

# AGENDA

## MEETING #577

Wednesday, June 25, 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 May 20, 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. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**A. Intermediate Unit**

- a. **Background Information:** It is necessary at this time to elect officers of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors for the 2025 – 2026 school year. The current slate of officers include:

Mr. Ronald Miller	President	Big Beaver Falls Area S.D.
Mr. Gerald Inman, III	Vice President	Freedom Area S.D.
Mr. Thomas Mowad	Secretary	Central Valley S.D.
Mr. Anthony D'Itri	Treasurer	Midland Borough S.D.

Office	Elected
President	
Vice President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	

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

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

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

**7. APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR****A. Intermediate Unit**

- a. **Background Information:** It is necessary to appoint a Solicitor for the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit for the 2025 – 2026 school year and to set the terms of compensation.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board appoint a Solicitor for the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit for the 2025 – 2026 school year and that the terms of compensation be set.”

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

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

**8. TREASURER'S REPORT (1-40)****A. Intermediate Unit**

- a. **Background Information:** The Treasurer’s Reports of the various accounts for May, 2025, as well as the listing of bills for the month of June, 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 May, 2025
2. No meeting in June

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Financial Report of the Beaver County School Health Care Consortium be approved as presented.”

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

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

**9. PERSONNEL, EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR****A. Special Pupil Services**

- a. **Background Information:** Additional staff are needed to support the ESY program at New Horizon School and New Horizon North.

Name	Position	Location
Krystelle Fisher	Registered Behavior Technician	New Horizon School

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

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

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

**10. PERSONNEL, EXTRA PAY****A. Special Pupil Services**

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fulfill training requirements for TACT2 (Trauma-Informed Training), it is recommended that the Board approve Ashley Bliss to receive her per diem rate to attend a train-the-trainer class on June 16 through June 19, 2025.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above 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:** Three professional staff members are requesting to attend a conference. Below is the approximate cost of the conference:

Name	Conference Name	Cost
Ashley Bliss	Autism Conference	Approximately \$500
Kayla Radachy	Autism Conference	Approximately \$500
Jaclyn Dixon	Autism Conference	Approximately \$500

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

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

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

## 12. FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY, 2025-2026

### A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following is a fund-raising activity for the 2025-2026 school year:

Event	Sponsor	Date of Event
Handmade Blankets	Room 117 – Ms. Sikora	September 2025

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the fund-raising activity for the 2025-2026 school year be approved as presented.”

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

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

## 13. SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISION, 2025-2026

### A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The revised 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 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

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

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

## 14. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING DATES

### A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The following dates are submitted for consideration and approval for the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board Meetings for the 2025-2026 school year:

July 23, 2025	February 25, 2026
August 27, 2025	March 25, 2026
*September 24, 2025	April 22, 2026
October 22, 2025	May 27, 2026

November 19, 2025

June 24, 2026

January 28, 2026

\*To be held at New Horizon School in conjunction with Open House.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board meeting dates for the 2025-2026 school year be approved as submitted.”

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

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

## 15. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRAVEL

### A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested for Board Members and Administrative Staff to attend appropriate conferences and conventions which are scheduled during the 2025–2026 school year with appropriate reimbursement of necessarily incurred expenses consistent with established Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board Policy.

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

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

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

## 16. GIFTS, GRANTS AND DONATIONS

### A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to permit the Executive Director to accept gifts and donations to the Intermediate Unit on behalf of the Board of Directors in compliance with Board Policy. All gifts, grants and donations shall be reported to the Board and recorded in appropriate inventory listings.

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

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

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

## 17. DESIGNATION AND DEPOSITORIES

### A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that Citizens Bank, WesBanco Bank, Zion Bank and Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) be designated as depository for the various accounts of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit during the 2025-2026 school year. It is further recommended to approve Mrs. Teresa Johnston, the Business Manager, as an authorized signer and online banking administrator for all Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit bank depository accounts.

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

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

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

## 18. COMMITTED FUND BALANCE

### A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** As per the recommendation of our local auditors, Board action is required regarding the designation of funds in our Capital Reserve Account to commit a portion of the fund balance for future capital purposes related to the Central Office Building. This amount will be determined at the conclusion of the Independent Auditor’s Report for the year ending June 30, 2025. The actual dollar amount will be presented for approval at the completion of the audit.

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

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

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

### B. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** As per the recommendation of our local auditors, Board action is required regarding the designation of funds in our Capital Reserve Account to commit a portion of the fund balance for future capital purposes related to the New Horizon Building. This amount will be determined at the conclusion of the Independent Auditor’s Report for the year ending June 30, 2025. The actual dollar amount will be presented for approval at the completion of the audit.

