

AGENDA

MEETING #586

Wednesday, March 25, 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. Klesser			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. **AUDIT PRESENTATION** – Mr. Mark Turnley

- a. **Background Information:** Mr. Mark Turnley presented the Audit Presentation for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Background Information:** The Minutes from February 25, 2026 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 (1-40)**

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** The Treasurer’s Reports of the various accounts for February, 2026, as well as the listing of bills for the month of March, 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 February, 2026
2. Minutes from the March 16, 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 _____.

8. PERSONNEL, RESIGNATION, NON-PROFESSIONAL

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Ms. Avria Anderson, Shared Aide at New Horizon School has submitted her letter of resignation, effective March 6, 2026.

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Anderson as submitted.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

9. PERSONNEL, PROFESSIONAL AND 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. Kyle Gelvin, Katy, TX be employed full-time as a Special Education Teacher at New Horizon School for the 2026-2027 school year. Salary for this position is 85% of Step 1 Bachelor’s - \$55,676.

Staff Recommendation: “that Ms. Gelvin be employed as recommended.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

B. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy on the Special Pupil Services staff, it is recommended that Ms. Holly Tripp, Beaver Falls, 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.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

10. PERSONNEL, FMLA REQUESTS

A. Special Pupil Services

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

Employee	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
ID# 495	March 4, 2026	March 3, 2026; not to exceed 12 weeks
ID# 68	March 4, 2026	March 9, 2026; 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 _____.

11. PERSONNEL, PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following Professional Employee have completed three years of satisfactory experience with the BVIU. It is recommended that they be granted a Professional Employee Contract:

Erica McMullen

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

12. CAREER AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM, NEW HORIZON SCHOOL

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that the Board close the Career and Assessment Program at New Horizon School and open a Transition Program Manager Position at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. This position will serve all school age students in all BVIU programs. The position will require one full-time teacher.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

13. EARLY INTERVENTION NEW CLASSROOM AND STAFFING

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to open a new classroom for the Early Intervention Program. Location to be determined. A Special Education Teacher, Speech Therapist and Registered Behavior Technician will be needed to staff this classroom.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

14. NEW POSITIONS

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to advertise for the following positions for the Early Intervention Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

Family Resource Specialist
Itinerant Speech Therapist

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

B. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** It is recommended that the Board open three shared classroom aide positions to assist with transition services for all students in BVIU programming. One position will be at New Horizon North, one position will be at New Horizon School and one position will be a floating position.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

15. FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** The following are fund-raising activities for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years:

Event	Sponsor	Date of Event
PE Walk-A-thon	Erin Weldon	May 11-15, 2026
Craft Show	New Horizon School	October 24, 2026

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

16. DISTRICT BASED CLASSROOM

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Due to low enrollment of the Emotional Support Classroom at Rochester Area School District, it is recommended that the classroom be closed at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board close the classroom at Rochester Area School District.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

17. SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding with the Clerical Association to implement a 4-day work-week during the summer. The summer schedule will begin on June 22, 2026 and end on August 14, 2026. Employees will work the same number of hours per week as they have in the past, compressed into four days instead of five.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

18. BLT CONTRACTING, INC. CHANGE ORDER

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** It has been determined that 46,200 square feet of carpet at New Horizon School cannot be cleaned and reused, contrary to former expectations. In consideration of the complete performance of the above-described additional work, BLT Contracting, Inc. agrees that the removal and disposal will be accomplished at a cost of \$3.50 per square foot for a total increase of the contract cost of \$161,700, for a total cost not to exceed \$573,100.

Staff Recommendation: “that the above change order be approved as presented,”

Board Action Taken: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

19. SPECIAL SCHOOL AUTHORITY LEASE AGREEMENT

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested for the BVIU to enter into a lease agreement with the Special School Authority Board (SSA) to be the operating agent for the New Horizon School building, commencing March 25, 2026 for a term of forty (40) years, ending June 30, 2066. The consideration and

rent for the term of this Lease is \$1.00. All administrative costs and expenses arising in the respect of the Leased Premises shall be the sole and complete responsibility of the BVIU per the lease agreement.

Staff Recommendation: “that the lease agreement with the Special School Authority Board be approved as presented.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

20. BVIU BOARD POLICIES

A. Intermediate Unit

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

102 – Academic Standards
105 – Curriculum
122 – Equal Access (**new**)
209.2 – Diabetes Management
218.1 - Weapons
610 – Purchased Subject to Bid/Quotation
611 – Purchase Budgeted
626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance Attachment Procurement Federal Programs
805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response
805.1 – Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
805.2 – School Security Personnel (**new**)

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board adopt the new and revised policies.”

Board Action Required: Approval of staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

21. ADDENDUM

22. CORRESPONDENCE

23. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

24. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

25. OTHER BUSINESS

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

27. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

ADDENDUM #586

MARCH 25, 2026

1. PERSONNEL, NON-PROFESSIONAL RESIGNATION

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** Ms. Samantha Emery, Teacher Aide at New Horizon School has submitted her letter of resignation effective April 7, 2026.

Staff Recommendation: “that the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Emery as recommended.”

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

2. PERSONNEL, PROFESSIONAL

A. Special Pupil Services

- a. **Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy for the position of Supervisor of Special Classes at New Horizon North, Mr. Michael Smith is recommended for full-time employment effective March 26, 2026. Salary for this position is \$90,000. Mr. Smith has been employed by the BVIU since July, 2020.

Staff Recommendation: “that Mr. Smith be employed full-time and added to the Act 93 Administrator Compensation Policy approved at the June 28, 2023 Board of Directors’ meeting.

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

3. PERSONNEL, FMLA REQUEST

A. Special Pupil Services

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

Employee	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
ID #297	March 23, 2026	April 7, 2026; 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 _____.

4. CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENTS

A. Intermediate Unit

- a. **Background Information:** Authorization is requested to renew a three (3) year agreement with Vector Solutions to provide discounted pricing on the Employee Safety and Compliance Library. Under this agreement, we will contract with SafeSchools for the use of their training course library and management system. The system will include the following services: Employee Safety and Compliance Library, Evaluation Danielson Rubric Fee and Evaluation and Professional Development Tracking System. Fee for this service is \$7,347/year.

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

Board Action Required: Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____.