

AGENDA

MEETING #573

Wednesday, February 26, 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 January 22, 2025 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 (1-40)

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The Treasurer’s Reports of the various accounts for January, 2025, as well as the listing of bills for the month of February, 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 January, 2025
2. Minutes from the February 19, 2025 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, NON-PROFESSIONAL

A. Intermediate Unit – PAYROLL SPECIALIST

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that Ms. Renee D'Alessandro, Aliquippa, PA be employed full-time as a Payroll Specialist, effective April 1, 2025. Salary for this position is \$52,000.

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board employ Ms. D'Alessandro full-time as recommended.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

B. Special Pupil Services – BEHAVIOR TECHNICIAN

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the Behavior Technician vacancy at New Horizon School, it is recommended that Ms. Juliann Jurich, Industry, PA be employed full-time effective February 3, 2025. Salary for this position is \$24,000.

Staff Recommendation: “that Ms. Jurich be employed full-time as recommended, effective February 3, 2025.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

C. Special Pupil Services – SHARED AIDE

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that Mr. Anthony Dambach, Freedom, PA be employed full-time as a Shared Aide at New Horizon School, effective date March 3, 2025. Salary for this position is \$24,000.

Staff Recommendation: “that Mr. Dambach be employed full-time as recommended, pending receipt of all required clearances.”

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 at Economy Elementary School, it is recommended that Ms. Kimberly Buglak, Freedom, PA be employed full-time as a Shared Aide, effective March 17, 2025. Salary for this position is \$24,000.

Staff Recommendation: “that Ms. Buglak be employed full-time pending receipt of all required clearances.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

E. Special Pupil Services – SHARED AIDE

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the Shared Aide vacancy at New Horizon School, it is recommended that Ms. Sherry Stear, Enon Valley, PA be employed full-time, effective March 17, 2025. Salary for this position is \$24,000.

Staff Recommendation: “that Ms. Stear be employed full-time as recommended pending receipt of all required clearances.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

F. Special Pupil Services – SHARED AIDE

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy at New Horizon School, it is recommended that Mr. Lenny Leiper, Beaver Falls, PA be employed full-time as a Shared Aide effective March 17, 2025. Salary for this position is \$24,000.

Staff Recommendation: “that Mr. Leiper be employed full-time as recommended pending receipt of all required clearances.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

8. SCHOOL CALENDAR, 2025-2026

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The 2025-2026 Special Pupil Services calendar (attached) is presented for Board review and approval. The calendar provides for 180 days of instruction and six (6) in-service days.

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board adopt the calendar for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

9. NEW POSITION

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Due to an increase in enrollment in the Early Intervention program, it is recommended that the Board approve a new itinerant teacher position.

Staff Recommendation: “that the new itinerant teacher position be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

10. FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY, 2024-2025

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
Autism Awareness Shirts	New Horizon North	2/28/25 – 4/1/25

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

11. ADOPTION OF THE BVIU GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The 2025–2026 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget was presented for Board consideration and adoption. The Budget totals \$2,340,106. Please see the attached proposed Budget.

Staff Recommendation: “that the 2025-2026 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget be adopted and submitted to the fourteen (14) local school districts for adoption.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

12. BEAVER VALLEY INTERMEDIATE UNIT JOINT PURCHASING PROGRAM BIDS, 2025-2026

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to solicit bids for the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit’s Joint Purchasing Program for Multi-Purpose Copy Paper for the 2025–2026 school year.

Staff Recommendation: “that authorization be granted to solicit bids for Multi-Purpose Copy Paper as recommended.”

Board Action Taken: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

13. BVIU COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The draft of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit 2025 Comprehensive Plan was distributed at the January 22, 2025 Board of Directors’ meeting for review. A Copy of the Plan was posted to the website after the meeting for the mandatory 28-day review. Authorization is requested to adopt the Plan, the Professional Development Plan (Act 48), Academic Standards and Assessment Requirements (Chapter 4), Student Services Assurances (Chapter 12), Gifted Education Plan Assurances (Chapter 16) and Induction Plan (Chapter 49).

Staff Recommendation: “that the above request to adopt the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit’s 2025 Comprehensive Plan and attachments be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

14. CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS**A. Special Pupil Services – ALLIED COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to approve Addendum No. 2 with Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc. to lease additional space at the Frew Mill Campus for an administrative office. Term of the original lease began January 1, 2024 and runs through December 31, 2025. The new monthly cost of the lease under Addendum No. 2 is \$12,075 effective January 1, 2025.

Staff Recommendation: “that the addendum to the agreement with Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc. be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

15. ADDENDUM (YELLOW PAGE)**16. CORRESPONDENCE****17. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT****18. SOLICITOR’S REPORT****19. OTHER BUSINESS****20. BOARD PRESIDENT – “Are there any public comments from visitors?”****21. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

ADDENDUM #573

FEBRUARY 26, 2025

1. AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS, QUOTES OR PROPOSALS FOR CERTAIN MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AT NEW HORIZON SCHOOL

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Certain projects for repair, improvement or maintenance at New Horizon School have been studied by the Administration and authorization is requested to seek bids or quotes as applicable for the following projects:

1. Installation of FRP (fiberglass reinforced paneling) wallcovering
2. Replacement of retractable partition wall
3. Paving of part of New Horizon parking lot

Staff Recommendation: “that the above request for the solicitation of bids, quotes or proposals be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

2. CYBER SERVICES AGREEMENT

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to renew a 5-year agreement with Seneca Valley School District to provide on-line instructional learning to the students of Beaver County School Districts. The program would be administered by certified instructional personnel.

Staff Recommendation: “that the contract with Seneca Valley School District be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.