

# AGENDA

## MEETING #579

Wednesday, August 27, 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. Johnston		
Central Valley	Mr. Mowad				Mr. Rodgers		
Freedom Area	Mr. Inman				Mrs. McKinley		
Hopewell Area	Mrs. Klessner				Mrs. D'Amico		
Midland	Mr. D'Itri				Dr. Guzie		
New Brighton Area	Mrs. Ceratti				Mr. Huwar		
Riverside Beaver County	Mr. Radevski				Mr. Sanderbeck		
Rochester Area	Mr. Blackwell				Mrs. Schultz		
South Side Area	Mrs. Marino						
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 July 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 (1-95)**

**A. Intermediate Unit**

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

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

## 7. PERSONNEL, NON-PROFESSIONAL RESIGNATIONS

### A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following Shared Aides have submitted their letters of resignation:

Ms. Learsi Peralta – New Horizon North, effective August 6, 2025

Ms. Emma Wicks - New Horizon North, effective August 7, 2025

Ms. Suzy Hardman – New Horizon School, effective August 15, 2025

Ms. Lisa McFarland – New Horizon North, effective August 15, 2025

Ms. Lily Kurtyka – New Horizon School effective August 18, 2025

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignations as presented.”

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

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

### B. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Mrs. Heidi Yoho, Early Intervention Teacher Aide has submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective December 31, 2025. Mr. Yoho has been employed by the BVIU since June of 2001.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignation of Mrs. Heidi Yoho for the purpose of retirement effective December 31, 2025.”

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

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

### C. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Ms. Morgan Lodovico, Registered Behavior Technician, submitted her letter of resignation effective August 18, 2025.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Morgan Lodovico.”

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

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

## 8. PERSONNEL, NON-PROFESSIONAL

### A. Special Pupil Services – SHARED AIDE

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancies on the Special Pupil Services staff it is recommended that the following persons be employed full-time as Shared Aides. Salary is \$24,000 for each position.

Ms. Leighann Moore, New Castle, PA, New Horizon North – effective August 18, 2025

Ms. Linda Ammon, Industry, PA, New Horizon School – effective August 18, 2025

Mr. Shaun Reilly, New Brighton, PA, New Horizon School – effective date to be determined

**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 – CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy of the Confidential Secretary to the Director of Special Education, it is recommended that Mr. Michael Wise, Monaca, PA be employed full-time, effective date to be determined. Salary for this position is \$50,000.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that Mr. Wise be employed full-time as recommended.”

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

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

## 9. PERSONNEL, FMLA REQUEST

### A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following personnel has requested and been found eligible for leave through the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Additionally, she has requested an unpaid leave of absence through April 23, 2026, which meets the contractual requirements.

Employee	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
ID #475	August 4, 2025	Beginning November 11, 2025; not to exceed 12 weeks

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

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

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

#### 10. PERSONNEL, UNCOMPENSATED LEAVE REQUEST

##### A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following personnel has requested uncompensated leave for restoration of health:

Employee	Approval Date	Length of Leave
ID #573	August 5, 2025	Beginning September 18, 2025-November 17, 2025

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above 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:** Ms. April Stadtmiller, Teacher at New Horizon School, was needed to support the ESY Program for the month of July.

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

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

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

#### 12. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

##### A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The following persons are recommended for employment as Continuing Professional Education (CPE) instructors for the Fall 2025 term:

Instructor	Address	Course	Instructor's Fee
Rick Roth	Glenshaw	21 <sup>ST</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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
		Innovative Teaching with AI	\$1975.00
William Yerger	Bethlehem, PA	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
		Motivating and Inspiring Today’s Students	\$1975.00

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

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

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

### 13. CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS

#### A. IBHS – DONNELLY-BOLAND AND ASSOCIATES (DBA)

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with Donnelly-Boland and Associates through Beaver County Behavioral Health to administer, operate and manage the workforce development staff stabilization program for IBHS.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the request be approved as presented pending final review and approval by the Solicitor.”

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

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

#### B. IBHS – DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to ratify the agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Human Services for the participation in the PA Medical Assistance Program for the IBHS program.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the agreement with the Department of Human Services be ratified as presented.”

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

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

#### C. Special Pupil Services – TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT, 2025-2026

- a. **Background Information:** In order to provide transportation services for students in BVIU operated classes, below are the following contract rates for the 2025-2026 school year with Frye Transportation Group:

Service	To/From	Rate
BCRC	NHS to BCRC	\$198.00/day
Vocational Program	NHS to CTC	\$198.00/day
CBIs	NHS to Beaver County Locations	\$200/day
CBIs	NHS to outside Beaver County	\$275/day

Aide	For CBI trips	\$38/day
Nurse	For CBI trips	\$55/day
CBIs	Rochester Classroom	\$275/day
CBIs	North Classrooms	\$275/day

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the transportation contract and rates be approved as presented.”

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

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

**D. Special Pupil Services – COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of PA, Department of Labor & Industry for a Pathways to Partnership Grant. This is a way for Intermediate Units to implement transitions framework with a partner school district. This Grant will be for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the agreement with the Commonwealth of PA, Department of Labor & Industry be approved as presented.”

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

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

**14. ADDENDUM (YELLOW PAGE)**

**15. CORRESPONDENCE**

**16. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**17. SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

**18. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

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



# ADDENDUM #579

## AUGUST 27, 2025

### 1. PERSONNEL, FMLA REQUESTS

#### A. Special Pupil Services

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

ID Number	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
9	August 21, 2025	Beginning September 3, 2025; not to exceed 12 weeks
438	August 22, 2025	Beginning September 19, 2025; not to exceed 12 weeks
152	August 21, 2025	Beginning September 29, 2025; not to exceed 12 weeks

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

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

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

### 2. OPEN SYSTEMS FIRE MONITORING

#### A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with Open Systems for the newly installed fire system at New Horizon School. The annual fee is \$580.

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

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

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