

# AGENDA

**MEETING #567**

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

**PLACE OF MEETING:**

Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit  
Board Room 211 – 6:30 PM

**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

Mr. Ronald Miller

**1. ROLL CALL**

School Districts	Representative	Present	Absent		Staff Members	Present	Absent
Aliquippa	Ms. Gill				Dr. Rosendale		
Ambridge Area	Mrs. Romasco				Attorney Steff		
Beaver Area	Mrs. Thompson				Mrs. Niedbala		
Big Beaver Falls Area	Mr. Miller				Mrs. Ference		
Blackhawk	Ms. Mansell				Mrs. Harmotto		
Central Valley	Mr. Mowad				Mr. Rodgers		
Freedom Area	Mr. Inman				Mrs. McKinley		
Hopewell Area	Ms. Klessner				Mr. Huwar		
Midland	Mr. D'Itri				Dr. Guzie		
New Brighton Area	Mrs. Ceratti						
Riverside Beaver County	Mr. Radevski						
Rochester Area	Mr. Blackwell						
South Side Area	Mrs. Winterrowd						
Western Beaver County	Mr. McGeehan						

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The packet containing the proposed agenda and related materials was mailed to each Board member.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board adopt the agenda and related materials as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

4. **BOARD PRESIDENT** – “Are there any public comments on agenda items only?”

5. **WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER**

We would like to welcome the following new Board Member:

Ms. Anissa Klessner representing Hopewell Area School District. Ms. Klessner’s term expires June 30, 2027.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board formally seat Ms. Klessner to the BVIU Board of Directors.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. **Background Information:** The Minutes from the June 26, 2024 Meeting were mailed to each Board Member.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board approve the Minutes as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. Intermediate Unit

a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested for the Administration to pay the necessary bills for the month of July to be ratified at the August 28, 2024 Board meeting.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above request be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Beaver County School Health Care Insurance Consortium

a. **Background Information:** Provided for your review and approval for the Insurance Consortium:

- 1. Financial Report for month ending June, 2024
- 2. Minutes from the July 15, 2024 meeting

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Financial Report and Minutes of the Beaver County School Health Care Consortium be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

8. PERSONNEL, PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL

A. Special Pupil Services – ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR OF SPECIAL CLASSES

a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy for the position of Assistant Supervisor of Special Classes at New Horizon School, Ms. Kristi Leiper, Beaver Falls, PA is recommended for full-time employment, effective date to be determined. Salary for this position is \$85,000. Ms. Leiper received her Bachelor’s degree from Westminster College and her Master’s Degree from Slippery Rock University. She currently is a Title I teacher in the Blackhawk School District.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that Ms. Leiper be employed full-time and added to the Act 93 Administrator Compensation Policy approved at the June 28, 2023 Board of Directors’ Meeting.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Special Pupil Services – MDS TEACHER – NEW HORIZON

a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy on the Special Pupil Services Staff, it is recommended that the Ms. Harley Beckey, Coraopolis, PA be employed full-time as an MDS Teacher effective date August 20, 2024. Salary for this position is 85% of Step 1 Masters, \$54,325. Ms. Beckey received her Bachelors and Master’s degrees from Robert Morris University.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that Ms. Beckey be employed full-time as recommended.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Special Pupil Services – **EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEACHER – NEW HORIZON NORTH**

- b. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy on the Special Pupil Services Staff, Ms. Ashley Dalton, Beaver, PA be employed full-time as an Emotional Support Teacher effective August 20, 2024. Salary for this position is 85% of Step 1 Bachelors, \$52,939. Ms. Dalton received her Bachelor’s Degree from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that Ms. Ashley Dalton be employed full-time as submitted.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Special Pupil Services – **EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEACHER – NEW HORIZON NORTH**

