

AGENDA

MEETING #568

Wednesday, August 28, 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. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Background Information:** The Minutes from the July 24, 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 _____.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT (1-93)**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The Treasurer’s Reports of the various accounts for June and July, 2024, as well as the listing of bills for the month of August, 2024 are presented for approval.

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 July, 2024
2. No meeting in August

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

7. PERSONNEL, NON-PROFESSIONAL

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following persons have submitted their letters of resignation:

Ms. Sarah Griffis, Teacher Aide at New Horizon North, effective immediately
Mr. Mitchell Lacey, Registered Behavior Technician, effective August 23, 2024
Ms. Meghan Morro, Registered Behavior Technician, effective August 14, 2024

Staff Recommendation: “that the resignations of the persons listed above be accepted as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

8. PERSONNEL, PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL

A. Special Pupil Services – SPEECH THERAPIST

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy on the Early Intervention staff, Mr. Andrew Hickman, Export, PA is recommended for full-time employment as an Itinerant Speech Therapist, effective August 20, 2024. Salary for this position is 85% of Step 1 Masters, \$54,325. Mr. Hickman received his Bachelors and Master’s degrees from California University of Pennsylvania.

Staff Recommendation: “that Mr. Hickman be employed full-time as recommended, pending receipt of all required clearances.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

B. Special Pupil Services – MDS TEACHER

- a. **Background Information:** In order the fill the vacancy on the Special Pupil Services staff, Ms. April Palmo-Stadtmitter, Butler, PA is recommended for full-time employment as an MDS Teacher at New Horizon School, effective August 20, 2024. Salary for this position is Step 1 Bachelors, \$\$62,281. Ms. Stadtmitter received her Bachelor’s Degree in Education from Slippery Rock University and her Bachelor’s Degree in Special Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

C. Special Pupil Services – **SHARED AIDES**

- 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. Salary to be set at \$24,000/year.

Ms Jennie Abrams, New Brighton, PA - New Horizon School
 Ms. Heather Hamm, Clinton, PA - New Horizon School
 Christina Allen, New Castle, PA – New Horizon School North

Staff Recommendation: “that the above request be approved as presented, pending receipt of all required clearances.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

9. **PERSONNEL, FMLA REQUESTS**

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
Lindsay Shansky	7/23/24	Not to exceed 12 weeks
Sharon Daley	8/20/24	Not to exceed 12 weeks
Jamie Simon	8/20/24	Not to exceed 12 weeks
Bernie Stankay	12/11/24	Not to exceed 12 weeks
Michael Smith	1/3/25	Not to exceed 12 weeks

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

10. **SUBSTITUTE LISTS, 2024-2025**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following are daily substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year for Board review and approval:

Teacher

Mr. Joseph Belczyk, New Brighton, PA
 Ms. Tracey Prentice, Beaver, PA

Nurse

Ms. Amy Downer, Beaver, PA

Teacher Aide

Mr. Sawyer Butler, Beaver, PA

Maintenance

Mr. Michael Petruccioli, Wellsburg, WV

Staff Recommendation: “that the above daily substitutes be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

11. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE)

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The following persons are recommended for employment as Continuing Professional Education (CPE) instructors for the Fall 2024 term:

Instructor	Address	Course	Instructor's Fee
Rick Roth	Glenshaw	21 ST Century Educator Essentials	\$1975.00
		“Apps” & iPads in the K-12 Classroom	\$1975.00
		“Any Device” Technology Tools in K-12	\$1975.00
		Teaching K-12 Problem Solving Using Computational Thinking in All Subjects	\$1975.00
Rhonda & Michael Bielawski	Bradford Woods	Addressing Learning Disabilities in Education: Inclusive Practices	\$1975.00
		ADHD in Education: Inclusive Practices	\$1975.00
		A New Look at Working with Students with Autism	\$1975.00
		Autism in Education: Inclusive Practices	\$1975.00

