

School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Mrs. Romasco, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Mansell, Mr. Mowad, Mr. Inman, Mrs. Klessner, Mr. D'Itri, Mrs. Ceratti, Mr. Radevski, Mrs. Marino and Mr. McGeehan

Members Absent: Ms. Gill and Mr. Blackwell

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Niedbala, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. D'Amico, Mr. Sanderbeck, Dr. Guzie, Mr. Rodgers, Mrs. Benedict, Mrs. Noah, Mrs. McCabe, Ms. Stankay, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. McCluan, Mr. Deitch, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Finke, Mrs. Dixon and Mr. Tellish

ACTION TAKEN:

1. The Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Jenna Hannum, Autistic Support Teacher at New Horizon School, and will hold her until December 31, 2025.
2. In order to fill the vacancies at New Horizon School, the Board employed the following persons as Shared Aides, effective November 20, 2025:
 - Ms. Avria Anderson, Beaver Falls, PA
 - Ms. Mia Rizzuto, Aliquippa, PA
3. Two (2) FMLA requests were approved by the Board.
4. The Board approved opening a new autistic support classroom for the 2025-2026 school year in one of the local school districts.
5. The Board approved the dates of December 10 and 17, 2025 for BVIU Board meetings.
6. In order to submit the necessary reports per the Consolidate Appropriations Act, 2021 (CAA), an agreement with the Reschini Group was approved. This contract permits the Reschini Group, as the consultant for the consortium, to submit on our behalf.
7. The Board adopted revisions to the following Policies:
 - 103 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students
 - 103.1 – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
 - 104 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff

ADDENDUM ITEMS

8. The Board adopted a Resolution accepting the proposal of WesBanco, Inc, for the purchase at par (face) of the BVIU's Non-Revolving Draw Down Construction Loan Revenue Note in the amount of \$20,000,000.00 bearing interest at the tax-exempt rate of 3.75% for a term of one (1) year for the renovation of the New Horizon School by a roll call vote of 8-4, with Ambridge Area, Freedom Area, Hopewell Area and South Side Area casting the negative votes.
9. The Board accepted the proposal of the apparent low bidder BLT Contracting, Inc. for the abatement of asbestos and mold at the New Horizon School.
10. The Board employed the following as Shared Aides at New Horizon School effective December 2, 2025:
 - Mr. Kallen Doyle, Midland, PA
 - Ms. Amber Wilbert, Midland, PA
11. An FMLA request was approved by the Board.
12. The following Induction Program Mentor Teacher assignment was approved by the Board:

New Professional Staff	Mentor
Benjamin Beard – Hearing Support Teacher	Jeannine Watson – Hearing Support/ESL Teacher

13. Ms. Hannah Dorenkott, Aliquippa, PA was employed full-time as the Assistant Supervisor of Early Intervention, effective date to be determined.

CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Dr. Rosendale reviewed the General Operating Budget for the 2026-2027 school year with the Board. He explained the Reorganization Mail Ballot and the changes that have been made.

Dr Rosendale talked about the Required School Director Training here at the BVIU on January 20, 2026.

Dr. Rosendale advised the Board that he has reached out to fundraising consultants, along with the local Legislators, to assist with funding for the renovation of the New Horizon project.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Mr. Steff stated that everyone has been working feverishly.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Robert Tellish, South Side Area Board member, asked two questions:

- Are you planning on using a GESA loan for the renovation project at New Horizon School?
- Is Sitelogiq a contractor or are they a professional service?

Dr. Rosendale presented “Resolutions of Praise” to the Board members whose terms expire, Mrs. Bobbi Mansell, Blackhawk School District and Mr. Pat McGeehan, Western Beaver County School District. He thanked them for all they’ve done for the students of Beaver County.

Mr. McGeehan has served on the BVIU Board for 48 years and served as the Board President for 24 years. Dr. Robert Postupac, Western Beaver County School District Superintendent, stated that Mr. McGeehan has been on the Board at Western Beaver School District for 52 years. He stated that he has been a great educational leader and said that New Horizon School exists because of people like Pat. Mr. Miller stated that Pat has helped him, along with countless other Board members, along the way.

Mr. Inman had some questions/concerns regarding the Health Consortium.

There was much discussion about the renovation of New Horizon School and the payment options. Mr. Miller talked about ownership of the building. He stated that the Department of Education prefers the method of shared market value over enrollment tuition regarding capital improvement projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric G. Rosendale

Dr. Eric G. Rosendale
Executive Director