



# School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Romasco, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Mowad, Mr. Inman, Mrs. Klessner, Mr. D'Itri, Mr. Radevski, Mrs. Winterrowd and Mr. McGeehan

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ms. Gill, Mrs. Ceratti and Mr. Blackwell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Niedbala, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. McKinley, Mr. Huwar, H. Oliver, L. Emery, T. Benincase

**ACTION TAKEN:**

1. The Board accepted the resignations of the following people:  
 Mr. Javon Snipes, Teacher Aide at New Horizon North, effective October 18, 2024  
 Ms. Shelia Bolton, Behavior Analyst for Early Intervention, effective December 31, 2024
2. The Board employed the following persons full-time:  
 Ms. Jordan Kirkpatrick, Hermitage, PA – Special Subject Teacher at New Horizon North  
 Ms. Kaylee Hahn, Enon Valley, PA – Shared Aide at New Horizon  
 Ms. Nicole Karnis, New Castle, PA – Shared Aide at New Horizon North  
 Ms. Melanie Bradley, New Castle, PA – Shared Aide at New Horizon North
3. The Board approved four (4) FMLA requests.
4. The Board approved two (2) uncompensated leave requests.
5. The following persons were added to the Maintenance Substitute List for the 2024-2025 school year:  
 Hope Barton – Industry, PA  
 Sara DeCubellis – Rochester, PA  
 Nicole Talluto – Beaver, PA

6. The following fund-raising activities were approved by the Board:

Event	Sponsor	Date of Event
Chestnut Hill Candles	New Horizon School Prom	10/24/24-11/8/24
Spirit Wear	New Horizon North	10/24/24-1/31/25
Spirit Wear	New Horizon School	10/24/24-12/31/24
Giles Town & Country Market	Classrooms 140, 142, 145	10/24/24-11/8/24
Happy Valley Soups	New Horizon School – PBIS Team	11/4/24-11/22/24
Primanti Brothers	New Horizon Polar Plunge Team	11/14/24
Got Sneakers	Mr. Shick's Classroom	On-going
Walk-a-thon at New Horizon North	Ms. Dalton's Classroom	11/18/24-11/22/24
Comfortably Yumm Pierogi Sale	New Horizon School	2/10/25-2/18/25

7. The Board granted authorization for the Board Secretary to cast the PSBA electronic ballot for the PSBA election of officers.
8. The Board approved the Agreement to dissolve PAIUnet, authorized the Executive Director to execute the Agreement on behalf of the BVIU and abides by the terms of Agreement to dissolve PAIUnet as the governing legal document for concluding PAIUnet's operations and business affairs and dissolving PAIUnet.

9. The Board approved an agreement with Talk Time Speech Therapy, LLC to provide missed speech therapy sessions.
10. An agreement with vision to Learn was approved by the Board to provide free prescription glasses to our students.
11. The Board rejected an agreement with World Kinect to provide a solar assessment for New Horizon School.
12. An agreement with Clinic Tracker was approved for Electronic Health Record billing software and practice management system.
13. The Board approved an agreement with Relias, an online training platform that offers a wide range of educational solutions for the healthcare industry.
14. Revisions to the following policies were adopted by the Board:
  - 103 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students
  - 104 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff

**ADDENDUM ITEMS**

14. The Board approved an agreement with Central Valley School District to provide search and consultation services in order to assist the district in selecting and hiring a qualified and experienced School Superintendent.

**CORRESPONDENCE – NONE**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – Dr. Rosendale stated that we will begin the interview process for a Business Manager and Human Resource Generalist. He said that we’ve received many applicants for both positions.

Dr. Rosendale said that we have started the renovation at the Rochester Building and we’re hoping to be up and running by January.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT** - Mr. Steff stated that we should be receiving the exoneration of tax letter for the Rochester site. He said everything is moving along, as expected.

**OTHER BUSINESS** - Before the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Miller asked everyone to remain standing in remembrance of Mrs. Bonnie Goehring, who recently passed away. Mrs. Goehring was a former Blackhawk School District and BVIU Board member.

Mrs. Niedbala advised the Board that we will be needing a new fire alarm system at New Horizon School. She stated that we have the money in the fund balance to cover the cost.

She talked about opening a Middle/High School Emotional Support classroom in the Rochester School District.

Mrs. Niedbala also stated that we would be needing two (2) additional Behavior Services positions in the Early Intervention program. This will be supported by a 5-year Beaver County Behavior Health AWARE Grant.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eric G. Rosendale*

Dr. Eric G. Rosendale  
Executive Director