

AGENDA

MEETING #574

Wednesday, March 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. AUDIT PRESENTATION – Mr. Mark Turnley

4. 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 _____.

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

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Background Information:** The Minutes from the February 26, 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 _____.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT (1-41)**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The Treasurer’s Reports of the various accounts for February, 2025, as well as the listing of bills for the month of March, 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 February, 2025
2. Minutes from the March 17, 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 _____.

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

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Bids have been advertised for Multi-Purpose Copy Paper, for the 2025–2026 school year in accordance with specifications developed by the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Committee.

Staff Recommendation: “that the bids be opened, recorded and turned over to the Joint Purchasing Committee for a meeting to be held April 8, 2025 to determine bid award recommendations which will be submitted to the Board at the April 23, 2025 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board meeting for approval.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

9. PERSONNEL, RESIGNATION

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Mr. Christopher Brooks, Teacher Aide at New Horizon School, has submitted his letter of resignation effective March 31, 2025.

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board accept the resignation of Mr. Christopher Brooks as submitted.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

10. PERSONNEL, PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL

A. Intermediate Unit – **BUSINESS MANAGER ASSISTANT**

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that Mr. Michael Sims, Monaca, PA be employed full-time as the Business Manager Assistant, effective date to be determined. Salary for this position is \$70,000.

Staff Recommendation: “that Mr. Sims be employed full-time as recommended.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

B. Special Pupil Services – MDS TEACHER

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy at New Horizon North, it is recommended that Ms. Stephanie McJunkin, Hermitage, PA be employed full-time. Effective date to be determined. Salary for this position is 85% of Step 2 Masters, \$59,189.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

C. Special Pupil Services – SHARED AIDE

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the Shared Aide vacancy at New Horizon North, it is recommended that Ms. Learsi Peralta, New Castle, PA be employed full-time effective March 14, 2025. Salary for this position is \$24,000.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

11. PERSONNEL, FMLA REQUESTS

A. Special Pupil Services

- 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
Christopher Brooks	March 10, 2025	March 6-31, 2025
Renee Wrzesniewski	March 18, 2025	April 10, 2025; Not to exceed 12 weeks
Melissa Niedbala	March 7, 2025	April 11, 2025; Not to exceed 12 weeks
Diane Westover	March 11, 2025	March 18-April 29, 2025
Ashley Looze	March 26, 2025	Not to exceed 12 weeks

Staff Recommendation: “that the FMLA requests be approved as recommended.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

12. PERSONNEL, EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** In order to meet the requirement of providing Extended School Year (ESY) to eligible school-age students with disabilities and to early intervention students that cannot have longer than a three week break in instruction, it is recommended that the staff members and substitutes listed below be employed for the 2025 program. Teachers will be paid per their contractual daily rate. Teacher aides will be paid at the rate of \$100/day or at their contractual daily amount. In addition, Physical and Occupational therapies will be provided, as needed, through contracts with AOT, Inc., Dragonfly Pediatric Therapy, and Dedicated Staffing. The ESY program is funded through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). There is no cost to the local school districts for BVIU ESY services. Students who attend New Horizon North will be charged for ESY services.

Name	Position	Location
Lindsay Kasich	Teacher	New Horizon School
Nicole Becker	Teacher	New Horizon School
Harley Beckey	Teacher	New Horizon School
Alyssa Fernandez	Teacher	New Horizon School
Justin Pavetto	Teacher	New Horizon School
Maria Frasier	Teacher	New Horizon School
Rachael Gaydosh	Teacher	New Horizon School
Gemma Henry	Teacher	New Horizon School
Gina James	Teacher	New Horizon School
Allison Jezak	Behavior Specialist	New Horizon School
Chelsey Lambertus	Teacher	New Horizon School
Vittoria Mackall	Teacher	New Horizon School
Maggie Miller	Speech Therapist	New Horizon School
Hannah Oliver	Teacher	New Horizon School
Erin Palmiero	Teacher	New Horizon School
Megan Paich	Substitute Speech Therapist	New Horizon School
Morgan Prokovich	Speech Therapist	New Horizon School
Sam Sesti	Teacher	New Horizon School
Laura Trehar	Substitute Teacher	New Horizon School
Michelle Vujakyla	Teacher	New Horizon School
Jenn Wallace	Teacher	New Horizon School

Jeannine Watson	Teacher	New Horizon School
Rachel Zomp	Speech Therapist	New Horizon School
Jennie Abrams	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Rachel Ammon	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Nicole Baldwin	Substitute Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Hope Barton	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Dominique Barton	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Emily Daubenspeck	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Lorie DeDominicis	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Sara DeCubellis	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Britney Dunham	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Samantha Emery	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Juliann Jurich	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Nicole Karnis	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Tammy Netting	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Cindy Rebich	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Janel Borkovic	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Amanda Olash	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Nicole Talluto	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Shania Taylor	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Anthony Dambach	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Tammy Wakefield	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Zoe Zell	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Amy Downer	Nurse	New Horizon School
Amber Russell	Nurse	New Horizon School
Lucia Fee	Teacher	New Horizon North
Tairy Benincase	Teacher	New Horizon North
Robert Miller	Teacher	New Horizon North
Nick Pollio	Speech Therapist	New Horizon North
Kayla Radachy	Teacher	New Horizon North
Laura Emery	Nurse	New Horizon North
Christina Allen	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Sierra Weikart	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Melanie Bradley	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Nick Trott	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Jennifer Palmer	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Anne Helsing	Teacher	Early Intervention
Allison Benedict	Hearing Support	Early Intervention
Amy Hartle	Substitute Speech	ALL Programs
Madison Fazenbaker	RBT	Western Beaver

