

AGENDA

MEETING #580

Wednesday, September 24, 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?”

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Background Information:** The Minutes from the August 27, 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 (1-35)**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The Treasurer’s Reports of the various accounts for August, 2025, as well as the listing of bills for the month of September, 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 August, 2025
2. Minutes from the September 15, 2025 meeting

Staff Recommendation: “that the Financial Report and Minutes 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. Leighann Moore – New Horizon North, effective August 28, 2025

Ms. Jennifer Walker – New Horizon School, effective September 12, 2025

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

8. 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):

Employee	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
ID #20	September 8, 2025	Beginning September 8, 2025; not to exceed 12 weeks

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

9. NEW SUPERVISOR POSITION

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Due to new programming, the BVIU administration is recommending opening a new Supervisor position and amending a current Supervisor position. The new position would oversee Intensive Behavior Health Services and the Behavior Services Program. The amended position would

oversee district-based classes, ESL, TAC, Local Task Force, and the Hearing Department.

It is recommended that Mr. David Rodgers be moved to the new Supervisor position and Mr. Zachry Huwar be moved to the amended Supervisor position. Mr. Huwar will continue to support New Horizon North with the transition. It is also recommended that an anticipated temporary Head Teacher position be posted and filled at New Horizon North. Start date to be determined.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

10. INDUCTION PROGRAM MENTOR TEACHER ASSIGNMENT

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** In order to provide a mentor for new staff, the following assignments are provided for Board review and approval:

New Professional Staff	Mentor
Karey Westwood - MDS Teacher	Nicholas Pollio – MDS Teacher
Madison Maxwell – MDS Teacher	Dana Jacobs – EI Teacher

Staff Recommendation: “that the above listed assignments be approved as submitted.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

11. SCHOOL CALENDAR, 2025-2026

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The revised 2025-2026 Special Pupil Services calendar (attached) is presented for Board review and approval.

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board adopt the revised 2025-2026 school calendar as requested.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

12. FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES**A. Special Pupil Services**

- a. **Background Information:** The following are fund-raising activities for Board review and approval for the 2025-2026 school year:

Event	Sponsor	Date of Event
Halloween T-Shirts	Saldivar's Room – High School Emotional Support	September 26 – October 31, 2025
Wing Bash	New Horizon School	November 1, 2025

Staff Recommendation: “that the above fund-raising activities be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

13. REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE**A. Intermediate Unit**

- a. **Background Information:** Due to the state budget impasse, it may be necessary for the BVIU to borrow funds in anticipation of its revenues to be received in order to continue operations until a budget is passed and appropriations are received. The anticipated amount of the Revenue Anticipation Note Line of Credit (RAN LOC) is approximately \$3,000,000 at an interest rate on or around 4.29%. The interest rate will only be paid on the amount of funds drawn. The cost to establish the RAN LOC is \$10,000.

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board approve a Revenue Anticipation Note Line of Credit in the amount of \$3,000,000 as recommended.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

14. PSBA ELECTION OF OFFICERS**A. Intermediate Unit**

- a. **Background Information:** In order for the BVIU Board of Directors' vote to be counted, it is recommended by PSBA that the Board vote for the following candidates at a public Board meeting:

President Elect Nominee:	Nominated by:
Holly Arnold	
Vice President Nominees:	
Matt Vannoy	
Western Zone Representative	
Kristy Bolte	
PSBA Insurance Trustees (Vote for two)	
Kathy Swope	
Roberta Marcus	

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board cast their votes for the PSBA Officers and authorize Mr. Thomas Mowad, Board Secretary, to cast the PSBA electronic ballot per the PSBA voting instructions.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

15. CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS

A. Special Pupil Services – **BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- a. **Background Information:** In order to best ensure the safety and security of the students, staff and visitors at New Horizon School, it is recommended that the BVIU renew its contract with the Brighton Township Police Department for a commissioned School Resource Officer (SRO). The Brighton Township Police Department and the BVIU Administration will work cooperatively to ensure that any and all officers assigned to New Horizon School be fully and specifically trained on how to appropriately and safely handle crises involving students with special needs, as well as to handle crises which may arise involving the public on school property. This is a five-year agreement. The first-year cost is \$126,773 with a 4% increase each year.

Staff Recommendation: “that the contract with the Brighton Township Police Department be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

B. Special Pupil Services – **LINCOLN PARK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to ratify an agreement with Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center to lease the premises known as Midland Innovation and Technology Charter School located at 7 S. 12th Street, Midland, PA for a term of ten (10) months beginning on September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The monthly fee to lease this property including all utilities is \$50,247.

Staff Recommendation: “that the agreement with Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center be ratified as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

C. Special Pupil Services – **WATCO TRANSLOADING, LLC**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to ratify an agreement with Watco Transloading, LLC for parking at the premises known as Midland Innovation and Technology Charter School. The monthly fee to lease this property is \$500.

Staff Recommendation: “that agreement with Watco Transloading, LLC be ratified as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

D. Special Pupil Services – **CANON USA, INC.**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into a new 5-year agreement with Canon U.S.A., Inc. for a copier at the Early Intervention staff at Todd Lane Elementary School. This is a renewal/replacement for the current copier on site. The monthly cost will be \$356.

Staff Recommendation: “that the agreement with Canon USA, Inc. be renewed as submitted.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

E. Hopeful Minds Wellness Center – **CANON USA, INC.**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into a new 5-year agreement with Canon U.S.A., Inc. for a copier at the Hopeful Minds Wellness

Center in Rochester. This agreement will go into effect when Hopeful Minds opens. The monthly cost will be \$272.24.

Staff Recommendation: “that the agreement with Canon USA, Inc. be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

16. ADDENDUM (YELLOW PAGE)

17. CORRESPONDENCE

18. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

19. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

20. OTHER BUSINESS

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

22. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

ADDENDUM #580

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

1. PERSONNEL, FMLA REQUESTS

A. Special Pupil Services

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

ID Number	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
555	September 22, 2025	Intermittent; not to exceed 12 weeks

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

2. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR AND TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS UNDER PENNSYLVANIA’S GUARANTEED ENERGY SAVINGS ACT

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested for the Administration to advertise for and to issue a Request for Qualifications for energy services companies to provide services under Pennsylvania’s Guaranteed Energy Savings Act.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.