



School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Mrs. Romasco, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Mowad, Mr. Inman, Mrs. Klessner, Mr. D'Itri, Mr. Hunter, Mrs. Marino and Mrs. Hanes

Members Absent: Ms. Gill, Mr. VanZalinge, Mrs. Ceratti and Mr. Blackwell

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. Johnston, Mr. Sanderbeck, D. Doyle, R. Dixon, M. Dixon, A. Noah, S. Sherrill, D. Jacobs, A. Benedict, A. Stadtmiller, N. Baldwin, A. Jakubowski, C. Taylor, S. Mack and S. Brandt

ACTION TAKEN:

1. The Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Kaiya Goosby, Behavior Technician, effective immediately.
2. The Board accepted the resignation and separation agreement of employee #334.
3. The Board employed the following people:
 - Ms. Jessica Shope, East Palestine, OH, as a full-time Shared Aide at New Horizon School, effective date to be determined
 - Ms. Lindsey Redinger, Monaca, PA, as a part-time Behavioral Health Technician in the IBHS program, effective March 16, 2026
 - Dr. Sharon Altman, Wexford, PA, as the Doctor of the Out-Patient Services, effective March 3, 2026
4. Four FMLA requests were approved by the Board.
5. Three uncompensated leave requests were approved by the Board.
6. Due to the recent cancellation of school, the Board approved June 16 and 17, 2026 as the snow make-up days for New Horizon School. The last day for New Horizon School teachers and staff will be June 22, 2026. The last day for teachers and staff at New Horizon North will be June 15, 2026.
7. The Special Pupil Services calendar for the 2026-2027 school year was adopted by the Board.
8. The Board approved the BVIU's General Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,952,409 for the 2026-2027 school year. The Budget will be sent to the 14 local school districts for adoption.
9. The following fund-raising activities were approved by the Board:

Event	Sponsor	Date of Event
Dine to Donate – Los Amigos	New Horizon North	March – May, 2026
Yum Pierogies	Room 187	February 26 – March 6, 2026
Happy Valley Soups	Rooms 185 & 186	March 2 – 16, 2026

10. The Board granted authorization for the Executive Director to execute agreements with insurance companies for the billing of IBHS and Out-patient services, with ratification at the next Board meeting.
11. The Board approved the request that the Joint Purchasing Program Committee solicit bids for Multi-Purpose Copy Paper for the 2026-2027 school year.
12. The Board ratified the request to advertise for the position of a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst.
13. The Board approved an agreement with Digital Assurance Certification (DAC). They are a disclosure-dissemination agent that will file yearly documents on our behalf.

14. The Board approved an agreement with Aetna Network Services, LLC for the provisions of IBHS services within network for reimbursement based on the schedule included within the contract.
15. The Board approved an agreement with Harris School Solutions for the purpose of migrating our financial, human resource and payroll systems to AptaFund from the current software.
16. The Board approved an agreement with Central Susquehanna IU #16 (CSIU) for the SCView Document Management System. This software will give us the capability of having complex forms and workflows that are needed in multiple departments.
17. BVIU Board Policy 246 – School Wellness was adopted by the Board. There were no changes to the current policy.
18. The Board reviewed the following policies with action to be taken at the March 25, 2026 Board of Directors' meeting:
 - 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**)

ADDENDUM ITEMS

19. The Board employed Ms. Christine Preston as a Shared Aide at New Horizon North, effective date to be determined.
20. The Board granted Professional Employee contracts to the following:
 - Tairy Benincase
 - Ashley Bliss
 - Jaclyn Dixon
 - Georgina James
 - Allison Jezak
 - Vittoria Mackall
21. The Board approved an agreement with Chubb Group for Builders Risk Insurance for New Horizon School.

CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Dr. Rosendale informed the Board that he has been working with the local legislators to try to obtain funds for the New Horizon project. He's hopeful that we will hear positive news.

He stated that the project is moving along.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Steff stated that he has been working daily on the New Horizon project.

OTHER BUSINESS – Before the adoption of the agenda, the Board convened in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Dr. Rosendale informed the Board that reports of elevated mold counts were found on the carpet at New Horizon School. There was much discussion on this topic.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2026 BOARD MEETING

1. During the progress update report by SiteLogIQ of New Horizon School remediation project, the Board was advised of the potential need to remove, abate or replace the VCT flooring. Further, the Board was advised that due to time constraints involved in scheduling the continuing flow of work on the project, it is imperative that the issue be considered immediately.
2. The Board amended the agenda to add an item which would authorize the Administration to order and undertake the application of appropriate chemical treatment measures in order to eliminate the presence of mold in the carpeting, and further to authorize the Administration to pursue a change order to the remediation contract to replace the affected carpeting if necessary.
3. The following item was added to the agenda. The Administration was authorized to order appropriate chemical treatment measures to the carpeting and then have the carpeting tested by PSI to check for elimination of mold. If unsuccessful in eliminating the mold, the carpeting is to be removed. Authority is granted to Dr. Rosendale to investigate and move forward with mold encapsulation, elimination and/or replacement of flooring within the \$15 million borrow limit.
4. The Administration was directed to post the Amended Agenda on the BVIU website and at the BVIU's principal office by the close of business on February 26, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Mrs. Dixon addressed the Administration and Board on the removal of the carpet. She also addressed some safety concerns for her son and the other children at New Horizon School.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric G. Rosendale

Dr. Eric G. Rosendale
Executive Director

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