

School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Romasco, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Mowad, Mr. Inman, Ms. Klesser, Mr. D'Itri, Mrs. Ceratti, Mr. Blackwell and Mr. McGeehan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Gill, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Radevski and Mrs. Winterrowd

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Niedbala, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. Harmotto, Mr. Rodgers, Dr. Guzie, Mrs. McKinley, A. Hartle, J. Dixon and E. McMullen

ACTION TAKEN:

1. The Board accepted the resignations of the following people:
 - 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
2. The Board employed the following persons full-time:
 - Mr. Andrew Hickman, Export, PA – Early Intervention Itinerant Speech Therapist
 - Ms. April Palmo-Stadtmitter, Butler, PA – MDS Teacher - New Horizon School
 - Ms. Laura Mars, New Castle, Pa – Registered Behavior Technician, New Horizon North
3. The following persons were employed full-time as Shared Aides:
 - 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
4. Five FMLA requests were approved by the Board.
5. The following people were added to the Substitute Lists for the 2024-2025 school year:

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

6. The following Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Instructors were approved 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

7. The Board approved an increase of the ESL hourly rate from \$105 to \$110.
8. The driver list from Frye Transportation Group, Inc. was approved by the Board.
9. An agreement with Frye Transportation Group, Inc. was approved for the 2024-2025 school year.
10. The Board approved an agreement with Inteliquent, Inc. for long distance, international long distance and E911 services.
14. An agreement with Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 was approved by the Board for SentinelOne. SentinelOne is an advanced cyber security platform.
15. Revisions to the following policies were adopted by the Board:
 - 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

ADDENDUM ITEMS

16. The Board adopted revisions to BVIU Board Policy 801 - Public Records.
17. The Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Lani Wolfe effective September 13, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Dr. Rosendale discussed the solar energy project. He stated that he will be getting more information and will present it to the Board at that time. He also talked about Project Search and how Mrs. Klesser arranged an appointment with Mr. Norm Mitry from Heritage Valley. Dr. Rosendale discussed the generosity of Grove City Area School District. They donated a lot of furniture for New Horizon North.

On a motion by Mr. Inman that was seconded by Mrs. Ceratti, the Board voted unanimously to send a letter to Grove City Area School District for their generous furniture donation to New Horizon North.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Mr. Steff informed the Board that he has been working on getting a tax-exempt status for the building in Rochester since it is a school entity. He also told the Board that there were no general contractors that bid the job for the outpatient services building and that the rebid process has begun.

OTHER BUSINESS - After the Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Miller asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in remembrance of the following people who have recently passed away:

- Mr. Mitchell Yanyanin – former BVIU and New Brighton Board member
 - Ms. Connie Dwyer – John Sanderbeck’s mom. John is the BVIU Director of Technology.
- Mrs. Niedbala talked about the motivational speaker at the New Horizon In-service day, Mr. Ben Hartranft. She talked about how well the first day of school went at New Horizon North. She was there assisting Mr. Huwar along with Mrs. Michelle McKinley. She informed the Board that New Horizon is celebrating their 50-year anniversary! Mrs. Niedbala told the Board that the fire alarm system at New Horizon School is going to need

replaced. Also, the condenser in the freezer needs replaced, as well. Mrs. Niedbala stated that the Board meeting is at New Horizon School next month. She's excited to have everyone there.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric G. Rosendale

Dr. Eric G. Rosendale
Executive Director

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