

# AGENDA

## MEETING #584

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

### 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?”

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5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Background Information:** The Minutes from the November 19 and December 17, 2025 Meetings 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 (1-43)**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The Treasurer’s Reports of the various accounts for December, 2025, as well as the listing of bills for the month of January, 2026 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 December, 2025
2. Minutes from the January 20, 2026 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, RESIGNATION, PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL**

**A. Special Pupil Services**

- a. **Background Information:** Mr. Benjamin “Rush” Beard, Hearing Support Teacher, has submitted his letter of resignation, effective January 23, 2026.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignation of Mr. Beard as recommended.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Special Pupil Services**

- a. **Background Information:** Ms. Sierra Weikart, Teacher Aide at New Horizon North has submitted her letter of resignation effective January 23, 2026.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Sierra Weikart as recommended.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**8. 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. Mashay Champaigne, New Castle, PA be employed full-time as a Shared Aide at New Horizon North, effective February 2, 2026. Salary for this position is \$24,000.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that Ms. Champaigne be employed full-time as recommended.”

**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 #1612142	January 2, 2026	Beginning March 22, 2026; not to exceed 12 weeks
ID #9198367	January 2, 2026	Beginning April 10, 2026; 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. SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISION, 2025-2026****A. Special Pupil Services**

- a. **Background Information:** Due to the closing of school on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, the snow make-up day is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026 for New Horizon School.

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

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**11. FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES****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
Aunt Carol’s Dips	Room 187	2/2/26 – 2/13/26
Spirit Wear	New Horizon North – Devin Miller	2/2/26 – 2/13/26
Easter Candy	Rooms 183 and 188	2/16/26 – 3/2/26

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

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

## 12. MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

### A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The following Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board Members' terms will expire on June 30, 2026. Authorization is requested to conduct a mail ballot election for these Board Members:

Ms. Sandra Gill	Aliquippa School District
Mr. Ronald Miller	Big Beaver Falls Area School District
Mr. Anthony D'Itri	Midland Borough School District
Mr. Michael Hunter	Riverside Beaver County School District
Mrs. Madeline Hanes	Western Beaver County School District

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the Board approve the mail ballot election as requested."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

## 13. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

## 14. RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITY REVENUE BONDS

### A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to approve the Resolution authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of Educational Facility Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000); covenanting to pay, and pledging revenues of the local government unit for the payment of the bonds; establishing a sinking fund and appointing a sinking fund depository; fixing the form, maximum interest rates, maturity dates and other provisions for the payment thereof; authorizing the acceptance of a proposal for the purchase of the bonds; authorizing a filing of required documents with the Department of Community and Economic Development; ratifying and directing certain actions of officers; and making certain other covenants and provisions in respect of the bonds.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board approve the Resolution as recommended.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

## 15. CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS

### A. Intermediate Unit – **WORKPARTNERS**

- a. **Background Information:** Since the BVIU is the Governing Board for the Health Consortium, authorization is requested to renew the two-year agreement with Workpartners. This service will provide health and wellness and employee assistance products to the employees of the Health Consortium.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the contract with Workpartners be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Intermediate Unit – **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)**

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested for the BVIU to participate in the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) through the Health Care Consortium. This service will provide health management and wellness services to the employees.

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

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**16. BVIU BOARD POLICY**

**A. Intermediate Unit**

- a. **Background Information:** BVIU Board Policy 246 – School Wellness is presented for review and consideration. There are no changes to the current policy.

**Staff Recommendation:** “for review at this time. Action to be taken at the February 25, 2026 Board of Directors’ meeting.”

**Board Action Taken:** None at this time.

**17. ADDENDUM**

**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 #584

JANUARY 28, 2026

## 1. PERSONNEL, PROFESSIONAL

### A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the Physical Therapist vacancy at New Horizon School, it is recommended that Ms. Tenille Linza, Aliquippa, PA be employed full-time effective February 9, 2026. Salary for this position is PHD/M + 60, \$82,799.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board employ Ms. Linza as recommended.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Out-Patient Services

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the Supervisor position of the Out-Patient Services program, it is recommended that Ms. Stephanie Dunmyer, Rochester, PA be employed full-time, effective date to be determined. Salary for this position is \$90,000.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that Ms. Dunmyer be employed full time and added to the Act 93 Administrator Compensation Policy.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

### C. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy on the Special Pupil Services staff at New Horizon North, it is recommended that Ms. Lauren Webb, West Middlesex, PA be employed full-time as a Special Education Teacher, effective February 18, 2026. Salary for this position is step 1 Bachelors, \$54,270.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that Ms. Webb be employed full-time as recommended.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.



## 2. FUND BALANCE TRANSFER

### A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to transfer \$1,288,522.67 from the SPS Committed Fund for maintenance and repairs to the SPS Operating Fund for the purpose of balancing the operational budget. This transfer is necessary due to an error in over estimating tuition revenue. After the transfer, there will be \$307,506.23 in the SPS Committed Fund for maintenance and repairs.

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

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.