dr. Ferris reaffirmed the district's zero-tolerance policy regarding bullying and emphasized ongoing efforts to improve community transparency through social media.

- **Communication & Transparency**
  Dr. Ferris highlighted efforts to expand community engagement, including public Audit Committee meetings, and emphasized established communication protocols to address community concerns efficiently.

- **Around the District**
  The cabinet members shared the following:

  MPHS: Held a court dedication honoring former educator/coach Bill Brown and hosted Senior Driver Safety Nights. Recognized national top-10 newsletter competition placement for Virtual Enterprise business *RetroBites*, *Newsday* honors for student-athletes (Lorenzo Killary, Nicholas DiCaprio, Violet Dvorsky, Kelsey Hoffmann, Allison Creighton), and All-State music selections (Clarence Yue, Andy Luo, Jay DiBartolo).

  NCRMS: Commemorated 9/11 with student reflections and recognized Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September.

  AMPS: Celebrated Constitution Day, implemented "Mindfulness Mondays," and introduced interactive scavenger hunts and arts activities.

LADSBS: Honored the 25th anniversary of 9/11 and engaged students through interactive math scavenger hunts, sentence-building stations, and physical education teamwork activities.

- **2026-2027 District Focus**
  Dr. Ferris presented the framework focusing on collaboration, perseverance, problem-solving, pride, and responsibility. He underscored that a supportive, caring environment is essential for student achievement and resilience, noting ongoing efforts to engage the community and align district curriculum with emerging state Regents and Portrait of a Graduate standards.

- **Budget Priorities & Planning**
  Dr. Ferris outlined the district's fiscal priorities, which focus on preserving pre-K-12 educational programs, maximizing revenue, reducing non-instructional spending, protecting reserves, and ensuring long-term financial stability with full transparency.

  Mr. Singer reviewed recent short-term and bond borrowing, noting that the district maintained a strong Aa2 Moody's credit rating, which helps lower interest costs, though Moody's prefers higher reserve levels. Additionally, Dr. Ferris presented the district's OSC Fiscal Stress Score of 0.0/100 (No Designation) for 2025–2026, confirming strong solvency and sound fund balances. He also highlighted planned increases to the ERS, TRS, and Workers' Compensation reserves, and explained how bond-funded capital projects optimize the district's ~68% state aid reimbursement rate to maintain facilities without inflating the annual operating tax burden.

- **A Culture of Caring Update**
  Dr. Ferris and Ms. Craddock presented the district's approach to SEL, emphasizing zero tolerance for bullying, harassment, and discrimination. Support systems—guided by district policies (Code of Conduct; Harassment & Bullying; Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity) and multidisciplinary staff (DASA Coordinators, Counselors, Psychologists, SCOPE Counselors)—integrate safety, respect, and character education into daily instruction and activities to build student resilience and belonging.

2. **Financial Statement Presentation**
   Dr. Ferris introduced Mr. Reino from Cullen & Danowski to present the External Audit Report. Mr. Coffey reported that the district had no significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, or difficulties during the audit. The financial statements will be posted on the Business Office webpage and submitted to the NYS Education Department and the Office of the State Comptroller ahead of the Board's vote. The financial statements will be posted on the District's website for the community to reference on the Business Office webpage. It was also noted that these reports would be submitted to the Office of the State Comptroller and the NYS Education Department.

3. **Board Members Message**
   Ms.**.** Spaniolas expressed gratitude for recent district presentations and social media highlights showcasing student achievements, staff efforts, and school initiatives.

   Dr. Galligan noted recent community space dedications—including the Bill Brown basketball court, baseball field, and district office spaces—honoring individuals with significant district history.

   Ms. Reitan thanked Dr. Ferris for expanding the district's social media presence and active event attendance, and reported on the Board's recent facility walkthrough, noting completed and ongoing capital improvements (tennis courts, stadium turf, emergency access road, retaining walls, gymnasium banners, and tech room updates).

   Dr. Ferris discussed facility planning, including adjusting the upcoming outdoor bathroom location near the softball field to improve accessibility and address site drainage, as well as developing a five-year plan for instructional, athletic, and arts spaces.

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.

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 August 26, 2026 Business Meeting."

