



School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Inman, Ms. Klessner, Mr. D'Itri, Mr. Radevski, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Winterrowd and Mr. McGeehan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Gill, Mrs. Romasco, Mr. Mowad and Mrs. Ceratti

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Niedbala, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. Harmotto, Mr. Rodgers, Dr. Guzie, Mrs. McKinley, Mr. Sanderbeck and Ms. Leiper

ACTION TAKEN:

1. The Board seated Mrs. Anissa Klessner to the BVIU Board of Directors'. She represents the Hopewell Area School District.
2. The Board employed the following persons full-time:
 - Ms. Kristi Leiper, Beaver Falls, PA – Assistant Supervisor of Special Classes – New Horizon School
 - Ms. Harley Beckey, Coraopolis, PA – MDS Teacher - New Horizon School
 - Ms. Ashley Dalton, Beaver, PA – Emotional Support Teacher – New Horizon North
 - Mr. Robert (Devin) Miller, Slippery Rock, PA – Emotional Support Teacher – New Horizon North
 - Ms. Megan Paich, Georgetown, PA – Speech Therapist – New Horizon
 - Ms. Lindsey Kasich, Beaver Falls, PA – MDS Teacher – New Horizon North
 - Ms. Kayla Radachy, New Castle, PA – MDS Teacher - New Horizon North
 - Ms. Laura Mars, New Castle, Pa – Registered Behavior Technician, New Horizon North
3. The following persons were employed full-time as Shared Aides:
 - 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
4. Mr. Patrick Seevers, Beaver Falls, PA was employed full-time. He will join the maintenance staff at New Horizon School.
5. The Board re-elected Dr. Eric G. Rosendale to a four (4) year term to commence on July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029.
6. The following extra staff was needed to support the ESY program at New Horizon School:

Name	Position
Renee Wrzesniewski	Nurse
Keanna Gordon	Nurse

7. An FMLA request was approved by the Board.
8. The Board approved a new position for a Shared Aide in the Early Intervention Program.

9. An agreement with J. Martin & Associates, LLC (JMA) was approved by the Board to provide audit preparation services for the 2024-2025 school year.
10. An agreement with Midwestern Intermediate Unit was approved by the Board to provide occupational therapy, physical therapy and counseling to the students at New Horizon North.
11. The Board approved an agreement with Staffing and Consulting Group for the acquisition of a part-time Psychiatrist/Medical Director for the Hopeful Minds Wellness Center.
12. An agreement with Western Beaver County School District for the purpose of utilizing space within the high school for the licensure and implementation of Hopeful Minds Wellness Center was approved by the Board.
13. The Board approved a thirty-six (36) month agreement with Telesystems for the new Microsoft Teams Telephone System that will be implemented.
14. The following policy revisions were adopted by the Board:
 - 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
15. The following policy revisions were reviewed by the Board with action to be taken at the August 28, 2024 Board of Directors' meeting:
 - 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 accepted the resignation of Mrs. Olivia Freed McKenna, Behavior Specialist at New Horizon School, effective August 1, 2024.
17. Board Policy 801 – Public Records was reviewed by the Board with action to be taken at the August 28, 2024 Board of Directors' meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Dr. Rosendale thanked the Board for re-electing him to another four (4) year term. He talked about the School Code Bill and how it affected public education. He also talked about House Bill 1032, which is the Act establishing Solar for Schools Grant Program.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Steff explained the changes to Policy 801 and why it's important to adopt the changes.

OTHER BUSINESS - Mrs. Niedbala stated that Thursday is the last day for ESY. She stated that we are in need of opening another district-based classroom. She talked about IBHS services and how she would like to bring them to Beaver County. She also talked about Project Search for the students. Mr. Rodgers thanked the Board for their support. Ms. Leiper addressed the Board and thanked them for the opportunity. She also mentioned that craft show on October 5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Eric G. Rosendale
Executive Director