		Adopting a Growth Mindset	
Kelley Engle	Columbiana, OH	Addiction: Identifying and Understanding	\$1975.00
Colleen Anzio	Pittsburgh	A-Z Guide on Positive Discipline- Solutions for the Classroom Behavior Problems	\$1975.00
		Active and Engaging Strategies for the Inclusive Classroom	\$1975.00
		Achieving Excellence-14 Things That Matter Most	\$1975.00
		ABC's on Teaching Strategies for Pre-K-3	\$1975.00
		A+ Ideas for Every Student's Success	\$1975.00
		Art of Interaction	
Jill Brooks	Munhall	Designing a Digital Classroom	\$1975.00
		Developing Media Literacy Skills	\$1975.00
		Digital Literacy Skills	\$1975.00
		Tech Tools for 21 st Century Learners	\$1975.00
		There's an App for That	\$1975.00
		The Fundamentals of Project Based Learning	\$1975.00
		Culturally Responsive Teaching	\$1975.00
		Social and Emotional Learning	\$1975.00
		How to View Students Through a Trauma Lens	\$1975.00
		Innovative Teaching with AI	\$1975.00
William Yerger	Bethlehem, PA	The First Days of School: How to be an Effective Teacher	\$1975.00
		Multiple Intelligences in the Classroom	\$1975.00
		Writing Alive: Strategies, Techniques and Materials	\$1975.00
		Motivating and Inspiring Today's Students	\$1975.00
Danielle Nuhfer	Wyomissing, PA	Teachers Building Resilience and Creating Compassionate Classrooms	\$1975.00
		Mindfulness for Educators and Their Students	\$1975.00

Staff Recommendation: “that the CPE Instructors be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

12. ESL RATE INCREASE

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Based off of the estimated utilization and budgeted cost, we need to increase the ESL hourly rate from \$105 to \$110.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

13. FRYE TRANSPORTATION DRIVER LIST, 2024-2025

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Attached is a list of bus drivers from Frye Transportation Group, Inc. for Board review and approval.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

14. CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS

A. Special Pupil Services – **TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT, 2024-2025**

- a. **Background Information:** In order to provide transportation services for students in BVIU operated classes, below are the contract rates for the 2024-2025 school year:

Contractor	Service	To/From	2023-2024 Rate	2024-2025 Rate
Frye Transportation	RT up to 5 days per week	NHS/BCCTC for vocational programming	\$165.00	\$185.00
Frye Transportation	Community-Based Instruction (CBI) services	NHS/various locations as approved by the New Horizon School Supervisor	\$165.00 – in county \$195.00 – Moon, Robinson, Cranberry \$220.00 – Lawrence County and Ohio	\$185.00 – in county \$215.00 – Moon, Robinson, Cranberry \$250.00 – Lawrence County and Ohio

			\$250.00 – Pittsburgh/Sharon	\$250.00 – Pittsburgh/Sharon
Frye Transportation/Trend	Nursing services	Services as needed and requested by New Horizon School	\$48.00/hour	\$50.00/hour

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

B. Intermediate Unit – INTELIGENT, INC.

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with Inteligent, Inc. for long distance, international long distance and E911 services. This contract has a minimum charge of \$100 per month and may vary with long distance and E911 usage.

Staff Recommendation: “that the agreement with Inteligent, Inc. be approved as presented pending final review and approval by the Solicitor.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

C. Intermediate Unit – CAPITOL AREA INTERMEDIATE UNIT #15

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with Capitol Area Intermediate Unit #15 for SentinelOne. SentinelOne is an advanced cybersecurity platform. Annual fee for this contract is \$4,488.

Staff Recommendation: “that the agreement with Capitol Area Intermediate Unit be approved as submitted.”

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 – Use of Intermediate Unit Facilities

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board adopt the revisions to the BVIU Policies listed above.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

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 #568

AUGUST 28, 2024

1. BVIU BOARD POLICY

A. Intermediate Unit

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

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board adopt the revisions to Policy 801-Public Records.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

2. PERSONNEL, NON-PROFESSIONAL

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Ms. Lani Wolfe, Teacher Aide at New Horizon School, has submitted her letter of resignation effective September 13, 2024.

Staff Recommendation: “that the resignation of Ms. Lanie Wolfe be approved as presented, effective September 13, 2024.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.