

# AGENDA

**MEETING #570**

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

**PLACE OF MEETING:**

Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit  
Board Room 211 – 6:30 PM

**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

Mr. Ronald Miller

**1. ROLL CALL**

School Districts	Representative	Present	Absent		Staff Members	Present	Absent
Aliquippa	Ms. Gill				Dr. Rosendale		
Ambridge Area	Mrs. Romasco				Attorney Steff		
Beaver Area	Mrs. Thompson				Mrs. Niedbala		
Big Beaver Falls Area	Mr. Miller				Mrs. Ference		
Blackhawk	Mrs. Mansell				Mrs. Harmotto		
Central Valley	Mr. Mowad				Mr. Rodgers		
Freedom Area	Mr. Inman				Mrs. McKinley		
Hopewell Area	Mrs. Klesser				Mr. Huwar		
Midland	Mr. D'Itri				Dr. Guzie		
New Brighton Area	Mrs. Ceratti						
Riverside Beaver County	Mr. Radevski						
Rochester Area	Mr. Blackwell						
South Side Area	Mrs. Winterrowd						
Western Beaver County	Mr. McGeehan						

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The packet containing the proposed agenda and related materials was mailed to each Board member.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board adopt the agenda and related materials as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

4. **BOARD PRESIDENT** – “Are there any public comments on agenda items only?”

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5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Background Information:** The Minutes from the September 25, 2024 Meeting were mailed to each Board Member.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board approve the Minutes as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT (1-45)**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The Treasurer’s Reports of the various accounts for September, 2024, as well as the listing of bills for the month of October, 2024 are presented for approval.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above request be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Beaver County School Health Care Insurance Consortium

- a. **Background Information:** Provided for your review and approval for the Insurance Consortium:

1. Financial Report for month ending September, 2024
2. Minutes from the October 21, 2024 meeting

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Financial Report and Minutes of the Beaver County School Health Care Consortium be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**7. PERSONNEL, PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL, RESIGNATION**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Mr. Javon Snipes, Teacher Aide at New Horizon North has submitted his letter of resignation effective October 18, 2024.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignation of Mr. Snipes, effective October 18, 2024.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Ms. Shelia Bolton, Behavior Analyst for the Early Intervention Program has submitted her letter of resignation, effective December 31, 2024. Ms. Bolton has been employed by the BVIU since January, 2022.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Bolton as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**8. PERSONNEL, PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy of Special Subject Teacher at New Horizon North, it is recommended that Ms. Jordan Kirkpatrick, Hermitage, PA be employed full-time, effective date to be determined. Ms. Kirkpatrick received her Bachelor’s Degree Music Education from Youngstown University and her Masters Degree in Special Education for PennWest. Salary for this position is Step 2 Masters, \$69,634.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board employ Ms. Kirkpatrick full-time as recommended pending receipt of all required clearances.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancies on the Special Pupil Services staff, the following persons are recommended for full-time employment as Shared Aides. Salary to be set at \$24,000/year.

Kaylee Hahn, Enon Valley, PA – New Horizon School, effective October 24, 2024

Nicole Karnis, New Brighton, PA – New Horizon School, effective October 24, 2024

Melanie Bradley, New Castle, PA – New Horizon North, effective November 7, 2024

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above persons be employed full-time as recommended, pending receipt of all required clearances.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

9. PERSONNEL, FMLA REQUESTS

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The following personnel has requested and been found eligible for leave through the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA):

Name	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
Stacey Hicks	September 10, 2024	Not to exceed 12 weeks
Sara DeCubellis	September 16, 2024	Not to exceed 12 weeks
Connie Harmotto	October 2, 2024	Not to exceed 12 weeks
Amanda Olash	October 10, 2024	Not to exceed 12 weeks

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above requests be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

10. PERSONNEL, UNCOMPENSATED LEAVE

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following personnel has requested and is eligible for leave per BVIU Board Policy 339 Uncompensated Leave:

Name	Approval Date	Length of Leave
Loidy Gonzalez-PA	September 27, 2024	September 24 – October 4, 2024
Ashley Reed	September 27, 2024	January 30 and 31, 2025

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above requests be approved as submitted.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**11. MAINTENANCE SUBSTITUTE LIST, 2024-2025**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following are additions to the maintenance substitute list for the 2024-2025 school year for Board review and approval:

Hope Barton - Industry, PA  
 Sara DeCubellis – Rochester, PA  
 Nicole Talluto – Beaver, PA

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the additions to the maintenance substitute list be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**12. FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following is a fund-raising activity for the 2024-2025 school year for Board review and approval:

Event	Sponsor	Date of Event
Chestnut Hill Candles	New Horizon School Prom	10/24/24-11/8/24
Spirit Wear	New Horizon North	10/24/24-1/31/24
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