F. CONSENT AGENDA – FINANCE/FACILITIES

1. **Treasurer Reports**
   This resolution accepts the Treasurer Reports for the period ending June 30, 2026, July 31, 2026, August 31, 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 June 30, 2026, July 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026."

2. **Financial Reports**
   This resolution accepts the Financial Reports for the period ending June 30, 2026, July 31, 2026, and August 31, 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 June 30, 2026, July 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026."

3. **Extra Classroom Activity Reports**
This resolution accepts the Extra Classroom Activity Reports for the period ending June 30, 2026, July 31, 2026 and August 31, 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 June 30, 2026, July 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026."

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 June 30, 2026, July 31, 2026 and August 31, 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 June 30, 2026, July 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026."

5. **Obsolete Assets**
Dr. Ferris and Mr. Singer are requesting your approval of the resolution to declare the attached District owned asset list as obsolete and its 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. **Acceptance of Revenue/Increasing 2026-27 Expenditure/Revenue Budgets**
Dr. Ferris and Mr. Singer request your approval of the resolution to approve the 2026-27 revenue and expense budgets changes.
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 $18,474.70 from the Maintenance account; 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 from the Maintenance account in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the 2026-27 budget of $86,179,643 did not make provisions for the District to meet certain unanticipated expenses and provide a revenue source in the amount of $18,474.70 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 2026-27 expenditure budget of $86,179,643 by $18,474.70 for these unanticipated obligations, thereby totaling the 2026-27 budget at $86,198,118.

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 2026-27 other state aid revenue section of the overall revenue budget of $86,179,643 by $18,474.70 for these unanticipated revenues, thereby totaling the 2026-27 revenue budget at $86,198,118; 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 Superintendent of Schools to expend the specific budget expenditure appropriation of $18,474.70 to meet these certain unanticipated obligations."

7. **Administrative Equipment Project/Canon Network Copiers with Eastern Suffolk BOCES**
Dr. Ferris and Mr. Singer request your approval of the resolution to approve the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: "WHEREAS that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District (District) and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (BOCES), desire, pursuant to §109 and §119 of the General Municipal Law, Section 1950(4) (aa) of the Education Law and Comptroller's Opinion #79-557, to undertake a Technology Project consisting of the acquisition and installation of network copiers and other services as indicated in said Technology Project, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Administrative Equipment Project # MP-25-071926-2026-2031/Network Copiers is to be paid in equal installments over a four-year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the District as follows: The President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to execute and deliver the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement; the execution thereof by the President of the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

The officers, employees and agents of the District are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the District to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement, including all acts and things necessary to ensure the payments due thereunder, and deliver all additional certificates,

instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officers, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purpose of the foregoing resolution and to cause compliance by the District with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement, binding upon the District."

8. **Contract – Tommy Tunes –Class of 2028 Junior Prom DJ**
Dr. Ferris and Mr. Singer are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the contract with Tommy Tunes for the Miller Place High School Junior Prom for the Class of 2028 to be held on 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 approves the contract with Tommy Tunes for the Miller Place High School Junior Prom and furthermore authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement."

9. **Town of Brookhaven Waiver for Homecoming Parade**
Dr. Ferris and Mr. Singer are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the waiver /liability release and hold harmless agreement for the MPHS Homecoming Parade on October 17, 2026.

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 waiver/liability release and hold harmless agreement with the Town of Brookhaven for the homecoming parade and furthermore authorizes the Board President to sign such waiver."

10. **Donation Accounts**
The District would like to distribute the $20,000 PTO donation received and BOE approved in August 2020 from the districtwide donation account (A960003E) to the following donation accounts:

A91000E - $7,500 – Andrew Muller Primary School
A92000E - $7,500 – Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School
A93000E - $2,500 – North Country Road Middle School
A94000E - $2,500 – 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 approves the transfer of donation funds from the districtwide account to the building donation accounts."

G. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

1. **Personnel Agenda**
   Dr. Ferris and Mr. Herrschaft recommend and request your approval of the attached personnel list of September 29, 2026.

   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 September 29, 2026, as presented."

