



School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Niedbala, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. McKinley, Mr. Huwar, Mrs. Harmotto, Mr. Rodgers, Dr. Guzie, Dr. Murtha, Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Sanderbeck, Mrs. D'Amico, H. Oliver, A. Hartle, K. Weingartner, B. Stankay, S. Sesti and Mrs. Dixon

ACTION TAKEN:

1. The Board employed Ms. Savanna Allen, New Castle, PA as a full-time Shared Aide at New Horizon North.
2. The following speech and language placement was approved by the Board for Geneva College:

Student	Cooperating Therapist
Jenna Gayle Wayman	Melissa Hardesty

3. The Board approved that two (2) school psychologists attend the National School Psychologists Conference in Seattle, Washington. They were selected to speak at the conference.
4. Ms. Katherine Smith, Aliquippa, PA was added to the Nurse's Substitute List for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
5. The Board employed Mrs. Chelsie D'Amico, Oakdale, PA as the Human Resource Generalist effective January 2, 2025.
6. The following fund-raising activities were approved by the Board:

Event	Sponsor	Date of Event
Rosalind's Candy	Room 119	11/20-12/13/24
Pepperoni Roll	Room 187	11/25-12/11/24
New Horizon Craft Show	New Horizon School	9/27/25

7. The Board approved employing an additional English as a Second Language Teacher.
8. The Board granted authorization for administration to pay the December bills with ratification at the January 22, 2025 Board meeting.
9. Due to a resignation, the Board closed the Board-Certified Behavior Analyst Position in the Early Intervention Department.
10. The Board approved the Committed Fund Balance for the Central Office Building and New Horizon School. These monies will be used for future capital needs, including any renovation/repair projects.
11. The Board approved a new fire alarm system at New Horizon School. Funds will be used from the Committed Fund Balance.
12. An agreement with the Rochester Area School District was approved by the Board for the purpose of operating a secondary emotional support classroom at the Middle/Senior High School.

- 13. Snow removal contracts by Jeffrey Nichol Corporation for the Central Office Building and New Horizon School were approved by the Board.
- 14. An agreement with Canon Solutions America was approved by the Board for one Uniflow license and installation at New Horizon North.
- 15. In order to submit the necessary reports per the Consolidate Appropriations Act, 2021 (CAA), an agreement with the Reschini Group was approved. This contract permits the Reschini Group, as the consultant for the consortium, to submit on our behalf.
- 16. The Board approved adding the following positions to the Behavior Services Department:
 - One (1) Certified Behavior Analyst
 - Two (2) Registered Behavior Technicians
- 17. The Board approved adding the following positions for the new classroom at the Rochester Middle/Senior Highschool:
 - One (1) Emotional Support Teacher
 - Two (2) Shared Aides
- 18. The Board approved the following positions for the outpatient services on an as needed basis:
 - Medical Biller
 - Benefits Coordinator
 - Two (2) Mental Health Professionals
 - Office Manager
 - Advanced Practice Professional (Physician’s Assistant/Nurse Practitioner)

ADDENDUM ITEMS

- 19. The Board approved an extended leave of absence for an employee.
- 20. The following student teacher placement from Eastern University was approved by the Board:

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher
Ms. Robyn Saldivar	Mr. Chris Shick ES Classroom New Horizon School

- 21. An agreement with Western Beaver County School District was approved by the Board for the purpose of operating the Outpatient Services while the building in Rochester is being renovated.

CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Dr. Rosendale introduced Mrs. D’Amico and said how excited he is that she will be joining our staff. He briefly reviewed the 2025-2026 budget.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT - Mr. Steff stated that we have been continuing to keep him very busy with contracts.

OTHER BUSINESS - Dr. Lori Murtha, Early Intervention Supervisor and Mrs. Angela Schultz, Assistant Supervisor gave an overview of the Early Intervention (EI) program. The EI classrooms are housed at Todd Lane Elementary School. They explained the necessity of an Evaluation Team which consists of two (2) Special Education Teachers, three (3) Speech-Language Pathologist and a Service Coordinator. They talked about the itinerant services and how they are provided in their least restrictive environment. Dr. Murtha stated that we have doubled the number of students in the Early Intervention Program over the last ten (10) years.

Mrs. Klesser stated that she can attest to what a wonderful job the Early Intervention staff does.

Mrs. Rebecca Dixon addressed the Board regarding speech services.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric G. Rosendale

Dr. Eric G. Rosendale
Executive Director

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