AGENDA

MEETING #581

Wednesday, October 22, 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. Klesser				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 September 24, 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 (1-37)**

   A. Intermediate Unit

      a. **Background Information:** The Treasurer's Reports of the various accounts for September, 2025, as well as the listing of bills for the month of October, 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 September, 2025
         2. Minutes from the October 20, 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, PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL RESIGNATIONS

A. Out-Patient Services

a. **Background Information:** Mr. Michael Kroner, Director of Out-Patient Services, has submitted his letter of resignation, effective October 31, 2025.

Staff Recommendation: "that the Board accept the resignation of Mr. Michael Kroner, as presented."

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by ________________________, seconded by ____________________.

B. Special Pupil Services

a. **Background Information:** Ms. Jennie Abrams, Shared Aide at New Horizon School has submitted her letter of resignation effective October 3, 2025.

Staff Recommendation: "that the Board accept the resignation as presented."

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by ______________________, seconded by ______________________.

8. PERSONNEL, PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL

A. Special Pupil Services – **TEACHER OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING**

a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to employ Mr. Rush Beard as a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in accordance with a contingent offer of employment. The contingent offer requires that Mr. Beard obtains his Pennsylvania level 1 teaching certification before the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Salary for this position is 85% of Step 1 Masters - $55,655. Start date to be determined.

Staff Recommendation: "that Mr. Rush be employed as recommended contingent upon him obtaining his level 1 teaching certification before the end of the 2025-2026 school year."

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by ____________________, seconded by ________________________.

B. IBHS – MEDICAL BILLER

a. **Background Information:** Ms. Sandra Gring is presented for Board review and approval as the Medical Biller for the IBHS Program. Salary for this position is $19/hour. Ms. Gring's start date is November 3, 2025.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by ______________________, seconded by ______________________.

9. PERSONNEL, FMLA REQUESTS

A. Special Pupil Services

a. **Background Information:** The following personnel has requested and is eligible for leave through the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA):

Employee	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
ID #494	October 1, 2025	Beginning November 11, 2025; not to exceed 12 weeks
ID #524	October 14, 2025	Beginning November 4, 2025; not to exceed 12 weeks

Staff Recommendation: "that the above FMLA requests be approved as presented."

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by ______________________, seconded by ______________________.

10. PERSONNEL, UNCOMPENSATED LEAVE

A. Special Pupil Services

a. **Background Information:** The following personnel has requested and is eligible for leave per BVIU Board Policy 339 Uncompensated Leave:

Employee	Approval Date	Length of Leave
ID #577	October 15, 2025	November 10 & 12, 2025

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by ____________________, seconded by ________________________.

11. Induction Program Mentor Teacher Assignment

A. Special Pupil Services

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

New Professional Staff	Mentor
Robin Saldivar – ES Teacher	Tairy Benincase – ES Teacher

Staff Recommendation: "that the above request be approved as submitted."

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by ________________________, seconded by ______________________.

12. Fund-Raising Activity

A. Special Pupil Services

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

Event	Sponsor	Date of Event
Chestnut Hill Candles	New Horizon School Prom	October 27 – November 7, 2025
Spirit Wear	Gina Jame's Classroom	November 1 – 30, 2025

Staff Recommendation: "that the above request by approved as submitted."

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation

Motion by ___________________, seconded by __________________________.

13. Contract Service Agreements

A. Intermediate Unit – **Vision Benefits of America**

a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to renew the 24-month agreement with Vison Benefits of America. The rates will remain the same:

Employee only - $ 5.70
Family $13.65

Staff Recommendation: "that the agreement with Vision Benefits of America be approved as presented."

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by ________________________, seconded by _____________________.

B. Intermediate Unit - **PNC BANK**

a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with PNC Bank for the use of Procurement Cards for permissible purchases by designated employees to improve the efficiency of purchasing small-dollar purchases, per Policy 625 – Procurement Cards.

Staff Recommendation: "that the above request be approved as submitted."

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by ____________________, seconded by ____________________.

C. Special Pupil Services

a. **Background Information:** The BVIU received ___ number of responses for the Request for Qualification for a guaranteed Energy Savings Performance (ESP) with an approved energy savings contractor. _________ was deemed to be the most qualified for services needed by the BVIU. Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with ___________.

Staff Recommendation: "that the contract with ________ be approved as presented."

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by ____________________, seconded by _________________________.

14. BVIU BOARD POLICIES

A. Intermediate Unit

a. **Background Information:** The following revised BVIU Policies are presented for Board review and consideration:

103 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students
103.1 – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
104 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff

Staff Recommendation: "for review at this time. Action to be taken at the November 19, 2025 Board of Directors' meeting."

Board Action Required: None at this time.

15. ADDENDUM (YELLOW PAGE)

16. CORRESPONDENCE

17. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

18. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

19. OTHER BUSINESS

20. BOARD PRESIDENT – "Are there any public comments from visitors?"

21. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by ______________________, seconded by ____________________________.

ADDENDUM #581
OCTOBER 22, 2025

1. **PERSONNEL, NON-PROFESSIONAL**

   A. Special Pupil Services

      a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy on the Special Pupil Services staff, it is recommended that Ms. Kaylee Leonard, Darlington, PA be employed full-time as a Shared Aide at New Horizon School, effective date to be determined. Salary for this position is $24,000.

      Staff Recommendation: "that the above request be approved as presented, pending receipt of all required clearances."

      Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

      Motion by ________________________, seconded by ______________________.

2. **SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION AGREEMENT**

   A. Special Pupil Services

      a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania to place student teachers in various positions within the BVIU.

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

      Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

      Motion by ____________________, seconded by __________________________.

3. **STUDENT TEACHER PLACEMENT, 2025-2026**

   A. Special Pupil Services

      a. **Background Information:** Slippery Rock University has requested student teacher placements for the 2025-2026 school year. Tentative dates are 1/20/26 – May 7, 2026. Placement is as follows:

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher
Victoria Shults	Brandon Glenn ES Classroom

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

      Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

      Motion by ______________________, seconded by ______________________.

4. Carelon PA Facility Agreement

A. IBHS

a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with Carelon PA to allow for the reimbursement of IBHS services rendered for individuals eligible through medical access.

Staff Recommendation: "that the above agreement be approved as presented."

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by ______________________, seconded by ______________________.