

School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 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, Mrs. Ceratti, Mr. Radevski, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Marino and Mr. McGeehan

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Niedbala, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. McKinley, Mr. Sanderbeck, Mrs. Johnston, Mr. Huwar, Mrs. D'Amico, Dr. Guzie, Mrs. McCluan, Mrs. Hartle, Mrs. Dixon, Ms. Romano, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Sutter and Mr. Mike Kopar

ACTION TAKEN:

- The Board accepted the resignations of the following Shared Aides:
 Ms. Learsi Peralta, effective August 6, 2025
 Ms. Emma Wicks, effective August 7, 2025
 Ms. Suzy Hardman, effective August 15, 2025
 Ms. Lisa McFarland, effective August 15, 2025
 Ms. Lily Kurtyka, effective August 18, 2025
- The Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Heidi Yoho for the purpose of retirement, effective December 31, 2025. Mrs. Yoho has been employed by the BVIU since June, 2001.
- The Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Morgan Lodovico, Registered Behavior Technician, effective August 18, 2025.
- The Board employed the following Shared Aides:
 Ms. Leighann Moore, New Castle, PA - New Horizon North
 Ms. Linda Ammon, Industry, PA - New Horizon School
 Mr. Shaun Reilly, New Brighton, PA - New Horizon School
- The Board employed Mr. Michael Wise as the Confidential Secretary to the Director of Special Education. Effective date to be determined.
- An FMLA request for an employee was approved by the Board.
- An uncompensated leave for an employee was approved by the Board.
- Ms. April Stadtmiller was approved to support the ESY program in July.
- The following Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Instructors were approved for the Fall 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
		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

10. The Board approved 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.
11. The Board ratified an agreement with Department of Human Services for participation in the PA Medical Assistance Program for the IBHS program.
12. An agreement with Frye Transportation was approved by the Board for the 2025-2026 school year.
13. An agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor & Industry for a Pathways to Partnership Grant was approved by the Board.

ADDENDUM ITEMS

14. The Board approved three (3) FMLA requests.

15. The Board approved an agreement with Open Systems for the newly installed fire system at New Horizon School.

CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Dr. Rosendale discussed the mold situation at New Horizon School. He stated that we are doing everything humanly possible to get the students back in the classroom. He stated that there are 190 students affected by this issue. It was asked why we are not doing virtual learning. Mrs. Niedbala stated that virtual learning is really not a solution for our students. She also stated that PDE does not recommend it.

Dr. Rosendale also talked about the state budget impasse. He said that we have curtailed all travel, spending and have put a hold on having the parking lot paved.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Nothing new to report.

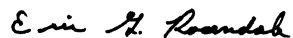
OTHER BUSINESS – After the Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Miller asked everyone to remaining standing for a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of the Minnesota school shooting. He also asked that you keep the Aliquippa Jr. High football team in your prayers as there were several people injured in the bus accident that happened last week.

Dr. Guzie thanked the Board for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Mrs. Dixon, a parent of a student at New Horizon School, asked the Board what the parents can do to help.

Mrs. Romano, teacher aide at New Horizon School, praised the staff and administration for their hard work. She stated that she will do whatever it takes to get back to the classroom.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Eric G. Rosendale
Executive Director

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