

AGENDA

MEETING #583

Wednesday, December 17, 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	Mr. VanZalinge				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. Hunter				Mr. Sanderbeck		
Rochester Area	Mr. Blackwell				Mrs. Schultz		
South Side Area	Mrs. Marino						
Western Beaver County	Mrs. Hanes						

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. WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new Board Members:

Mr. Adam VanZalinge representing Blackhawk School District. Mr. VanZalinge fills the unexpired term of Mrs. Roberta Mansell which expires June 30, 2028.

Mr. Michael Hunter representing Riverside Beaver County School District. Mr. Hunter fills the unexpired term of Mr. Roger Radevski which expires June 30, 2026.

Mrs. Madeline Hanes representing Western Beaver County School District. Mrs. Hanes fill the unexpired term of Mr. Patrick McGeehan which expires June 30, 2026.

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board formally seat the aforementioned persons to the BVIU Board of Directors.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **Background Information:** The Minutes from the November 19, 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 _____.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT (1-39)

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The Treasurer's Reports of the various accounts for November, 2025, as well as the listing of bills for the month of December, 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 November, 2025
2. Minutes from the December 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 _____.

8. PERSONNEL, NON-PROFESSIONAL RESIGNATION

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Ms. Courtney Kendall, Shared Aide at New Horizon North has submitted her letter of resignation effective November 18, 2025.

Staff Recommendation: "that the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Courtney Kendall as recommended."

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

9. PERSONNEL, NON-PROFESSIONAL

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancies on the Special Pupil Services staff, the following people are recommended to be employed full-time as

Shared Aides at New Horizon School, effective January 2, 2026. Salaries for these positions will be \$24,000.

Ms. Renia Stala, Aliquippa, PA
Ms. Debra Sedlacek, New Brighton, PA

Staff Recommendation: “that Ms. Stala and Ms. Sedlacek be employed full-time as recommended.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

10. SUBSTITUTE LIST, 2025-2026

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Ms. Amy Bowen, Beaver Falls, PA, is presented for Board review and approval as an addition to the Nurse’s Substitute List for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

11. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE)

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The following persons are recommended for employment as Continuing Professional Education (CPE) instructors for the Spring 2026 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
Danielle Nuhfer	Wyomissing, PA	Teachers Building Resilience and Creating Compassionate Classrooms	\$1975.00
		Mindfulness for Educators and Their Students	\$1975.00
Melissa Borgia Askey	Beaver Falls, PA	ESL 4	\$1975.00
		ESL5	\$1975.00
		ESL 6	\$1975.00

Staff Recommendation: “that the CPE Instructors for the Spring 2026 Term be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

12. SPEECH CLINICIAN ASSIGNMENT

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Geneva College requested the following work shadow assignment:

BVIU Therapist	Speech Clinician	Dates
Lisa Sutter	Kylee Weaver	1/14/26 – 5/1/26

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board approve the shadow assignment as recommended.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

13. FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following fund-raising activities are presented for Board review and approval:

Event	Sponsor	Date of Event
Coffee and Hot Chocolate	Rooms 183 and 188	2/16/26 – 3/2/26
Craft Show	New Horizon North	3/20/26

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

14. GUARANTEED ENERGY SAVINGS AGREEMENT (GESA)

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The Administration recommends acceptance of the initial GESA to SitelogIQ for work associated with the New Horizon School. This work includes measures necessary to resolve and remediate mold issues throughout the building and includes HVAC, Electrical and Plumbing upgrades as well as interior and exterior restorations. Specific scope is identified

in the GESA (Schedule A). The cost associated with this agreement is a lump sum of \$_____.

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board accept the GESA as recommended.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

15. DEBT RESOLUTION CONSTRUCTION LOAN

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to approve the Resolution authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of an Educational Facility Revenue Note in a principal amount not to exceed sixteen million five hundred thousand dollars (\$16,500,000) to provide for the construction financing of New Horizon Project and to pay the costs of issuance of the Note.

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board approve the Resolution as recommended for the issuance of an Educational Facility Revenue Note in the amount not to exceed sixteen million five hundred thousand dollars (\$16,500,000).”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

16. CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS

A. Special Pupil Services – ALLIED COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to renew the lease agreement with Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc. for New Horizon North. Total cost to lease the building is \$155,081/year.

Staff Recommendation: “that the agreement with Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc. be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

17. ADDENDUM (YELLOW PAGE)

18. CORRESPONDENCE

19. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

20. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

21. OTHER BUSINESS

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

23. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

ADDENDUM #583

DECEMBER 17, 2025

1. PERSONNEL, PROFESSIONAL RESIGNATION

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Mrs. Stacey Hicks, Physical Therapist, has submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective February 6, 2026. Mrs. Hicks has been employed by the BVIU since September, 2004.

Staff Recommendation: “that the resignation of Mrs. Stacey Hicks be approved as submitted.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

2. PERSONNEL, FMLA REQUEST

A. Special Pupil Services

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

Employee	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
#485	December 12, 2025	Effective December 9, 2025; not to exceed 12 weeks

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

3. PERSONNEL

A. IBHS

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the Behavior Consultant position on the IBHS staff, it is recommended that Mr. Nathan Kelley, Pulaski, PA be employed, effective date to be determined. Salary for this position will be \$35/hour for billable hours and \$17/hour for non-billable hours.

Staff Recommendation: “that Mr. Kelley be employed as recommended.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

B. IBHS

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancies on the IBHS Staff, the following people are recommended for employment as Behavioral Health Technicians, effective date to be determined. Salary for these positions will be \$22/hour for billable hours and \$11/hour for non-billable hours.

Ms. Denise Clements - Aliquippa, PA

Ms. Kaiya Goosby – Rochester, PA

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

4. TEACHTOWN CURRICULUM RENEWAL

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to renew the online curriculum platform Teachtown which is used at both New Horizon Beaver and New Horizon North. Total cost for a 3-year license is \$41,081.25.

Staff Recommendation: “that the agreement with Teachtown be renewed as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

5. GoGUARDIAN

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to renew the classroom assistance platform GoGuardian which is used at New Horizon Beaver, New Horizon North, and our District based classrooms. Total cost for a 1-year license is \$2,975.

Staff Recommendation: “that the agreement with GoGuardian be renewed as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.