



School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Gill, Mrs. Romasco and Mr. Blackwell

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. Harmotto, Dr. Guzie, Mrs. Leiper, A. Hartle, P. Orend, H. Oliver, S. McCluan, M. Smith, D. Wukich, J. Rebich, T. Yowler, G. Henry, R. Dixon, N. Benningfield

ACTION TAKEN:

1. The Board accepted the resignations of the following people:
 Ms. Melissa O'Neill, Teacher Aide at New Horizon North, effective August 29, 2024
 Mr. Dante Campbell, Registered Behavior Technician, effective September 20, 2024
2. The Board accepted the retirement resignation of Mrs. Debra Lyons, Teacher Aide at New Horizon School, effective December 31, 2024. Mrs. Lyons has been employed by the BVIU since August, 1986.
3. The Board employed the following persons full-time:
 Ms. Tracy Yowler Beaver Falls, PA – FCS Teacher at New Horizon School
 Ms. Amanda Wilcox, Beaver Falls, PA – Registered Behavior Technician
 Mr. Nicholas Trotts, New Castle, PA – Shared Aide, New Horizon North
4. The Board granted the Administration authorization to advertise for a Business Manager.
5. The following Induction Program Mentor Teacher assignments were approved by the Board:

New Professional Staff	Mentor
Andrew Hickman – EI Speech Therapist	Kim McCabe – EI Speech Therapist
Lindsey Kasich – MDS Teacher	Sam Sesti – MDS Teacher
Devin Miller – ES Teacher	Maria Frasier – ES Teacher
Harley Beckey – MDS Teacher	Michelle Vujaklya – LSS Teacher
Jade Stepanian – ESL Teacher	Dana Jacobs – EI Teacher
Erin Convery – ESL Teacher	Chris Schick – ES Teacher
Ryan Berich – ESL Teacher	Jerrod Rebich – Swim/Health Teacher
Marissa Peiffer – School Psychologist	Allison Jezak – Mental Health Preventionist
Renee Radevski – MDS Teacher	Andrew Watt - TAC

6. Mr. Joseph Herda, Industry, PA was approved by the Board as an addition to the Teacher Substitute List for the 2024-2025 school year.
7. The Board approved that Mr. Nick Pollio provide Homebound Instruction to students in the Western Beaver County School District.
8. Mrs. Terri Johnston was authorized as an online banking user for Wesbanco for the purpose of processing the BVIU's payroll and accounts payable ACH transactions.

- 9. The Board approved a new Shared Aide position for the Economy Elementary Emotional Support program.
- 10. The Board approved the position of a Human Resource Generalist. This position will function under the Business Manager to provide support in various organizational functions.
- 11. The following fundraising activities were approved by the Board:

Event	Sponsor	Date of Event
Boscov's Coupons	Classroom 187	10/1/24-10/21/24
Aunt Carol's Dip Fundraiser	Classroom 187	10/7/24-10/18/24
Jimmy and Nino Sunseri's Monster and Atomic Pepperoni Rolls from the Strip District	Classroom 187	1/30/25-2/13/25

- 12. An agreement with Aveanna was approved to provide nurse substitutes and paraprofessional substitutes to the students in BVIU programs.
- 13. The Board approved an agreement with Lancaster Lebanon Intermediate Unit #13 to host our E911 Appliance in their data center.
- 14. Revisions to the following policies were reviewed by the Board with action to be taken at the October 23, 2024 meeting:
 - 103 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students
 - 104 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff

ADDENDUM ITEMS

- 16. The Board awarded bids for the renovation at the Hopeful Minds Wellness Center.

CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Dr. Rosendale talked about the Hopeful Minds Wellness Center and stated that we are getting close to submitting the necessary paperwork.

Dr. Rosendale then introduced the guest speakers Mr. Phil Orend and Mr. Nick Benningfield from World Kinect. They provided a solar assessment presentation. After the presentation, there was much discussion on the benefits, savings, costs and concerns of the project. The Board also discussed whether they would want to spend the money to conduct the feasibility study.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Steff stated that he has been busy with the Hopeful Minds Wellness Center and working on contracts.

OTHER BUSINESS - After the Pledge of Allegiance, Dr. Guzie introduced Mr. Michael Smith, Emotional Support Teacher, and his student Mya. Mr. Smith did a presentation of the classes/services that are provided by New Horizon School. He also thanked the Board for their continued support.

Mrs. Dixon addressed the Board with a student concern at New Horizon School.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric G. Rosendale

Dr. Eric G. Rosendale
Executive Director