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy on the Special Pupil Services Staff, it is recommended that Mr. Robert (Devin) Miller, Slippery Rock, PA be employed full-time as an Emotional Support Teacher effective August 20, 2024. Salary for this position is 85% of Step 1 Bachelors \$52,939. Mr. Miller received his Bachelor’s Degree from Westminster College.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that Mr. Robert Miller be employed full-time as recommended.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

E. Special Pupil Services – **SPEECH THERAPIST – NEW HORIZON**

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy on the Special Pupil Services Staff, it is recommended that Ms. Megan Paich, Georgetown, PA be employed full-time effective August 20, 2024. Salary for this position is Step 1 Masters, \$63,911. Ms. Paich received her Bachelor’s Degree from Penn State University and her Master’s Degree from California University of Pennsylvania.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that Ms. Paich be employed full-time as recommended pending receipt of all required clearances.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

F. Special Pupil Services – MDS TEACHER – NEW HORIZON NORTH

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy on the Special Pupil Services staff, it is recommended that Ms. Lindsey Kasich, Beaver Falls, PA be employed full-time effective August 20, 2024. Salary for this position is 85% of Step 3 Masters, \$60,225. Ms. Kasich received her Bachelor’s Degree from West Virginia University and her Master’s Degree from Texas A&M.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that Ms. Kasich be employed full-time as recommended.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

G. Special Pupil Services – MDS TEACHER – NEW HORIZON NORTH

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy on the Special Pupil Services staff, it is recommended that Ms. Kayla Radachy, New Castle, PA be employed full-time effective August 20, 2024. Salary for this position is Step 1 Master’s, \$63,911 pending receipt of Level II Certification. Ms. Radachy received her Bachelor’s Degree from Westminster College and her Master’s Degree from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that Ms. Radachy be employed full-time as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

H. Intermediate Unit – REGISTERED BEHAVIOR TECHNICIAN – NEW HORIZON NORTH

- a. **Background Information:** Ms. Laura Mars, New Castle, PA is recommended for full-time employment as a Registered Behavior Technician effective August 20, 2024. Salary for this position is \$24,000 plus \$10,000 for the RBT license.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that Ms. Mars be employed full-time as recommended pending receipt of all required clearances.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

I. Special Pupil Services – SHARED AIDE

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancies on the Special Pupil Services staff, the following persons are recommended for full-time employment as Shared Aides effective August 20, 2024. Salary is \$24,000.

Ms. Stacey Chaffee, Midland, PA – New Horizon  
 Ms. Victoria Shultz, New Castle, PA - New Horizon  
 Ms. Loidy Gonzalez-Paula, New Castle, PA – New Horizon North  
 Ms. Paige Gould, Pulaski, PA – New Horizon North  
 Ms. Sara Griffis, New Castle, PA – New Horizon North  
 Ms. Geraline Hosie, New Castle, PA – New Horizon North  
 Ms. Melissa O’Neill, New Castle, PA – New Horizon North  
 Ms. Sierra Weikart, Lowellville, OH – New Horizon North  
 Ms. Emma Wicks, Warren, OH – New Horizon North

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the aforementioned persons be employed full-time pending receipt of all required clearances.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

J. Special Pupil Services – MAINTENANCE – NEW HORIZON

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy on the Maintenance Staff, it is recommended that Mr. Patrick Seevers, Beaver Falls, PA be employed full-time effective August 1, 2024. Salary for this position is \$19/hour.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that Mr. Seevers be employed full-time pending receipt of all required clearances.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

9. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** According to the School Code, the Intermediate Unit’s Board of School Directors may re-elect the Executive Director for a four (4) year term during the final year of his commission. The Board may at this time consider the re-election of the Executive Director, Dr. Eric G. Rosendale, to a four-year term to commence on July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that Dr. Eric G. Rosendale be re-elected as Executive Director of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit #27 for a four-year term.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**10. PERSONNEL, EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Additional staff is needed to support the ESY program at New Horizon School.