H. CONSENT AGENDA – SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **CSE and CPSE Recommendations**
   Dr. Ferris 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 following recommendations of the CSE's and CPSE's dated: . CPSE AMPS 9-9-26; CPSE DO 8-17-26; CSE-CPSE AMPS 9-15-26; CSE DO 8-17-26; CSE DO 8-27-26; CSE DO 9-16-26; CSE LADSBS 9-10-26; CSE MPHS 8-20-26;CSE MPHS 8-26-26; CSE MPHS 8-31-26; CSE MPHS 9-3-26; CSE MPHS 9-14-26; CSE MPHS 9-15-26; CSE NCR 9-9-26."

2. **Contract – Mount Sinai UFSD Re: Student #600042516, #600043202**
   Dr. Ferris and Dr. Koch are requesting your approval of the Special Education Instructional Services contract with Mount Sinai UFSD for the term from September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

   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 Special Education Instructional Services contract with Mount Sinai USFD for the term of September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and furthermore authorizes the President of the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education to sign such agreement."

3. **Contract – Comsewogue UFSD Re: Student # 000102005, #60004078**
   Dr. Ferris and Dr. Koch are requesting your approval of the Special Education Instructional Services contract with Comsewogue UFSD for the term from September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

   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 Special Education Instructional Services contract with Comesewogue USFD for the term of September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and furthermore

authorizes the President of the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education to sign such agreement."

4. **Contract – Center Moriches UFSD Re: Student #600040460**
   Dr. Ferris and Dr. Koch are requesting your approval of the Special Education Instructional Services contract with Center Moriches UFSD for the term from September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

   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 Special Education Instructional Services contract with Center Moriches USFD for the term of September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and furthermore authorizes the President of the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education to sign such agreement."

5. **Contract – East Moriches UFSD Re: Student #600042975**
   Dr. Ferris and Dr. Koch are requesting your approval of the Special Education Instructional Services contract with East Moriches UFSD for the term from September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

   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 Special Education Instructional Services contract with East Moriches USFD for the term of September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and furthermore authorizes the President of the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education to sign such agreement."

6. **Contract – East Moriches UFSD Re: Student #600041575**
   Dr. Ferris and Dr. Koch are requesting your approval of the Special Education Instructional Services contract with East Moriches UFSD for the term from September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

   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 Special Education Instructional Services contract with East Moriches USFD for the term of September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and furthermore authorizes the President of the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education to sign such agreement."

7. **Contract – ESY 2026 Sayville UFSD Re: Student #600043486**
   Dr. Ferris and Dr. Koch are requesting your approval of the special education services contract with ESY Sayville UFSD for the 2026 ESY 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 authorizes the Special Education Instructional Services contract with Sayville USFD for the ESY school year and furthermore authorizes the President of the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education to sign such agreement."

8. **Contract – DaVinci Center, Education & Research**
   Dr. Ferris and Dr. Koch are requesting your approval of the special education services contract with Da Vinci Center, Education & Research for the 2026-2027 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 contract with Da Vinci Center, Education & Research, and furthermore authorizes the President of the Miller Place Union Free School District Board of Education to sign such agreement."

I. CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. **Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver Application**
   Dr. Ferris and Ms. Craddock are requesting your approval of the resolution to approve the Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver application to the NYS Education Department.

   RECOMMENDED MOTION: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, hereby approves the submission of an Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver application to the NYS Education Department for the 2026-27 school year as presented."

2. **Obsolete Textbooks**
   Dr. Ferris and Ms. Craddock are requesting your approval of the resolution to declare the attached lists of textbooks as obsolete and for its 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."

J. CONSENT AGENDA – OTHER

1. **ESBOCES Meeting Date**
   RECOMMENDED MOTION: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby approves the ESBOCES Administrative Budget Vote and Board Election Meeting Date of April 27, 2027. The meeting time is to be determined."

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

K. CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVAL

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Dr. Galligan moved, seconded by Mr. Makarius, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

L. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. **Student Representative Report**
   Student Representative Vandorn Johnson provided updates on high school events and student concerns, noting a scheduling conflict between the senior Boston trip and the start of spring sports, as well as revised sign-up procedures for the Ellis Island and Met field trips.

   Student Activities & Athletics: Mid-week hallway decorating is planned for Homecoming to give grades more preparation time, with unbiased voting to recognize the winning class. In sports, field hockey clinched a playoff spot, and football scheduled a new home game against a New Jersey team to replace shortened games, doubling as Senior Night and generating additional revenue for senior events.