Staff Recommendation: “that the above staff/substitute/contractors be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

13. SUBSTITUTE LIST

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following persons are presented for Board review and approval as additions to the maintenance substitute list for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year and for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Address
Anthony Cienkowski	Beaver, PA
Isaac Niedbala	Beaver, PA
Will Morrow	Hookstown, PA

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

14. STUDENT TEACHER PLACEMENT, 2024-2025

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Carbon Lehigh Intermediate unit has requested speech and language placements for the Spring 2025 school year. The placement will begin February 26, 2025 and go through June 11, 2025.

Student	Cooperating Therapist
Kaitlin Fisher	Morgan Prokovich

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

15. AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE A BVIU SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASS

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Due to low enrollment, authorization is requested to close the Multiple Disabilities Classroom that is located at the Riverside Beaver County School District, effective June 4, 2025.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

16. SECTION 125 – WAIVER OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding reached with the BVIU Employee Associations for clarification of eligibility for benefits under BVIU’s Section 125 Cafeteria Plan as discussed in Executive Session.

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board adopt the Memorandum of Understanding, effective April 1, 2025.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

17. COUNTY WIDE LIFE INSURANCE CONSORTIUM

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** For the past thirty-two (32) years, the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit has coordinated the bidding process for employee life insurance in conjunction with the local school districts and business managers. The current rate is \$.11 per thousand for Life and \$.015 per thousand for Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D). This is a guaranteed rate hold for a three-year contract ending June 30, 2028.

Staff Recommendation: “to accept the three (3) year renewal for Life Insurance and AD&D with Sun Life Financial through CM Regent be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

18. SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding with the Clerical Association to implement a 4-day work-week during the summer. The summer schedule will begin on June 2, 2025 and end on August 15, 2025. Employees will work the same number of hours per week as they have in the past, compressed into four days instead of five.

Staff Recommendation: “that the MOU with the Clerical Association which implements a 4-day work week beginning June 2, 2025 and ending August 15, 2025 be adopted as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

19. FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES, 2024-2025

A. Special Pupil Services

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

Event	Sponsor	Date of Event
Tat the Teacher	New Horizon North	3/27/25 – 4/27/25
Spirit Wear Sale	PBIS Team at New Horizon School	4/1/25 – 4/25/25
Dine to Donate	New Horizon North/PBIS Team	4/10/25
Walk-a-Thon	Physical Education Department	4/21/25 – 5/6/25

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

20. CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS

A. Intermediate Unit – LEADLINE

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to approve the agreement with Leadline to implement an onboarding system. This contract includes thirteen (13) seats and is prorated for March 1 – June 30, 2025. The price for this package is \$1,000/year for two (2) users, \$2,000/year for 3-4 users or \$5,000/year for up to ten (10) users.

Staff Recommendation: “that the agreement with Leadline be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

B. Intermediate Unit – **BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into a three (3) year agreement commencing on July 1, 2025 with the Beaver County Career & Technology Center (BCCTC). This agreement is to provide Financial Management, Human Resource Management, Payroll Services and Staffing Support Services.

Staff Recommendation: “that the agreement with the BCCTC be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

C. Special Pupil Services – **DRAGONFLY PEDIATRIC THERAPY, LLC**

- a. **Background Information:** In order to provide occupational therapy for BVIU enrolled students, it is recommended to enter into a four (4) year contract with Dragonfly Pediatric Therapy, LLC. The hourly rate for all services for each school year of this contract:

Year 1: (2025-2026)	\$72.50
Year 2: (2026-2027)	\$73.50
Year 3: (2027-2028)	\$74.50
Year 4: (2028-2029)	\$75.50

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board approve the contract with Dragonfly Pediatric Therapy, LLC as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

D. Intermediate Unit – **BEAVER COUNTY THRIVE**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into a grant agreement with Beaver County Thrive. This grant will fund two (2) Registered Behavior Technicians from the Behavior Services department that will serve the Early Intervention program.

Staff Recommendation: “that the agreement with Beaver County Thrive be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

E. Intermediate Unit – **SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to approve the elevator maintenance contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation which will begin on April 1, 2025 through February 28, 2030. The fee for this maintenance contract is \$285.00/month and is paid annually.

Staff Recommendation: “that the agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation be approved as presented, pending final review and approval by the Solicitor.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

21. BVIU BOARD POLICIES

A. Intermediate Unit

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

234 – Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students

252 – Dating Violence

339 – Uncompensated Leave

824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

Staff Recommendation: “for review at this time. Action to be taken at the April 23, 2025 Board of Directors’ meeting.”

Board Action Required: None at this time.

22. ADDENDUM (YELLOW PAGE)

23. CORRESPONDENCE

24. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

25. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

26. OTHER BUSINESS

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

28. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.