

School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Gill, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Mowad, Mr. Inman, Mr. Santia, Mrs. Ceratti, Mr. Radevski, Mr. Blackwell and Mr. McGeehan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Romasco, Mr. D'Itri and Mrs. Winterrowd

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Niedbala, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. Harmotto, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Huwar, Mr. Sanderbeck and Mrs. Hartle

ACTION TAKEN:

- The Board retained the current slate of officers for the 2024-2025 school year:

Office	Elected
President	Mr. Ronald Miller
Vice President	Mr. Gerald Inman, III
Secretary	Mr. Thomas Mowad
Treasurer	Mr. Anthony D'Itri

- The Board appointed Mr. Al Steff, Jr. as the solicitor for the 2024-2025 school year.
- The Board accepted resignations for the purpose of retirement for the following employees:
Mrs. Marlene Falk, Speech Therapist
Mrs. Carol Radatovich, Teacher Aide
- Mr. Zachry Huwar was employed as the Supervisor of Special Classes at New Horizon North, effective July 1, 2024.
- Mrs. Andrea Watt filled the vacancy on the Training and Consultation staff, effective July 1, 2024.
- The Board approved that Mrs. Kayla Weingartner receive her per diem rate to attend TACT2 train the trainer class on June 7, 2024.
- The Board approved a request from the Hopewell Area School District to provide three (3) weeks of English as a Second Language (ESL) Extended School Year (ESY) services to one of their students.
- The Board approved a request from Commonwealth Charter Academy to provide four (4) weeks of paraprofessional support for ESY services to an Aliquippa student.
- The Board approved a request from Western Beaver County School District to provide a Registered Behavior Technician for three (3) weeks of ESY services.
- Ms. Marilyn Stamer, Beaver Falls, PA, was approved as a daily substitute teacher to fill the vacancy for a leave of absence.
- Ms. Lily Kurtyka, Industry, PA was added to the Maintenance Substitute List.
- Salary adjustments were approved for Dr. Jason Guzie and Mr. Michael Kroner per the Act 93 Administrator Compensation Policy.
- The Board Resolution dated and adopted September 26, 2007 regarding administrative retirement benefits was terminated. The Compensation Policy that was approved at the June 28, 2023 Board of Directors' meeting shall govern the Non-Bargaining Unit Clerical Employees, Business Manager, Act 93 Administrators and the Executive Director.
- The following Board meeting dates were approved for the 2024-2025 school year:

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| July 24, 2024 | February 26, 2025 |
| August 28, 2024 | March 26, 2025 |
| *September 25, 2024 | April 23, 2025 |
| October 23, 2024 | May 28, 2025 |
| November 20, 2024 | June 25, 2025 |
| January 22, 2025 | |

*To be held at New Horizon School in conjunction with Open House.

15. The Board authorized the Administrative Staff and Board Members to attend appropriate conferences and conventions during the 2024–2025 school year consistent with established Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board Policy.
16. The Board permitted the Executive Director to accept gifts and donations to the Intermediate Unit on behalf of the Board of Directors in compliance with Board Policy and all gifts/donations shall be reported to the Board and recorded in appropriate inventory listings.
17. The Board moved that Citizens Bank, WesBanco Bank, Zion Bank and Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) be designated as depositories for the various accounts of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit for the 2024–2025 school year. In addition, they approved Mrs. Connie Harmotto, Business Manager, as an authorized signer.
18. The Board approved the designation of funds in the capital reserve account to commit a portion of the fund balance for future capital purposes related to the Central Office Building and New Horizon School, as per the recommendation of our local auditors. The amount will be determined at the conclusion of the Independent Auditor’s Report for year ending June 30, 2024.
19. The Workers Compensation Insurance Rates through Reschini were approved.
20. Property, Casualty and Auto Insurance rates were approved by the Board through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
21. The Board approved the Health and Safety Plan, which had no changes.
22. The Board approved the purchase of a sensory playground for New Horizon School. Access funds will be used for this purchase.
23. The Board approved the purchase of new kitchen equipment at New Horizon School. Access funds will be used for this purchase.
24. The Board renewed the agreement with USOMNI & TSACG Compliance Services, Inc.
25. The Board approved the addendum to the agreement with Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc. to lease additional space at the Frew Mill Campus.
26. The following contracted services were approved by the Board:

Contractor	Service	Cost
Big Smiles PA	Dental services	Free
Dr. Hagberg	Physician services	\$10 per IEP
Invo	Physical Therapy	\$63.61/hr.
Beaver Co. Assoc. for the Blind	Vision screenings	Free
Western PA School for the Blind	Vision services	\$110.00/hr.
AOT, Inc.	Early Intervention, SPS, and ESY services	\$60.50-\$74.28/per hour depending on the service
Global Wordsmiths	Interpreting services	\$1.00/minute

27. The Board approved an agreement with the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit #13 for the implementation of a Microsoft Teams phone system.
28. A contract with Grasp and Grow was approved by the Board. Grasp and Grow is a time savings portal that Early Intervention staff will use to communicate to families and providers.
29. An agreement with Jackson and Coker was approved by the Board for the sourcing and acquisition of a part-time Psychiatrist/Medical Director for the Outpatient Services.

30. The following policy revisions were reviewed by the Board with action to be taken at the July 24, 2024 Board of Directors' meeting:
- 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

ADDENDUM ITEMS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – A letter from Nutrition, Inc. was reviewed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Dr. Rosendale presented Mr. Danny Santia a Resolution of Praise for his six and a half years of service as a BVIU Board member. This was Mr. Santia's last Board meeting.

Dr. Rosendale talked about the progress with the Outpatient Services. He stated that we received the building and zoning permits.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Steff stated that we have been keeping him busy.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Eric G. Rosendale
Executive Director

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