

School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Mowad, Mrs. Klessner, Mr. D'Itri, Mr. Blackwell and Mr. McGeehan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Gill, Mrs. Romasco, Mr. Inman, Mrs. Ceratti, Mr. Radevski and Mrs. Winterrowd

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Niedbala, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Harmotto, Mr. Sanderbeck, Mrs. Johnston, Dr. Guzie, Mrs. Leiper, Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Mathianas

ACTION TAKEN:

1. The Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Lucia Fee, Teacher at New Horizon North, effective June 5, 2025.
2. The Board accepted the resignations of the following persons for the purpose of retirement:
 Mrs. Karen Mathianas, Early Intervention Service Coordinator - effective June 30, 2025
 Mrs. Connie Harmotto, Business Manager - effective June 30, 2025
 Mrs. Pamela Stiffey, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Special Education – effective June 30, 2025
 Mrs. Diane Westover, Teacher Aide at New Horizon School – effective June 30, 2025
 Ms. Sharon Daley, Teacher Aide at New Horizon School – effective June 30, 2025
3. The Board employed Mrs. Angela Schultz as the Supervisor of Special Classes, Early Intervention effective July 1, 2025. Mrs. Schultz is currently the Assistant Supervisor of Special Classes, Early Intervention.
4. The Board amended the current Act 93 Administrator Compensation Policy for Dr. Jason Guzie.
5. An FMLA request for an employee was approved by the Board.
6. Jordan Kilpatrick was added for the Extended School Year program at New Horizon North.
7. The Board amended the current Non-Bargaining Unit Clerical Compensation Policy to reflect a retirement benefit that is the same as the teachers' aide contract.
8. The Board authorized advertising for the position of Program Specialist for School Improvement. This position will function under the Director of Curriculum and will provide services for statewide systems of support for school improvement.
9. The Board approved the submission of the 2025-2026 Special Education Instructional Budget to PDE in the amount of \$14,676,287.
10. The Board approved a support agreement with the current Business Manager 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.
11. The following CPE Instructors were approved for the Summer 2025 term:

Instructor	Address	Course	Instructor's Fee
Rick Roth	Glenshaw	21 ST Century Educator Essentials	\$1975.00
		"Apps" & iPads in the K-12 Classroom	\$1975.00
		"Any Device" Technology Tools in K-12	\$1975.00

		Teaching K-12 Problem Solving Using Computational Thinking in All Subjects	\$1975.00
Rhonda & Michael Bielawski	Bradford Woods	Addressing Learning Disabilities in Education: Inclusive Practices	\$1975.00
		ADHD in Education: Inclusive Practices	\$1975.00
		A New Look at Working with Students with Autism	\$1975.00
		Autism in Education: Inclusive Practices	\$1975.00
		Adopting a Growth Mindset	\$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	\$1975.00
		Active and Engaging Strategies for the Inclusive Classroom	\$1975.00
		Achieving Excellence-14 Things That Matter Most	\$1975.00
		ABC's on Teaching Strategies for Pre-K-3	\$1975.00
		A+ Ideas for Every Student's Success	\$1975.00
		Art of Interaction	\$1975.00
Jill Brooks	Munhall	Designing a Digital Classroom	\$1975.00
		Developing Media Literacy Skills	\$1975.00
		Digital Literacy Skills	\$1975.00
		Tech Tools for 21 st Century Learners	\$1975.00
		There's an App for That	\$1975.00
		The Fundamentals of Project Based Learning	\$1975.00
		Culturally Responsive Teaching	\$1975.00
		Social and Emotional Learning	\$1975.00
		How to View Students Through a Trauma Lens	\$1975.00
William Yerger	Bethlehem, PA	Innovative Teaching with AI	\$1975.00
		The First Days of School: How to be an Effective Teacher	\$1975.00
		Multiple Intelligences in the Classroom	\$1975.00
		Writing Alive: Strategies, Techniques and Materials	\$1975.00
Danielle Nuhfer	Wyomissing, PA	Motivating and Inspiring Today's Students	\$1975.00
		Teachers Building Resilience and Creating Compassionate Classrooms	\$1975.00
		Mindfulness for Educators and Their Students	\$1975.00

12. The Board approved the solicitation of bids for the resurfacing of the parking lot at the Central Office Building.
13. An agreement with the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11 as a subcontractor to provide coaching services for the EI Program was approved by the Board.

ADDENDUM ITEMS

14. The Board authorized the solicitation of bids for the removal, replacement and installation of a new single panel operable wall partition at New Horizon School.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Dr. Rosendale congratulated the retirees and thanked them for their years of service.

He stated that we received the occupancy permit for Hopeful Minds Wellness Center. He also stated that the target date to open is the beginning of the school year.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Mr. Steff stated that he has been extremely busy with business as usual.

OTHER BUSINESS – Mrs. Mathianas thanked the Board for their continued support of the EI program. She stated that she has enjoyed working at the BVIU.

Mrs. Harmotto stated that she has been employed by the BVIU since 2006 and that it's been an honor to work here. She said that she started at Western Beaver and Hopewell. She stated that our leader is a very kind man.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric G. Rosendale

Dr. Eric G. Rosendale
Executive Director

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