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

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

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

## 19. WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE RATES

### A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to approve the 2025-2026 Workers Compensation Insurance rates through U.S.I. (broker). The rate for the 2025-2026 school year is \$243,278.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Workers Compensation Insurance rate be approved as submitted.”

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

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

## 20. PROPERTY CASUALTY AND INSURANCE RATES

### A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to approve the following 2025-2026 insurance rates through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (Broker).

Commercial	\$39,211
Automobile	\$ 983
Umbrella	\$ 685
Cyber	\$ 7,040

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the insurance rates be approved as presented.”

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

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

## 21. CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS

### A. Intermediate Unit – FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with the Freedom Area School District to provide search and consultation services to assist the District in selecting and hiring a qualified and experienced School Superintendent.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the agreement with the Freedom Area School District be approved as presented.”



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

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

**B. Intermediate Unit – US OMNI & TSACG COMPLIANCE SERVICES, INC.**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to renew the Services Agreement with US OMNI & TSACG Compliance Services, Inc.

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

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

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

**C. Intermediate Unit – J. MARTIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC (JMA)**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with J. Martin & Associates, LLC to provide audit preparation services for the 2025-2026 school year. Fee for this service is \$103/hour.

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

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

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

**D. Special Pupil Services – CONTRACTED SERVICES**

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that the Board contract with the following contractors for direct and indirect services to students with special needs for the 2025-2026 school year.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Big Smiles PA	Dental services	Free
Dr. Hagberg	Physician services	\$10 per IEP
Invo	Physical Therapy	\$66.79/hr.
Beaver Co. Assoc. for the Blind	Vision screenings	Free
Western PA School for the Blind	Vision services	\$110.00/hr.
AOT, Inc	Early intervention, SPS, and ESY services	\$73.94-\$80.00/per hour depending on the service
Global Wordsmiths	Interpreting services	\$1.00/minute
Aveanna	Nursing/Paras	\$75/\$36 per hour
Lawrence County Social Services, Inc.	Transportation	\$33.85/hr. + 2.20/mile

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

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

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

E. Intermediate Unit – QUESTEQ CONTRACT RENEWAL

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to renew the agreement with Questeq for a Desktop Technician for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$64,617. This is an increase of \$3,915 from last year. Questeq will provide a Desktop Technician at 40 hours per week for 50 weeks a year for the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit, New Horizon Schools (Beaver and North), Hopeful Minds Wellness Center, and Early Intervention Program. The cost of this service will be split between multiple BVIU department budgets.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the contract renewal with Questeq be approved as presented.”

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

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

**22. BVIU POLICY 249, BULLYING/CYBER BULLYING POLICY REVIEW**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The administration has reviewed the current BVIU Bullying/Cyber Bullying Policy No. 249 in compliance with school safety regulations and has determined that no change is needed at this time. A copy of the Policy is included for Board review.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the current Bullying/Cyber Bullying Policy No. 249 be readopted and implemented as currently written.”

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

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

**23. BVIU BOARD POLICIES**

A. Intermediate Unit

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

317 – Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures  
317.1 – Educator Misconduct  
320 – Freedom of Speech by Employees  
610 – Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation  
611 – Purchases Budgeted  
625 – Procurement Cards – **New Policy**  
626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance, **attachment-Procurement Federal Programs**  
718 – Service Animals in Schools

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

**Board Action Required:** None at this time.

**24. ADDENDUM (YELLOW PAGE)**

**25. CORRESPONDENCE**

**26. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**27. SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

**28. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**30. ADJOURNMENT**

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

# ADDENDUM #577

JUNE 25, 2025

## 1. PERSONNEL, RESIGNATION

### A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Dr. Marissa M. Peiffer, School Psychologist, has submitted her letter of resignation effective July 11, 2025. Dr. Peiffer has been employed by the BVIU since January 2024.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignation of Dr. Peiffer as recommended.”

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

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

## 2. 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):

ID Number	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
22	June 25, 2025	Beginning August 7, 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

## 3. TECHNOLOGY POOL COUNSEL

### A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to renew the contract with Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams for the Technology Pool Counsel which will be equally divided with the district participating in the Technology Pool. The cost for this service for the 2025-2026 school year is \$4,830.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board renew the agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams as recommended.

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

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

#### 4. BID AWARD - SELECT CONTRACTING, LLC

##### A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Bids were opened and previously awarded on May 28, 2025 for the complete removal, replacement and installation of a new single panel operable wall partition at New Horizon School. Select Contracting, LLC was the successful bidder at \$42,000.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board ratify the award of the contract for the removal, replacement and installation of a new single panel operable wall partition to Select Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$42,000.”

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

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