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the fund-raising activities be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**13. PSBA ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** In order for the BVIU Board of Directors’ vote to be counted, it is recommended by PSBA that the Board vote for the following candidates at a public Board meeting:

<b>President Elect Nominee:</b>	<b>Nominated by:</b>
Sabrina Backer	
<b>Vice President Nominees:</b>	
Matt Vannoy	
<b>Western Zone Representative</b>	
Kristy Bolte	
<b>PSBA Insurance Trustees (Vote for three)</b>	
Nathan G. Mains	
Richard Frerichs	
William S. LaCoff	

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board cast their votes for the PSBA Officers and authorize Mr. Thomas Mowad, Board Secretary, to cast the PSBA electronic ballot per the PSBA voting instructions.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**14. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RESCISSION OF PAIUNET BYLAWS AND AGREEMENT TO DISSOLVE PAIUNET – PAIUNET INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units Network is an intergovernmental cooperation agreement to operate an interconnected high speed broadband communications network that was originally established in 2008, and is governed by the Bylaws most recently adopted and restated in their entirety effective July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, currently there are 17 Intermediate Unit members of PAIUnet; and

WHEREAS, the PAIUnet Board is comprised of the Boards of Directors of the 17-member intermediate units, and has delegated the affairs of operation, administration, and management of PAIUnet to the PAIUnet Council; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of each Intermediate Unit member of PAIUnet is a member of PAIUnet Council; and

WHEREAS, PAIUnet Council determined that it is in the best interests of the member Intermediate Units to terminate the PAIUnet intergovernmental cooperative agreement; and

WHEREAS, in October 2024, PAIUnet Council approved the rescission of the PAIUnet Bylaws and a Dissolution Agreement to conclude the activities of PAIUnet by June 2026; and

WHEREAS, as members of the PAIUnet Board, the Board of Directors of each of the 17 Member Intermediate Units must vote on the rescission of the PAIUnet Bylaws and approval of the PAIUnet Dissolution Agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Directors of this Intermediate Unit:

- A. Approves the Agreement to Dissolve PAIUnet and rescission of the PAIUnet Bylaws in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Agreement; and
- B. Authorizes the Executive Director of this Intermediate Unit to approve non-substantive edits to the Agreement to Dissolve PAIUnet, and to execute the Agreement on behalf of this Intermediate Unit; and
- C. Agrees to abide by the terms of Agreement to Dissolve PAIUnet as the governing legal document for concluding PAIUnet's operations and business affairs, and dissolving PAIUnet.

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the request to dissolve PAIUnet is approved as recommended."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

## 15. CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS

A. Special Pupil Services – **TALK TIME SPEECH THERAPY, LLC**

- a. **Background Information:** Due to missed speech services because the speech therapist was being held at her prior employment, authorization is requested to ratify the agreement with Talk Time Speech Therapy, LLC to provide made up speech therapy sessions.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the agreement with Talk time Speech Therapy, LLC be ratified as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Special Pupil Services – **VISION TO LEARN**

- a. **Background Information:** Vision to Learn is a non-profit mobile vision service that is free to school-age children. Authorization is recommended to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding with Vision to Learn to provide free prescription glasses to our students.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Memorandum of Understanding be adopted as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Special Pupil Services – **WORLD KINECT**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with World Kinect to provide a solar assessment for New Horizon School. Cost for this assessment is \$10,000.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the agreement with World Kinect be approved as presented, pending final review and approval by the Solicitor.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Intermediate Unit – **CLINIC TRACKER**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into a 36-month agreement with Clinic Tracker for Behavioral Health Electronic Health Record Solution. Clinic Tracker is an EHR billing software and practice management



system. The implementation fee is \$3,125. Fees are based on usage and the annual cost is estimated to be \$16,000.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the contract with Clinic Tracker be approved as presented, pending final review and approval by the Solicitor.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

#### E. Intermediate Unit – RELIAS

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into a 36-month agreement with Relias, an online training platform that offers a wide range of educational solutions for the healthcare industry. The implementation fee is \$1,000, with an estimated annual fee of \$1,575.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above agreement with Relias be approved as presented, pending final review and approval by the Solicitor.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

### 16. BVIU BOARD POLICIES

#### A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The following revised BVIU Policies are presented for Board review and consideration:

103 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students  
104 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board adopt the changes to the policies listed above.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

### 17. ADDENDUM (YELLOW PAGE)

### 18. CORRESPONDENCE

### 19. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

**20. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**21. OTHER BUSINESS**

**22. BOARD PRESIDENT – “Are there any public comments from visitors?”**

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

# ADDENDUM #570

## OCTOBER 23, 2024

### 1. CENTRAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT

#### A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with the 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.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board approve the agreement with Central Valley School District as recommended.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.