

# AGENDA

**MEETING #575**

Wednesday, April 23, 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?”

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5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Background Information:** The Minutes from the March 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The Treasurer’s Reports of the various accounts for March, 2025, as well as the listing of bills for the month of April, 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 April 22, 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, RESIGNATION**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Ms. Paige Gould, Shared Aide at New Horizon North, has submitted her letter of resignation, effective April 2, 2025.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Paige Gould, effective April 2, 2025.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**8. PERSONNEL, EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following additional staff are needed to support the ESY program at New Horizon School and New Horizon North and will be paid per the contracted daily rate.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>
Brandon Glenn	Teacher	New Horizon School
Alyssa Quillin	Teacher	New Horizon School
Ashley Bliss	BCBA	New Horizon North
Savanna Allen	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the additional staff be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**9. PERSONNEL, EXTRA PAY**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Hopewell Area School District has requested assistance by the BVIU for Extended School Year (ESY) services. The BVIU will be reimbursed by the Hopewell Area School District for the expenses.

Megan McCorkle, Registered Behavior Technician, will fulfill this need and will be paid per the contracted daily rate.

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

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Through a partnership with the Beaver Area School District and Woodland Hills School District, Ms. Jen Wallace and Ms. Ashley Dalton participated in a Unified Robotics Program. The stipend for participating is \$600 and paid out of grant funds received from Woodland Hills School District. Authorization is requested to pay a \$600 stipend to Jen Wallace and Ashley Dalton.

**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. Special Pupil Services

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

Name	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
Lily Kurtyka	April 15, 2025	Beginning April 14, 2025; not to exceed 12 weeks

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

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

11. CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Our educational audiologist is requesting to attend the Educational Audiology Summer Conference. Below is the approximate cost of the conference:

Name	Conference Name	Cost
Amy Hartle	Educational Audiology Summer Conference	Approximately \$1695

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

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**12. PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE CONTRACT**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following professional employees have completed three years of satisfactory experience with the BVIU. It is recommended that they be granted a professional employee contract.

Lindsay Shansky  
Lucia Fee

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

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**13. NEW POSITIONS**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to employ the following for positions at New Horizon North for the 2025-2026 school year:

1 Multiple Disabilities Support Teacher  
1 Autistic Support Teacher  
4 Shared Aides

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

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. IBHS Services

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that the Board approve the following new positions for IBHS services for the 2025-2026 school year. The following positions will be filled on an as needed basis based on licensure approval timelines.

- 4 full-time BCABAs
- 12 part-time BCABAs
- 4 full-time BHT
- 20 part-time BHT

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

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Outpatient Services

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that the Board approve the following new positions for Outpatient Services for the 2025-2026 school year. The following positions will be filled on an as needed basis based on licensure approval timelines.

- 2 full-time Mental Health Professionals
- 4 part-time Mental Health Professionals
- 1 Receptionist/Medical Biller
- 1 Psychiatrist
- 1 Nurse Practitioner
- 1 Benefits Coordinator

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

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

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

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** At the March 26, 2025 Board of Directors’ meeting, bids for Multi-Purpose Copy Paper and Cardstock, were opened, recorded and referred to the Joint Purchasing Committee for review, tabulation and

recommendation. Bids were tabulated during the week of April 1, 2025. The 2025 Committee met on April 8, 2025, to recommend proposed bid awards.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the bids be awarded to WB Mason for Multi-Purpose Copy Paper and Cardstock as recommended by the Beaver Valley Joint Purchasing Committee.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**15. FURNITURE PURCHASE**

**A. Hopeful Minds Wellness Center**

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that the Board approve the statewide bid quote from WB Mason (formerly PEMCO) for the purchase of new office furniture for Hopeful Minds Wellness Center. The total cost is \$36,627.39. This will be paid from the Beaver County Behavioral Health grant.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board approve the quote for office furniture as submitted.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**16. CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

**A. Intermediate Unit – ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT (AIU)**

- a. **Background Information:** The Pennsylvania Department of Education has awarded the Allegheny Intermediate Unit a contract to provide, in conjunction with other Intermediate Units, certain services as part of PDE’s System for District and Comprehensive School Improvement. Authorization is requested to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) to provide such certain services. This agreement will be in effect from May 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

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

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Intermediate Unit – SITELOGIQ

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with SitelogiQ to obtain a Facility Condition Assessment through the mySiteIQ tool. This innovative platform will provide the tools needed to make informed decisions and streamline processes related to facility and equipment conditions, budgeting and planning. Cost for this service is a lump sum fee of \$12,000. If we extend the service, there is an annual fee of \$6,000 for the technology subscription. Should the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit engage these services as a Construction Manager or as a Guaranteed Energy Services Contractor, they will credit the cost of the base service and waive future fees for maintaining mySiteIQ while partnering in our facilities projects.

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

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

17. BVIU BOARD POLICIES

A. Intermediate Unit

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

- 234 – Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students
- 252 – Dating Violence
- 339 – Uncompensated Leave
- 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board adopt the revisions to the aforementioned policies.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

18. ADDENDUM (YELLOW PAGE)

19. CORRESPONDENCE

20. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

21. SOLICITOR’S REPORT



**22. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**24. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

# ADDENDUM #576

APRIL 23, 2025

## 1. BID AWARD FOR NEW HORIZON WALL REINFORCEMENT AND FRP PANEL PROJECT

### A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Pursuant to Board authorization, advertisement for bids was made with bids received on Thursday, April 17, 2025. Two qualifying bids were received. The lowest responsible bid was received from United Contractors, Inc., 7126 Brookwood Drive, P.O. Box 192, Brookfield, Ohio 44403, in the amount of \$188,800.00. The second bid was received from F.J. Busse Co., Inc., in the amount of \$213,335.00.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the bid be awarded to United Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$188,800.00.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. REJECTION OF BID FOR THE REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW SINGLE PANEL OPERABLE WALL PARTITION AT NEW HORIZON SCHOOL

### A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Pursuant to Board authorization, bids were advertised and received on Thursday, April 17, 2025, for the above-referenced project. One bid was received from Grahamboys LLC d/b/a Graham Construction, 16 Dutchfork Church Road, Claysville, PA 15323. No other bid was received. The bid received was deficient in that the references provided did not reflect previous performance of similar projects as required. A due diligence investigation was conducted which revealed several allegations of deficiencies in performance of similar projects leading to the conclusion that no responsible bid was received and acceptance of the singular bid is not in the best interests of the BVIU.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the bid be rejected and the project re-bid.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

## 3. WESTERN PA BEHAVIOR HEALTH RESOURCES (WPABHR)

### A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with Western PA Behavior Health Resources (WPaBHR) beginning

July 1, 2025 to provide services of psychiatric health professionals for the Hopeful Minds Wellness Center Out Patient Services Program. The initial service will be for a psychiatrist at a rate of \$260/hour.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above agreement with WPaBHR be approved as submitted pending final review and approval of Solicitor.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.