

## School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Ceratti and Mrs. Winterrowd

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Niedbala, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. McKinley, Mr. Sanderbeck, Mrs. Johnston, Dr. Guzie, Mrs. Leiper, Mrs. D'Amico, Dr. Carbone, A. Hartle, H. Oliver, C. Coposky

### ACTION TAKEN:

1. The Board appointed Mr. Al Steff, Jr. as the solicitor for the 2025-2026 school year.
2. The Board retained the current slate of officers for the 2025-2026 school year:

Office	Elected
President	Mr. Ronald Miller
Vice President	Mr. Gerald Inman, III
Secretary	Mr. Thomas Mowad
Treasurer	Mr. Anthony D'Itri

3. Krystelle Fisher was added as a Registered Behavior Technician to the Extended School Year program at New Horizon School and New Horizon North.
4. The Board approved that Ashley Bliss receives her per diem rate to attend a train-the-trainer class for Tact 2 training.
5. The following staff members were approved to attend the autism conference:

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

6. The following fund-raising activity was approved by the Board:

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

7. The Board adopted the revised school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.
8. The following Board meeting dates were approved 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.

9. The Board authorized the Administrative Staff and Board Members to attend appropriate conferences and conventions during the 2025–2026 school year consistent with established Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board Policy.
10. The Board permitted the Executive Director to accept gifts and donations for the Intermediate Unit on behalf of the Board of Directors in compliance with Board Policy and all gifts/donations shall be reported to the Board and recorded in appropriate inventory listings.
11. The Board moved that Citizens Bank, WesBanco Bank, Zion Bank and Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) be designated as depositories for the various accounts of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit for the 2025–2026 school year. In addition, they approved Mrs. Teresa Johnston, Business Manager, as an authorized signer.
12. The Board approved the designation of funds in the capital reserve account to commit a portion of the fund balance for future capital purposes related to the Central Office Building and New Horizon School, as per the recommendation of our local auditors. The amount will be determined at the conclusion of the Independent Auditor's Report for year ending June 30, 2025.
13. The Workers Compensation Insurance Rates through U.S.I. were approved.
14. Property, Casualty and Auto Insurance rates were approved by the Board through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
15. An agreement with the Freedom Area School District was approved to provide search and consultation services to assist the District in selecting and hiring a qualified and experienced School Superintendent.
16. The Board renewed the agreement with US OMNI & TSACG Compliance Services, Inc.
17. The Board approved an agreement with J. Martin & Associates, LLC to provide audit preparations services for the 2025-2026 school year.
18. The following contracted services were approved by the Board:

Contractor	Service	Cost
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

19. An agreement with Questeq for a Desk Top Technician for the 2025-2026 school year was renewed by the Board.
20. The current BVIU Policy 249, Bullying/Cyber Bullying was re-adopted by the Board. The policy was in compliance with school safety regulations and it was determined that no change was needed.
21. The following BVIU Board Policies were reviewed by the Board with action to be taken at the July 23, 3035 Board of Directors' meeting:
  - 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

**ADDENDUM ITEMS**

22. The Board accepted the resignation of Dr. Marisa M. Peiffer, School Psychologist, effective July 11, 2025.
23. An FMLA request for an employee was approved by the Board.
24. The Board renewed the agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams for the Technology Pool Counsel for the 2025-2026 school year.
25. The Board ratified the award of the contract for the removal, replacement and installation of a new single panel operable wall partition to Select Contracting, LLC.
26. The Board appointed Mr. Gerald Inman, III as the PSBA voting delegate for the BVIU.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – A letter from the Department of Human Services was reviewed along with the license for the Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS).

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Dr. Rosendale thanked the retirees for their years of service. Dr. Rosendale stated that we are getting quotes for the parking lot. He also would like to get a quote to have a sidewalk put in to connect the front of the building to the back.


**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Steff stated that he has been extremely busy with business as usual. He also stated that working at the BVIU is the best place to be.

**OTHER BUSINESS** – There was a PowerPoint presentation for the retirees. A certificate and letter from the Board will be sent to each retiree. Dr. Guzie and Mrs. Leiper did a presentation on the services that the staff at New Horizon School provides for the students of Beaver County.

Mr. Radevski stated that Dr. Guzie and Mrs. Leiper have done a great job with the relationships of the staff/team at New Horizon School.

Dr. Carbone provided the School Safety and Security Report in Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Eric G. Rosendale  
Executive Director

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