

# AGENDA

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**Meeting #587 – Wednesday, April 29, 2026**  
**Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit, Board Room 211, 6:30 PM**  
**Presiding Officer: Mr. Ronald Miller**

## 1. Roll Call

### Board Members

School District	Representative	Present	Absent
Aliquippa	Ms. Gill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ambridge Area	Mrs. Romasco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beaver Area	Mrs. Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Big Beaver Falls Area	Mr. Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blackhawk	Mr. VanZalinge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Central Valley	Mr. Mowad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Freedom Area	Mr. Inman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hopewell Area	Mrs. Klessner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Midland	Mr. D'Itri	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Brighton Area	Mrs. Ceratti	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Riverside Beaver County	Mr. Hunter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rochester Area	Mr. Blackwell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Side Area	Mrs. Marino	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Western Beaver County	Mrs. Hanes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Staff Members**

Staff Member	Present	Absent
Dr. Rosendale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attorney Steff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Niedbala	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. D’Amico	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Ference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Guzie	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Huwar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Johnston	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Leiper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. McKinley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Rodgers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Sanderbeck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

A. Intermediate Unit

**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. Approval of Minutes**

**Background Information:** The minutes from the March 25, 2026 were mailed to each Board Member.

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

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

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

**6. Treasurer's Report (I-44)**

A. Intermediate Unit

**Background Information:** The Treasurer’s Reports of the various accounts for March, 2026, as well as the listing of bills for the month of April, 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 Insurance Consortium:

**Background Information:** Provided for your review and approved for the Insurance Consortium:

Financial Report for month ending March, 2026  
Minutes from the April 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**

A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Ms. Loidy Gonzalez, Teacher Aide at New Horizon School has submitted her letter of resignation, effective April 10, 2026.

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Loidy Gonzalez as submitted."

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

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

B. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Ms. Alyssa Quillin, Teacher at New Horizon School has submitted her letter of resignation, effective June 30, 2026.

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Alyssa Quillin as submitted."

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

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

**8. Personnel Employment**

A. Out-Patient Services

**Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy in the Out-Patient Services program, it is recommended that Ms. Lauren Lyons, Monaca, PA be employed as a full-time as a Mental Health Professional, effective date to be determined. Salary for this position is \$48,500/year.

**Staff Recommendation:** "that Ms. Lyons be employed full-time as recommended."

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

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

B. Out-Patient Services

**Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy in the Out-Patient Services program, it is recommended that Ms. Mandi Rea, New Brighton, PA, be employed as a part-time Mental Health Professional, effective date to be determined. Salary for this position is \$28/hour.

**Staff Recommendation:** "that Ms. Rea be employed as presented."

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

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

C. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Authorization is requested to employ Ms. Victoria Shultz, New Castle, PA, as a Special Education Teacher in accordance with a contingent offer of employment effective April 23, 2026. The contingent offer requires that Ms. Shultz obtain her Pennsylvania Level 1 Teaching Certification before the start of the 2026-2027 school year. All requirements have been submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education and are awaiting approval. Ms. Shultz is currently a Shared Classroom Aide at New Horizon School. Salary for this position is 85% of Step 1, Masters - \$55,655.

**Staff Recommendation:** "that Ms. Shultz be employed full-time as recommended, provided she obtains her Level 1 Teaching Certification before the start of the 2026-2027 school year."

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

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

D. Out-Patient Services

**Background Information:** In order to fill the vacancy in the Out-Patient Services program, it is recommended that Ms. Trina Gardner, New Castle, PA, be employed full-time as the Client Coordinator for Out-Patient Services, effective date to be determined. Salary for this position is \$47,000/year.

**Staff Recommendation:** "that Ms. Gardner be employed full-time as presented."

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

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

**9. Personnel, FMLA Requests**

A. Special Pupil Services

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

**FMLA Leave Requests**

Employee	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
ID #529	March 27, 2026	Beginning April 7, 2026; not to exceed 12 weeks

Employee	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
ID #217	March 24, 2026	Beginning May 12, 2026; not to exceed 12 weeks
ID #550	March 26, 2026	Beginning August 17, 2026; not to exceed 12 weeks
ID #11	April 9, 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. Early Intervention Classroom and Staffing**

B. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Authorization is requested to update the staffing location for positions approved at the March 25, 2026 Board of Directors’ meeting for the Early Intervention Program. The positions of Special Education Teacher, Speech Therapist and Registered Behavior Technician will all now be Itinerant positions. There will no longer be a classroom.

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

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

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

**11. Personnel, Extended School Year**

A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** The following staff members have requested to work the Extended School Year (ESY) program for the 2025-2026 school year. The ESY program for school age at New Horizon School and New Horizon North will run from July 6 – 23, 2026. ESY Sessions for New Horizon School will be held at MIT and sessions for New Horizon North will be held at New Horizon North.

Teachers will be compensated at their regular hourly rate. Paraprofessionals will be paid either the substitute rate or their regular hourly rate, whichever is higher.

