

AGENDA

MEETING #572

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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. Klessner				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?”

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Background Information:** The Minutes from the November 20, 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 (1-86)**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The Treasurer’s Reports of the various accounts for November and December, 2024, as well as the listing of bills for the month of January, 2025 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 November and December, 2024
2. Minutes from the November 18, 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 RESIGNATIONS

A. Special Pupil Services - SUPERVISOR

- a. **Background Information:** Dr. Lori Murtha, Supervisor, has submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025. Dr. Murtha has been employed by the BVIU since May, 2009.

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Dr. Lori Murtha.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

B. Special Pupil Services – TEACHER’S AIDE

- a. **Background Information:** Mr. David Lombardo, Teacher Aide at New Horizon North, submitted his letter of resignation effective January 8, 2025.

Staff Recommendation: “that the resignation of Mr. David Lombardo be accepted as submitted.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

C. Special Pupil Services – TEACHER’S AIDE

- a. **Background Information:** Ms. Ashley Reed, Teacher Aide at New Horizon School has submitted her letter of resignation, effective January 17, 2025.

Staff Recommendation: “that the resignation of Ms. Ashley Reed be accepted as submitted.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

8. PERSONNEL, PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL

A. Intermediate Unit – BUSINESS MANAGER

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the position of Business Manager, it is recommended that Mrs. Theresa Johnston, New Brighton, PA be employed full-time, effective January 23, 2025. Mrs. Johnston is currently the Business Office Assistant and has worked at the BVIU since May, 2007. The position will overlap so that she can be trained. Salary for this position is \$95,000.

Staff Recommendation: “that Mrs. Johnston be employed full-time as the Business Manager and added to the Business Manager’s Compensation Policy with annual increases of \$3,100 until the end of this contract.”

Board Action Taken: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

B. Intermediate Unit – **DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY**

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that the Board employ Mr. John Sanderbeck as the Director of Technology, effective July 1, 2025. Mr. Sanderbeck is currently employed by Questeq, but has been working at the BVIU since May, 2009. Salary for this position is \$101,600.

Staff Recommendation: “that Mr. Sanderbeck be employed full-time and added to the Act 93 Administrators’ Compensation Plan with annual increases of \$3,100 until the end of this contract.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

C. Intermediate Unit – **BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST**

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy on the Behavior Team, it is recommended that Ms. Alyssa Fernandez, Aliquippa, PA be employed full-time effective February 10, 2025. Ms. Fernandez received her Bachelor’s degree from Slippery Rock University and her Master’s degree from Capella University. Salary for this position is Step 1 - Masters, \$63,911.

Staff Recommendation: “that Ms. Fernandez be employed full-time effective February 10, 2025.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

D. Special Pupil Services – **SHARED AIDE**

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy on the Special Pupil Services staff, it is recommended that Ms. Shania Taylor, Aliquippa, PA be employed as a full-time Shared Aide, effective February 10, 2025. Salary for this position is \$24,000.

Staff Recommendation: “that Ms. Taylor be employed full-time as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

9. PERSONNEL, PAYROLL CLERK

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to advertise for the position of a full-time payroll clerk.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

10. PERSONNEL, FMLA REQUEST

A. Intermediate Unit

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

Name	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
Krystelle Fisher	November 15, 2024	Not to exceed 12 weeks
Annie Gilbreath-Devine	December 10, 2024	Not to exceed 12 weeks
Michelle Presutti	January 3, 2025	Not to exceed 12 weeks
Jeannine Watson	January 9, 2025	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 _____.

11. 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
Talauna Slappy	November 21, 2024	December 4, 2024

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

12. INDUCTION PROGRAM, MENTOR TEACHER ASSIGNMENT

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** In order to provide a mentor for new staff, the following assignment is provided for Board review and approval:

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

Staff Recommendation: “that the above mentor teacher assignment be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

13. HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Beaver Area and Moon Area School Districts have requested our assistance with homebound instruction. Hannah Oliver and Sam Sesti will provide this instruction. They both will be reimbursed at their daily rate and both schools will remit payment to the BVIU to cover the expenses.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

14. SPEECH CLINICIAN PLACEMENT, 2024-2025

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Geneva College has requested Speech Clinician placement for the 2024-2025 school year. The placement is as follows:

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

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

15. SUBSTITUTE LISTS, 2024-2025

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following persons are presented for Board review and approval as additions to the Substitute Lists for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year:

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

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

16. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The following persons are recommended for employment as Continuing Professional Education (CPE) instructors for the Spring 2025 term:

Instructor	Address	Course	Instructor's Fee
Rick Roth	Glenshaw	21 ST Century Educator Essentials	\$1975.00
		“Apps” & iPads in the K-12 Classroom	\$1975.00
		“Any Device” Technology Tools in K-12	\$1975.00
		Teaching K-12 Problem Solving Using Computational Thinking in All Subjects	\$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 st 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

Staff Recommendation: “that the CPE Instructors be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

17. MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The following Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board Members’ terms will expire on June 30, 2025. Authorization is requested to conduct a mail ballot election for these Board Members:

Mrs. Kelly Romasco	Ambridge Area School District
Mrs. Bobbi Mansell	Blackhawk School District
Mr. Tom Mowad	Central Valley School District
Mrs. Christeen Ceratti	New Brighton Area School District

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board approve the mail ballot election as requested.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

18. CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS

A. Outpatient Services – PSYCHIATRIST

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to establish contracts with four (4) agencies to facilitate employing a psychiatrist. These contracts will not be activated simultaneously; instead, approval is sought for all four (4) agencies to ensure access to qualified candidates. The agencies are:

- Jackson and Coker
- Consilium
- FCS, Inc.
- Western PA Behavioral Health Resources (WPABHR)

Staff Recommendation: “that the above request be approved as presented pending final review and approval by the Solicitor.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

19. ADDENDUM (YELLOW PAGE)

20. CORRESPONDENCE

21. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

22. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

23. OTHER BUSINESS

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

25. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.