

School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Romasco, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Mowad, Mrs. Klessner, Mr. D'Itri, Mrs. Ceratti, Mr. Radevski, and Mr. McGeehan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Gill, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Inman, Mr. Blackwell and Mrs. Marino

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Niedbala, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. McKinley, Mr. Sanderbeck, Mrs. Johnston, Mr. Huwar and Ms. Maxwell

ACTION TAKEN:

1. The Board seated Mrs. Kathie Marino to the BVIU Board of Directors. She represents South Side Area School District and fills the unexpired term of Mrs. Julie Winterrowd.
2. The Board employed Mr. Samuel Taylor, Clinton, PA as the Program Specialist for School Improvement.
3. The Board employed Ms. Madison Maxwell, Aliquippa, PA as a teacher at New Horizon School.
4. The Board employed Ms. Robin Saldivar, Darlington, PA as a teacher at New Horizon North.
5. Ms. Karey Westwood, New Castle, PA was employed as a teacher at New Horizon North.
6. The following people were employed full-time as Teacher's Aides at New Horizon North:
 - Ms. Courtney Kendall, New Wilmington, PA
 - Ms. Rachel Weisz, New Castle, PA
 - Ms. Cathy Fuller, New Castle, PA
 - Ms. Lettice Johnson, New Castle, PA
7. A new teacher position was approved by the Board. This position will serve both the Hearing Department and the ESL Program.
8. The Board approved an increase in the annual stipend for the secretary responsible for scheduling substitute staff.
9. Mr. Michael Sims, Business Manager Assistant, was added as an authorized online banking user for the purpose of processing payroll and accounts payable ACH transactions.
10. The Board increased the 2025-2026 ESL rates to \$115/hour due to increases in program costs.
11. The Board amended the contract with Questeq to provide an Infrastructure Engineer to replace the Level 2 Desktop Technician for the 2025-2026 school year.
12. The Board approved an agreement with Marcy McCormick, PMHNP for the BVIU's outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic.
13. An agreement with FTF Behavioral Consulting was approved by the Board to provide training in Practical Functional Assessment & Skill-Based Treatment of Problem Behavior.
14. An agreement with the Freedom Area School District to provide Special Education services was approved by the Board.
15. The Board approved the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Beaver County Education Association Mental Health Professionals.
16. As required by the Safe Schools Act, the Board approved Memorandums of Understanding with the Center Township Police Department, Brighton Township Police Department, Shenango Township Police Department and the Rochester Borough Police Department.
17. The following BVIU Board Policies were adopted by the Board:
 - 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

18. The Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Tayla Cavitt, MDS teacher at New Horizon School effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
19. The Board employed Ms. Jenna Hannum, Beaver Falls, PA as a teacher at New Horizon North effective August 18, 2025.
20. An FMLA request for an employee was approved by the Board.
21. The Board awarded the bid for the paving of the parking lot at the Central Office Building to Youngblood Paving, Inc.

CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Dr. Rosendale discussed the parking lot with the Board. He also talked about purchasing software for the Business Office/Human Resource Department.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Nothing new to report.

OTHER BUSINESS – An Executive Session was held at the beginning of the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Miller asked everyone to remain standing in remembrance of the following people that recently passed away:

Mr. John Guzie, father of Dr. Jason Guzie, Supervisor at New Horizon School
Mr. Mike Petruccioli, Desktop Technician at the BVIU

Ms. Maxwell told her story about why she wanted to work at New Horizon School.

Mr. Miller told the Board that the Beaver County CTC is extremely pleased with the support that they have received from the BVIU’s Business Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric G. Rosendale

Dr. Eric G. Rosendale
Executive Director

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