

EXTRACT OF MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Education of the
Miller Place Union Free School District,
in the County of Suffolk, New York
March 23, 2018

The Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York, was held within the said School District on March 23, 2018 at 5:45 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

There were present: Mrs. Johanna Testa, President of the Board of Education and;

Board Members: Mr. Richard Panico, Vice President
Mrs. Noelle Dunlop, Trustee
Mr. Keith Frank, Trustee
Mrs. Lisa Reitan, Trustee

Also Present: Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Seth A. Lipshie, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Colleen V. Card, School, School Business Official
Mrs. Sandra A. Wojnowski, Executive Director for Educational Services

Those Absent: Mrs. Susan G. Hodun, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Patricia A. Morbillo, District Clerk

Board President Johanna Testa offered the following resolution; Board Member Noelle Dunlop moved its adoption:

IV. Resolution Concerning School Resource Officers (SROs)

Dr. Cartisano is requesting your consideration to approve the following resolution regarding School Resource Officers (SROs):

WHEREAS, Article XI Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of New York provides that the legislature shall provide for the maintenance and support of a system of free common schools, wherein all the children of the State may be educated;

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of New York provides the legal authority given to the Board of Regents and to the Legislature to provide for the maintenance and support of public schools;

WHEREAS, the New York State Board of Regents and the State Education Department exercise the powers and functions delegated to them through the Education Law;

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents and the State Education Department establish policy by adopting rules and regulations within the limitations of State law;

WHEREAS, Article IV Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of New York outlines the powers and duties of the Governor;

WHEREAS, with the amount of violence taking place in the current school environment, it is imperative that the focus becomes more precisely on the safety and security of the students, faculties and staff. It is our responsibility to ensure that those tasked with protecting our students are the most experienced and highly trained former military, police and sheriffs;

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WHEREAS, retired police officers, sheriffs and veterans with their years of experience and training would make for optimal school safety and security officers, but are limited to the amount of income they make due to current restrictions in state law, further limiting them from being fully immersed in the school community, understanding the school culture, and overall familiarity within educational facilities.

WHEREAS, current proposed law(s) in both the Senate Bill S2946 and Assembly Bill A8327 would allow for retired police officers to be employed by a school district, or other government agency such as a police department or sheriff department, as a school safety officer, school security officer or any other substantially similar position and continue to receive their full retirement benefits, and not be limited to \$30,000 income;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District demands that the Governor take serious action against school violence by placing the best qualified men and women in the position of protecting our children; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District demands that the Governor endorse Senate Bill S2946 and Assembly Bill A8327 and allow for its quick passage through the legislative process; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Miller Place Union Free School District demands that the Governor of the State of New York ensure that all students in all schools in the State of New York are protected by the same trained professionals that we entrust our lives with every day, on this Friday, March 23, 2018, and directs the District Clerk of the Miller Place Union Free School District upon receipt of this resolution to forward this resolution to the Governor's Office, State of New York.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Board Member Keith Frank.

Yes 5; No 0; Motion Carried

The resolution was declared adopted.

Patricia A. Morbillo
District Clerk
March 26, 2018