In addition, staffing support will be provided by Aveanna, Stat Staffing and Dedicated Staffing.

### ESY Staffing

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>
Lisa Sutter	Speech	EI
Morgan Prokovich	Speech	New Horizon
Jessica Shope	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Amber Wilbert	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Stephanie McJunkin	Teacher	New Horizon North
Juliann Jurich	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Tammy Wakefield	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Rachel Zomp	Speech Therapist	New Horizon
Anne Helsing	Teacher	Early Intervention
Brandon Glenn	Teacher	New Horizon
Cynthia Rebich	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Jeanne Watson	Teacher	New Horizon
Britney Dunham	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Harley Beckey	Teacher	New Horizon
Mia Rizzuto	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Rachael Gaydosh	Teacher	New Horizon
Linda Ammon	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Rachel Ammon	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Lenny Leiper	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Emily Daubenspeck	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Allison Benedict	Hearing Support Teacher	New Horizon and Early Intervention
Nicole Karnis	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Gemma Henry	Teacher	New Horizon
Hope Barnes	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Carla Helbling	Teacher	New Horizon
April Stadtmiller	Teacher	New Horizon
Rachel Weisz	Substitute Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Laura Trehar	Teacher	New Horizon
Nick Pollio	Speech Therapist	New Horizon North
Karey Westwood	Teacher	New Horizon North
Jennifer Palmer	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Richard Brown	RBT	New Horizon North
Savanna Allen	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Ashley Bliss	BCBA	New Horizon North
Melanie Bradley	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Tairy Benincase	Teacher	New Horizon North
Christina Allen	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Jordan Kilpatrick	Teacher	New Horizon North
Kyle Gelvin	Teacher	New Horizon

Shaun Reilly	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Maria Frasier	Teacher	New Horizon
Jerrod Rebich	Teacher	New Horizon
Debra Sedlacek	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Amber Russell	Substitute Nurse	New Horizon
Amy Bowen	Substitute Nurse`	New Horizon
Katherine Smith-Bokor	Substitute Nurse	New Horizon

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

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

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

**12. Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement (GESA) Amendment 1**

A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Authorization is requested to amend the GESA Agreement dated January 28, 2026. This Amendment 1 work involves the replacement of flooring and cabling in the same timeframe as the GESA project. The cost of the Amendment 1 is \$491,542.

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

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

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

**13. Commitment of Funds**

A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** In order to defray the cost associated with the Amendment of the GESA, the BVIU Administration recommends committing the \$300,000 previously committed to the Out-Patient Services Program to the New Horizon School Project.  
**Staff Recommendation:** "that the above request be approved as presented."

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

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

**14. Procurement Cards**

A. Intermediate Unit

**Background Information:** At the July 23, 2025 Board of Directors’ meeting, the Board adopted the new Policy 625 Procurement Cards. Authorization is requested to permit the following staff members access to a Procurement Card in compliance with Board Policy.

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Peter Carbone     | Christopher McCabe |
| Chelsie D’Amico   | Michelle McKinley  |
| George Davis      | Melissa Niedbala   |
| Hannah Dorenkott  | Karin Pilarski     |
| Stephanie Dunmyer | David Rodgers      |
| Susan Emmett      | Eric Rosendale     |
| Jason Guzie       | John Sanderbeck    |
| Lisa Husar        | Angela Schultz     |
| Zachry Huwar      | Michael Smith      |
| Terri Johnston    | Samuel Taylor      |
| Melisa Lanious    | Andrea Watt        |
| Kristi Leiper     |                    |

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above listed staff members have access to a Procurement Card as submitted.”

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

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

**15. Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Program Bids, 2026-2027**

A. Intermediate Unit

**Background Information:** Bids for Multi-Purpose Copy Paper and Cardstock were opened, recorded and tabulated for review and recommendation.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the bids be awarded to WB Mason for Multi-Purpose Copy Paper and Cardstock as recommended by the BVIU.

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

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

**16. PSBA Voting Delegate**

A. Intermediate Unit

**Background Information:** Authorization is requested to appoint a PSBA voting delegate to participate in the event on Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 9:00 AM at Cumberland Valley School District’s Mountain View auditorium.

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the Board appoint a voting delegate as presented."

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

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

**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 #587

APRIL 29, 2026

## 1. Personnel, Resignation

### A. Intermediate Unit

**Background Information:** Mrs. Chelsie D’Amico, Human Resource Generalist, has submitted her letter of resignation, effective July 8, 2026.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the resignation of Mrs. Chelsie D’Amico as submitted.”

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

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

## 2. BLT Contracting, Inc. Change Order

### A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** It has been determined that the area known as the “storage gym” which is being converted to classroom space and room 182 which is known as the “PT room”, requires the removal of a rubber floor and preparation for new flooring. The total cost of change order 2 is \$17,424.73.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above change order be approved as presented.

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

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

## 3. Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)

### A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Authorization is requested to open an Investment Account through Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) for depositories of the funds received from the sale of the bonds.

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

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

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