

# School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 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, Mr. Blackwell and Mr. McGeehan

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ms. Gill, Mrs. Romasco and Mrs. Winterrowd

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Niedbala, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Harmotto, Mr. Rodgers, Dr. Guzie, Mr. Sanderbeck, Mrs. D'Amico, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Leiper, H. Oliver, A. Hartle and B. Stankay

**ACTION TAKEN:**

1. The Board accepted the resignation of Dr. Lori Murtha for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025.
2. The Board accepted the resignations of the following:  
     Mr. David Lombardo, Teacher Aide at New Horizon North  
     Ms. Ashley Reed, Teacher Aide at New Horizon School
3. The Board employed Mrs. Teresa Johnston, New Brighton, PA as the Business Manager, effective January 23, 2025.
4. The Board employed Mr. John Sanderbeck as the Director of Technology, effective July 1, 2025.
5. Ms. Alyssa Fernandez, Aliquippa, PA was employed full-time effective February 10, 2025 as a Behavior Specialist.
6. The Board employed Ms. Shania Taylor, Aliquippa, PA as a Shared Aide at New Horizon School effective February 10, 2025.
7. The Board granted authorization for the administration to advertise for a payroll clerk.
8. Four (4) FMLA requests were approved by the Board.
9. One (1) uncompensated leave was approved by the Board.
10. The following Mentor Teacher Assignment was approved by the Board:

New Professional Staff	Mentor
Robert Miller – ES Teacher	Alyssa Quillin – MDS Teacher

11. The Board approved homebound instruction assistance for Beaver Area and Moon Area School Districts.
12. The following Speech Clinician placement with Geneva College was approved by the Board:

BVIU Therapist	Speech Clinician	Dates
Jillian Mitsch	Addie Tillman	1/15/25 – 5/2/25

13. The following substitutes were approved for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Address	Position
Amber Russell	Aliquippa, PA	Nurse
Debra Lyons	Beaver, PA	Paraprofessional

14. The following CPE Instructors were approved for the Spring 2025 term:

Instructor	Address	Course	Instructor's Fee
Rick Roth	Glenshaw	21 <sup>ST</sup> Century Educator Essentials "Apps" & iPads in the K-12 Classroom "Any Device" Technology Tools in K-12 Teaching K-12 Problem Solving Using Computational Thinking in All Subjects	\$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00
Rhonda & Michael Bielawski	Bradford Woods	Addressing Learning Disabilities in Education: Inclusive Practices ADHD in Education: Inclusive Practices A New Look at Working with Students with Autism Autism in Education: Inclusive Practices Adopting a Growth Mindset	\$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00
Kelley Engle	Columbiana, OH	Addiction: Identifying and Understanding	\$1975.00
Colleen Anzio	Pittsburgh	A-Z Guide on Positive Discipline-Solutions for the Classroom Behavior Problems Active and Engaging Strategies for the Inclusive Classroom Achieving Excellence-14 Things That Matter Most ABC's on Teaching Strategies for Pre-K-3 A+ Ideas for Every Student's Success Art of Interaction	\$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00
Jill Brooks	Munhall	Designing a Digital Classroom Developing Media Literacy Skills Digital Literacy Skills Tech Tools for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Learners There's an App for That The Fundamentals of Project Based Learning Culturally Responsive Teaching Social and Emotional Learning How to View Students Through a Trauma Lens Innovative Teaching with AI	\$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00
William Yerger	Bethlehem, PA	The First Days of School: How to be an Effective Teacher Multiple Intelligences in the Classroom Writing Alive: Strategies, Techniques and Materials Motivating and Inspiring Today's Students	\$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00
Danielle Nuhfer	Wyomissing, PA	Teachers Building Resilience and Creating Compassionate Classrooms Mindfulness for Educators and Their Students	\$1975.00 \$1975.00

15. The Board granted authorization for the administration to conduct a mail ballot election for the Board members whose terms expire on June 30, 2025.
16. The Board approved contracts with four (4) agencies to facilitate employing a psychiatrist.

**ADDENDUM ITEMS - NONE****CORRESPONDENCE – NONE**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – Dr. Rosendale reviewed and shared the General Operating Budget for the 2025-2026 school year. He also discussed the timeline. Dr. Rosendale talked about the Strategic/Comprehensive Plan. He stated that we have a lot of new services/programs that we will be offering.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS** – Mrs. Niedbala and Mrs. McKinley gave a brief synopsis on the Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. McKinley informed the Board about the Social Emotional Wellness Symposium at the CCBC Library on March 14, 2025.

Mrs. Niedbala said that the Out Patient Services is moving along quite well. She stated that the building should be complete by March. Mr. Kroner has been working with the software, Clinic Tracker.

Mrs. Niedbala informed the Board that the complaint that we received has been finalized and the case has been closed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eric G. Rosendale*

Dr. Eric G. Rosendale  
Executive Director

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