Name	Position
Renee Wrzesniewski	Nurse
Keanna Gordon	Nurse

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above request be approved as submitted.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**11. PERSONNEL, FMLA REQUEST**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following personnel has requested and been found eligible for leave through the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA):

Name	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
Andrea Watt	10/14/24	Not to exceed 12 weeks

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the FMLA request be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**12. NEW POSITION**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that the Board approve a new position, for a Shared Aide in the Early Intervention Program. This position will

support the ever-growing needs in our early intervention classrooms. This position will be funded by Early Intervention.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above position be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**13. CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

**A. Intermediate Unit – J. MARTIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC (JMA)**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with J. Martin & Associates, LLC to provide audit preparation services for the 2024-2025 school year. Fee for this service is \$100/hour.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the agreement with JMA be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Special Pupil Services – MIDWESTERN INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that the BVIU Board approve the contract with Midwestern Intermediate Unit to provide occupational therapy, physical therapy, and counseling to the students at New Horizon North. Cost for the services are as follows:
  - Occupational Therapy - \$115/hour
  - Physical Therapy - \$125/hour
  - Counseling - \$110/hour

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board approve the contract with Midwestern Intermediate Unit as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. Special Pupil Services – STAFFING AND CONSULTING GROUP**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with Staffing and Consulting Group for the acquisition of a part-



time Psychiatrist/Medical Director for the Hopeful Minds Wellness Center project. The rate for this service is \$248/hour.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the agreement with Staffing and Consulting Group be approved as presented pending final review and approval by the Solicitor.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Special Pupil Services - **WESTERN BEAVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with the Western Beaver County School District for the purpose of utilizing space within the high school, located at 216 Engle Road, Industry, PA 15052, for the licensure and implementation of Hopeful Minds Wellness Center. This location will be used until construction and occupancy is approved for the 423 Adams Street site in Rochester, PA.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the agreement with Western Beaver County School District be approved as presented pending final review and approval by the Solicitor.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

E. Intermediate Unit – **TELESYSTEMS**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into a thirty-six (36) month agreement with Telesystems for the new Microsoft Teams Telephone System that we are implementing. This agreement is for twenty (20) Session Initiated Protocol (SIP) trunks and three-hundred (300) Direct Inward Dial (DID) numbers. The monthly cost will be \$184.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the agreement with Telesystems be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**14. BVIU BOARD POLICIES**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The following revised BVIU Policies are presented for Board review and consideration:

- 236.1 – Threat Assessment
- 815 – Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources
- 819 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response
- 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings
- Out Patient Services Comprehensive Policies and Procedures

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the policy revisions be adopted as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**15. BVIU BOARD POLICIES**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The following revised BVIU Policies are presented for Board review and consideration:

- 222 – Tobacco and Vaping Products (Pupils)
- 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
- 323 – Tobacco and Vaping Products (Employees)
- 351 – Controlled Substance Abuse
- 707 – Us of Intermediate Unit Facilities

**Staff Recommendation:** “for review at this time. Action to be taken at the August 28, 2024 Board of Directors’ meeting.”

**Board Action Required:** None at this time.

**16. ADDENDUM (YELLOW PAGE)**

**17. CORRESPONDENCE**

**18. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**19. SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

**20. OTHER BUSINESS**

**21. BOARD PRESIDENT – “Are there any public comments from visitors?”**

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

# ADDENDUM #567

JULY 24, 2024

## 1. PERSONNEL, RESIGNATION

### A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Mrs. Olivia Freed McKenna, Behavior Specialist at New Horizon School, has submitted her letter of resignation effective August 1, 2024.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignation of Mrs. Olivia Freed McKenna as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. BVIU BOARD POLICY

- a. **Background Information:** Revised BVIU Board Policy 801 – Public Records is presented for Board review and consideration.

**Staff Recommendation:** “for review at this time. Action to be taken at the August 28, 2024 Board of Director’s meeting.”

**Board Action Required:** None at this time.