

# AGENDA

**MEETING #576**

Tuesday, May 20, 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 April 23, 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 (1-39)**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The Treasurer’s Reports of the various accounts for April, 2025, as well as the listing of bills for the month of May, 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 April, 2025
2. Minutes from the May 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, RESIGNATIONS

### A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Ms. Lucia Fee, Teacher at New Horizon North, has submitted her letter of resignation effective June 5, 2025.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the resignation of Ms. Lucia Fee be approved as submitted.”

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

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

### B. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Mrs. Karen Mathianas, Early Intervention Service Coordinator, has submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025. Mrs. Mathianas has been employed by the BVIU since June, 2007.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignation of Mrs. Karen Mathianas effective June 30, 2025 for the purpose of retirement.”

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

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

### C. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Mrs. Connie Harmotto, Business Manager, has submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025. Mrs. Harmotto has been employed by the BVIU since March, 2006.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignation of Mrs. Connie Harmotto effective June 30, 2025 for the purpose of retirement.”

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

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

### D. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Mrs. Diane Westover, Teacher Aide at New Horizon School, has submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025. Mrs. Westover has been employed by the BVIU since February, 2008.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignation of Mrs. Diane Westover effective June 30, 2025 for the purpose of retirement.”

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

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

E. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Mrs. Pamela Stiffey, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Special Education, has submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025. Mrs. Stiffey has been employed by the BVIU since August, 2007.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignation of Mrs. Pam Stiffey effective June 30, 2025 for the purpose of retirement.”

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

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

F. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Ms. Sharon Daley, Teacher Aide at New Horizon School, has submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025. Ms. Daley has been employed by the BVIU since March, 2000.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Sharon Daley effective June 30, 2025 for the purpose of retirement.”

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

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

8. PERSONNEL, PROFESSIONAL

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy for the position of Supervisor of Special Classes, Early Intervention, Mrs. Angela Schultz is

recommended for full-time employment effective July 1, 2025. Salary for this position is \$105,000. Mrs. Schultz is currently the Assistant Supervisor of Early Intervention.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that Mrs. Schultz be employed full-time as the Supervisor of Special Classes for Early Intervention as recommended.”

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

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

**9. PERSONNEL, SALARY ADJUSTMENT**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that the Board amend the current Act 93 Administrator Compensation Policy for Dr. Jason Guzie’s salary to be \$108,300 for the 2025-2026 school year.

**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 employee has requested and been found eligible for leave through the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA):

<b>ID Number</b>	<b>FMLA Approval Date</b>	<b>Length of Leave</b>
367	April 24, 2025	Beginning April 11, 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. PERSONNEL, EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following additional staff is needed to support the ESY Program at New Horizon North:

Name	Position	Location
Jordan Kilpatrick	Teacher	New Horizon North

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

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

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

**12. PERSONNEL, RETIREMENT BENEFIT**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that the Board amend the current Non-Bargaining Unit Clerical Compensation Policy to reflect a retirement benefit that is the same as the teacher’s aide contract.

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

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

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

**13. NEW POSITION**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to advertise for a Program Specialist for School Improvement position. This position will function under the Director of Curriculum and will provide services for statewide systems of support for school improvement.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board approve the position of Program Specialist for School Improvement as recommended.”

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

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

**14. SPECIAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL BUDGET, 2025-2026**

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The proposed 2025-2026 Budget for Special Education Programs and Services in the amount of \$14,678,287.00 is submitted for Board review and approval for submission to the PA Department of Education. The Budget is summarized as follows:

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
100 Personnel Services – Salaries Total	\$ 6,609,899.00
200 Personnel Services – Employee Benefits Total	\$ 5,650,894.00
300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services Total	\$ 1,423,860.00
400 Purchased Property Services Total	\$ 384,312.00
500 Other Purchased Services Total	\$ 108,132.00
600 Supplies Total	\$ 485,240.00
700 Property Total	\$ 7,200.00
800 Other Objects Total	\$ 6,750.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,676,287.00</b>

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the 2025-2026 Special Education Budget be approved as presented.”

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

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

**15. PERSONNEL, BUSINESS MANAGER SUPPORT**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to approve a support agreement with the current Business Manager, Mrs. Connie Harmotto, for the transition of the Beaver County Career & Technology Center work. Her services will be approximately 8-10 days per month for the months of July, August and September at a rate of \$75/hour.

**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 Summer 2025 term:

Instructor	Address	Course	Instructor's Fee
Rick Roth	Glenshaw	21 <sup>ST</sup> Century Educator Essentials “Apps” & iPads in the K-12 Classroom “Any Device” Technology Tools in K-12 Teaching K-12 Problem Solving Using Computational Thinking in All Subjects	\$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$1975.00 \$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 <sup>st</sup> 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
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**Staff Recommendation:** “that the CPE Instructors be approved as presented.”

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

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

**17. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to solicit bids for the resurfacing of the parking lot at the Central Office Building. Anticipated cost of this project is approximately \$215,000.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above request to solicit bids for the resurfacing of the parking lot at the Central Office building be approved as presented.”

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

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

**18. CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

A. Intermediate Unit – TUSCARORA INTERMEDIATE UNIT (TIU #11)

- a. **Background Information:** The Bureau of Early Intervention Services and Family Supports recognizes the leadership we are providing in our EI Program to implement Preschool Service Delivery. Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11 as a subcontractor to provide coaching services for the EI Program.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the agreement with Tuscarora Intermediate #11 be approved as presented.”

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.

# ADDENDUM #575

MAY 20, 2025

## 1. RECEIVE BIDS 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:** At the April 23, 2025, meeting the Board authorized the Administration to re-bid the complete removal, replacement and installation of a new single panel operable wall partition at the New Horizon School Building. The rebid Request for Bids was advertised on April 27, May 2 and May 7, 2025, and a mandatory walk through was held on May 14, 2025. Bids are to be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. It is estimated that the necessary materials will require eight (8) to ten (10) weeks for delivery and installation is estimated to take one (1) week. In recognition of these time constraints, it is requested that the Administration be authorized to receive and open the bids on May 28, 2025, and to provisionally award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder within the budgeted limit of \$60,000 for the project, with ratification of the contract award to be made at the Board Meeting of June 25, 2025.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Administration be authorized to receive and review all responsive bids and to make a provisional award to the lowest responsible bidder within the budgeted amount of \$60,000 with ratification at the June Board Meeting.”

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

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