

School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Gill, Mrs. Romasco, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Mowad, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Inman, Mrs. Klessner, Mr. D'Itri, Mrs. Ceratti, Mr. Blackwell and Mr. McGeehan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Radevski and Mrs. Winterrowd

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Harmotto, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Sanderbeck, Mrs. D'Amico, Mrs. Johnston and Mr. Huwar

ACTION TAKEN:

1. The bids for the 2025-2026 Joint Purchasing Program for copy paper were opened, recorded and turned over to the Joint Purchasing Committee for a meeting to be held on April 8, 2025, to determine bid award recommendations which will be submitted to the Board for consideration at the April 23, 2025, meeting.
2. The Board accepted the resignation of Mr. Christopher Brooks, Teacher Aide at New Horizon School effective March 31, 2025.
3. The Board employed Mr. Michael Simms, Monaca, PA as the full-time Business Manager Assistant, effective date to be determined.
4. Ms. Stephanie McJunkin, Hermitage, PA was employed as a full-time MDS Teacher at New Horizon North, effective date to be determined.
5. The Board employed Ms. Learsi Peralta, New Castle, PA as a full-time Shared Aide at New Horizon North, effective March 14, 2025.
6. Five (5) FMLA requests were approved by the Board.
7. 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, the Board approved staff members and substitutes listed below will 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
Julian 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

8. The following were approved 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

9. The following speech and language placement through Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit was approved:

Student	Cooperating Therapist
Kaitlin Fisher	Morgan Prokovich

10. Due to low enrollment, the Board closed the Multiple Disabilities Classroom located at Riverside Beaver County School District, effective June 4, 2025.
11. The Board adopted a Memorandum of Understanding with the Associations for a Section 125 – Waiver of Healthcare Coverage.
12. The Board approved a three (3) year renewal for Life Insurance and AD&D with Sun Life Financial through CM Regent.
13. The Board adopted 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.
14. The following fund-raising activities were approved by the Board:

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

15. The Board approved an agreement with Leadline to implement an onboarding system.
16. The Board approved a three (3) year agreement with the Beaver County Career & Technology Center commencing on July 1, 2025. This agreement is to provide Financial Management, Human Resource Management, Payroll Services and Staffing Support Services.
17. A four (4) year agreement with Dragonfly Pediatric Therapy, LLC was approved by the Board.
18. The Board approved a grant agreement with Beaver County Thrive. This grant will fund two (2) Registered Behavior Technicians.
19. The Board approved the elevator maintenance contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation which will begin on April 1, 2025.
20. The following revised BVIU Policies were presented for Board review with action to be taken at the April 23, 2025 Board of Directors' meeting:
- 234 – Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students
 - 252 – Dating Violence
 - 339 – Uncompensated Leave
 - 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

ADDENDUM ITEMS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE – An email from Ms. Kristi Leiper, Assistant Supervisor, thanking the Board and Administration for the professional development opportunity through PaTTAN West.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Dr. Rosendale talked about the PAIU Day on the Hill that he attended along with Mr. Sanderbeck and Mrs. McCluan. He then turned to floor over to Mrs. Anissa Klesser to share her grandson’s story.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT - Mr. Steff stated that he has been dealing with contract matters. He will have bids for the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS – After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Miller asked everyone to remain standing in remembrance of the following people that recently passed away:

Mr. Tom Zelesnik – Tom was the former Executive Director of the BVIU. He started his career with the county school office in 1968 and his whole career was with one entity, the BVIU, until his retirement in 2013. He served as a Special Education Teacher, IEP Coordinator, Curriculum Director and the Assistant Executive Director before becoming the Executive Director. Tom dedicated his entire career to the students of Beaver County.

Mr. Sam Presutti – Father of Michelle, Presutti, BVIU Early Intervention Secretary

Mr. Bob Cercone – Former Freedom Area Superintendent

Sitelogiq did a presentation for the Board. They talked about how they improve the health and safety of building environments, while also making them more energy efficient. Sitelogiq partners with school districts to enhance the learning environment. They’ve spent several decades partnering with districts to bring comfort, functionality and efficiency to the classroom.

Mr. Huwar said that New Horizon North just celebrated their one-year anniversary. He also informed the Board that they received a grant from the Wright Promise.

Mr. Jerrod Rebich, Vice President of the Teachers’ Association, addressed the Board. He stated that the members are deeply troubled and outraged with the school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric G. Rosendale

Dr. Eric G. Rosendale
Executive Director

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Attendance:

Laura Mars	Ashley Gruss	Nicole Baldwin	Sam Emery
Dana Jacobs	Jillian Mitsch	Ashley Jakubowski	Anthony Dambach
Jonathan Hale	Anne Helsing	Dominique Brack	Stacy Sherrill
Kayla Radachy	Erin Weldon	Nicole Karnis	Maria Frasier
Devin Miller	Hannah Oliver	Justin Pavetto	Katie Salopek
Jeannine Watson	Tisha McKittrick	Lisa Tate	Jennifer Laveing
Cindy Jelinek	Kelly Sweitzer	Julie Kochanowski	Amy Hartle Noah
Lucia Fee	Rachel Ammon	Michelle Vujaklya	Nick Girting

Ashley Bliss	Mary Fogg	Carla Helbling
Chelsey Lambertus	Emily Daubenspeck	Chelsea Contenta
Vittoria Mackall	Kelly Mayo	Renee Simon
Laura Trehar	Shania Taylor	Sydney Migliore
Mike Frankowski	Morgan Prokovich	Lisa McFarland
Mike Smith	Megan Paich	Barb Bovalino
Janel Renner	Lori Milot	Rachel Edwards
Kayla Weingartner	Jenna Davis	Lee Shultz
Jeanine Dugan	Kaylee Hahn	Jamie Simon
Maggie Miller	Chris Shick	Jennifer Wallace