2. **Board Committees**
   Ms. Reitan noted that the committees have not started their meeting schedule yet.

3. **Bond 2021 Update**
   Mr. Singer reported that several bond projects remain pending SED approval, while others have reached the punch-list phase. Progress updates will continue to be shared with the Board and published on the district website.

M. DISCUSSION - None

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N. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. **Assessed Value, Revenue Plan and Voter Approved Tax Levy**
   This resolution accepts the assessed valuation from the Town of Brookhaven, accepts the final board revenue plan and establishes the voter approved tax levy for 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 accepts the assessed valuation of $16,742,254 to establish the voter approved tax levy and the proposed revenue plan for the 2026-27 school year, and;

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the voter approved tax levy for school purposes for 2026-27 will be established at $54,173,161."

   Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to accept the assessed value, revenue plan and tax levy.
   Ms. Spaniolas moved, seconded by Dr. Galligan, to accept the assessed value, revenue plan and tax levy.

   Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

2. **Accept External Audit Reports**

Each year the Board is required to have an external audit which reviews and prepares the financial statements for the District. We are required to accept the external audit reports so that they can be submitted to NYSED. Dr. Ferris is requesting your approval of the resolution to accept the External Audit Reports and related documents.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District hereby accepts the reports dated June 30, 2026 and cover letters dated September 10, 2026, which have been submitted by the District's external auditors, Cullen and Danowski, LLP, along with the District's response to these documents dated September 23, 2026.

- Financial Statements and Supplementary Schedules with Independent Auditor's Report
- Audit of the 2025-2026 Financial Statements
- Representation Letter of the Financial Statements dated September 10, 2026
- Extraclassroom Activity Funds Financial Statement with Independent Auditor's Report
- Representation letter of the Extra Classroom Activities Fund dated September 10, 2026
- Management letter dated September 10, 2026
- School District's response and corrective action plan dated September 23, 2026."

Ms. Reitan noted the legal requirement for an external audit and financial statement preparation. Following the audit report presented earlier by Cullen & Danowski, the Board accepted the report for submission to the NYS Education Department and the Office of the State Comptroller.
Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to approve the resolution as presented.
Mr. Makarius moved, seconded by Ms. Spaniolas, to approve the resolution as presented.

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

3. **2027-2028 Budget Development Calendar**

Dr. Ferris and Mr. Singer are requesting your approval of the 2027-2028 Budget Development Calendar.

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 2027-2028 Budget Development Calendar dates as noted.

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to accept 2027-28 Budget Development Calendar.
Ms. Spaniolas moved, seconded by Dr. Galligan, to approve the resolution as presented.

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

O. BOARD POLICIES – First Time Reading

5020.2.R Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity Regulation
6640 Inventories

P. BOARD POLICIES – Review – None

Q. BOARD POLICIES – Action – None

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.

Fiscal Responsibility & Borrowing: A resident raised concerns regarding district borrowing limits. Dr. Ferris confirmed the district's commitment to maintaining a flat budget structure, staying within the tax cap, and avoiding unnecessary line items or exceeding $5M.

Vaping Education & Parent Programs: In response to a resident inquiry about limited 8th-grade vaping orientation slots, Dr. Ferris explained that participation was capped by the county and integrated into select health and family classes. Regarding parent resources, Dr. Ferris, Ms. Reitan, and Dr. Galligan noted online webpage materials, past joint presentations with local law enforcement, and library partnerships, confirming the district will explore expanding Parent University-style offerings.

Regents & State Assessment Changes: Addressing a question on upcoming NYS Regents and Portrait of a Graduate changes, Dr. Ferris and Ms. Craddock outlined proactive curriculum planning aligned with community values, pending final implementation guidance from NYSED in February.

Facility Accessibility & Drainage: A resident requested improved field accessibility and ADA compliance. Dr. Ferris stated the district is working with the architect on a combined summer project addressing field drainage, access, and outdoor bathroom installation.

T. MOVEMENT TO/FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to move into executive session for specific legal and specific personnel matters at 9:25 p.m.

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

U. MOVEMENT TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Reitan asked for a motion to exit the executive session and reconvene the business meeting at 11:48 p.m.

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

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

V. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Mr. Makarius moved, seconded by Ms. Spaniolas to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Ms. Louise Tromba, District Clerk